

Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
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REGIONAL HUB TOP RESULTS OF 2022



1,534 entrepreneurs impacted through transformative business methodologies and digital technologies.



134 companies certified by the Gender Equality Seal for the Private Sector across the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Guatemala, and Argentina - impacting 240,000 employees.



1,327 government officials, women active in politics, and representatives of women's organizations enhanced their competencies for political participation through the UNDP/FLACSO Virtual Platform for Political Training.



The first integrated regional Community of Practice (CoP), organized by the Gender, Governance, and Inclusive Growth teams, gathered **133 UNDP colleagues** from the region to jointly reflect on new challenges and opportunities for development.



25 countries were supported through the **Climate Promise**, mobilizing USD 3.4 million to strengthen their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) ambition.



USD 71.5 million mobilized from Vertical Funds to initiate 19 projects in 12 countries.



29 countries updated their NDCs to include principles of gender-equality.



10 countries received technical support for electoral processes and constitutional reforms.



32 countries guided to accelerate the implementation of the new Global Biodiversity Framework.



9 countries strengthened public policies in response to human mobility, including the socio-economic integration of migrants.



22 countries with enhanced capacities in post-disaster socio-economic recovery, involving **650** government officials; and **12** countries improving disaster risk reduction capacities in risk-informed development, early warning systems, and/or urban risk reduction.



60 public institutions in Central America and the Dominican Republic utilize enhanced data to strengthen their multi-dimensional analysis of citizen security, justice, and social cohesion.



51 institutions and **5** Centers of Government in LAC strengthened public administration capacities for delivering people-centered services.

PILLAR 1

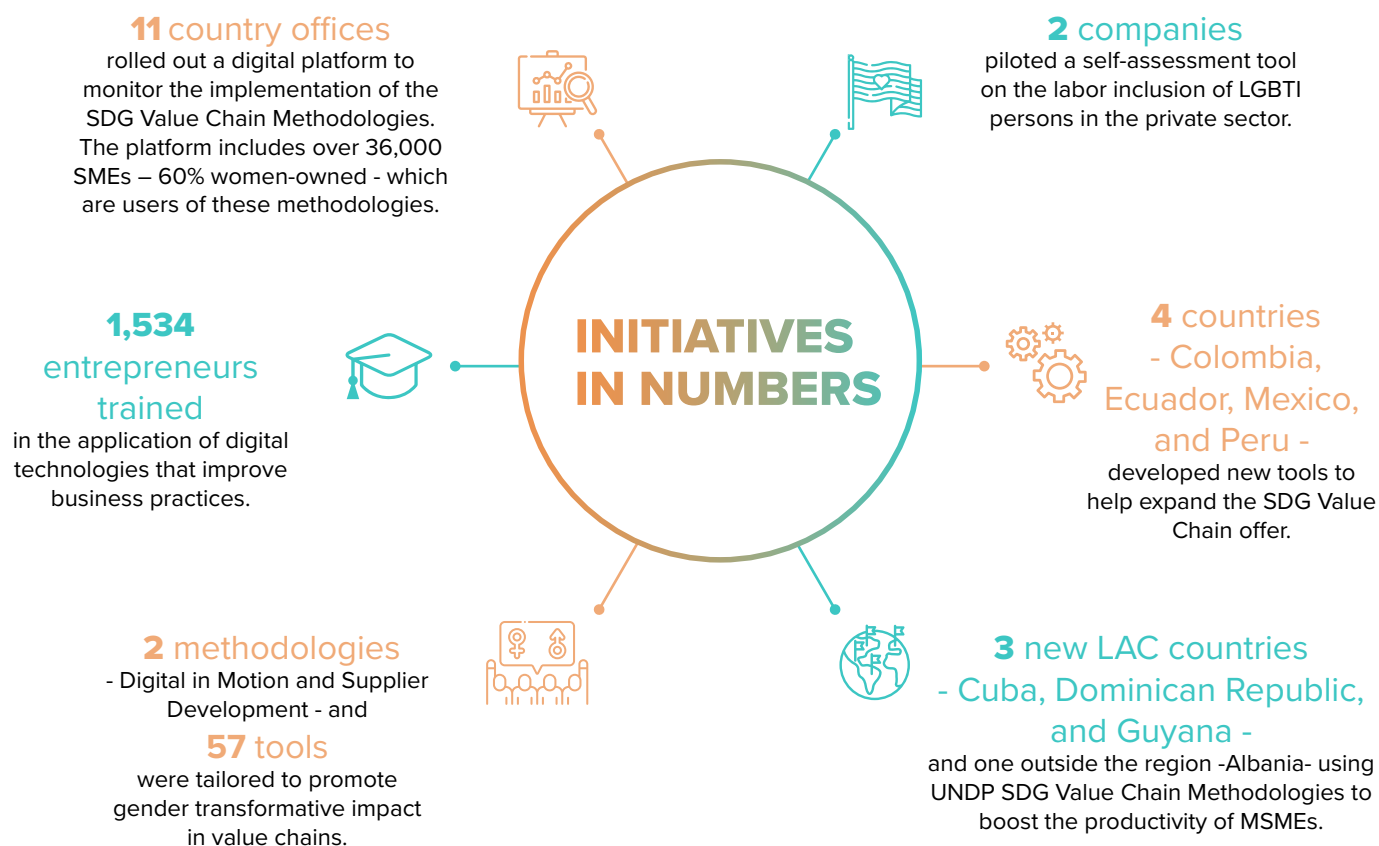
Key results ON INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



Reinvigorated inclusive and sustainable growth, through enhanced productivity, resilience, and digital transformations.

UNDP's key contribution

- ✓ Enhance productivity and resilience of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), especially those led by women, through inclusive, digital and gender transformative business methodologies
- ✓ Enhance the socio-economic conditions to promote decent job opportunities for women and vulnerable groups
- ✓ Enable tools and mechanisms to align, leverage, and mobilize public and private financing for development



PILLAR 2

Key results ON THE INCLUSION OF WOMEN AND VULNERABLE GROUPS



Inclusion of women and vulnerable groups through meaningful participation and access to assets, services, and social protection, leaving no one behind.

UNDP's key contribution

- ✓ Strengthen policies and technical capacities to move towards more inclusive and fiscally sustainable social protection systems
- ✓ Build capacities and support policymakers with the development and expansion of comprehensive care systems
- ✓ Facilitate the participation of women and vulnerable groups in decision making and in accessing financial and digital services
- ✓ Deploy innovative multidimensional poverty and vulnerability measures to identify vulnerable population groups and inform evidence-based policies
- ✓ Address harmful social norms and practices that hinder the inclusion of marginalized population groups

Argentina, El Salvador, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Peru

adopted the PPI to measure the progress of women's political rights towards a parity democracy.

4 countries

received technical assistance to develop new legislation that is sensitive to key HIV populations and LGBTI persons affected by violence.

17 initiatives

were undertaken with COs, governments, and Civil Society Organizations to address harmful social norms and discrimination.

3 institutions

in Panama piloted the Gender Equality Seal for Financial Institutions.

14 countries

published in the Atenea data visualization platform their Political Parity Index (PPI) indicators which disclose their progress toward a parity democracy.

5 countries

strengthened their technical capacities on positive masculinities.

5 governments

received support to start or expand their national care systems.

Uruguay, Guyana, and Belize

received assistance for the design of a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI); Cuba was supported in building a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index.

More than 200 officials

from 11 countries in LAC were trained to advance care systems.

Guatemala and Trinidad and Tobago

received guidance on the adoption of social registries.

With UNDP support, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Argentina developed case studies on expanding coverage of

Social Protection mechanisms to key populations.

8 Caribbean LGBTI organizations

received small grants for a total amount of USD 156,000 to support work on mental health services, human rights advocacy, and labor inclusion.

INITIATIVES IN NUMBERS



4 countries

took advantage of the Poverty and Inequality Funding Window to finance initiatives involving inclusion of women and vulnerable groups in the labor market, in social protection measures, and in productive programs.

PILLAR 3

Key results ON RESILIENCE AND GREEN TRANSITION



Green transition based on principles of sustainable development reflected by integrated, equitable, gender-responsive and risk and resilient informed policies, financing, and governance frameworks.

UNDP's key contribution

- ✓ Strengthen capacities to develop decentralized policies and strategies for natural resource management, energy transition, territorial planning, disaster risk, and climate adaptive measures
- ✓ Implement methodologies, financial solutions, and market instruments to accelerate the transition to green, gender responsive, and climate-resilient development
- ✓ Develop coordinated solutions by promoting participation in local and subnational platforms to increase engagement and decision-making on sustainable production practices and sectorial policies
- ✓ Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery mechanisms into regular planning and financing mechanisms

UNDP assisted over **75 platforms** across all countries for national and sectoral coordination for the implementation of NDCs, plastic phase-out, control of mercury and other toxic chemicals, and sustainable production of cacao, coffee, beef, and palm oil.

7,800 producers reduced agrochemical inputs and pesticides in their production practices through the FARM initiative in Ecuador.

3,480 producers transitioned to deforestation-free production practices.

2 main airports in Honduras assessed and trained in disaster response and 40 small-scale entrepreneurs in Jamaica trained in Business Continuity Planning.

22 countries improved their capacities for prompt social and economic recovery processes, through post-disaster needs assessment trainings and implementation and definition of ex-ante regulatory frameworks.

USD 71.5 million from the Vertical Funds were mobilized with UNDP support, materializing 19 projects in 12 countries.

29 LAC countries included references to women's empowerment and/or gender equality in their NDCs and 2 countries included gender in their NDC implementation plans.

144 participants from 16 country offices and 52 governmental institutions participated in a regional Gender and Environment Course.

7 countries with climate and disaster risk-informed development tools (Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Bolivia) and enhanced multihazard early warning systems (Uruguay, T&T, Ecuador and Chile).

200 urban risk management practitioners from LAC Governments, NGOs, intergovernmental organizations, and UN agencies, involved in the Urban Resilience Discussion Platform facilitated by UNDP. The results fed the Regional Platform in Disaster Risk Reduction for the Americas.

Climate Promise supported 25 countries and mobilized USD 3.4 million.



PILLAR 4

Key results ON EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE



Effective governance driving structural transformations underpinned to shape resilient and sustainable societies.

UNDP's key contribution

- ✓ Enhance the electoral process through institutional capacity-building, improve information integrity, and promote greater civic engagement
- ✓ Support institutional strengthening for an effective response for the elimination of violence against women and girls, including femicide/feminicide and the promotion of positive masculinities
- ✓ Develop innovative regional solutions, tools, capabilities for evidence- and human rights-based policy responses and strengthen the Business and Human Rights agenda in LAC
- ✓ Strengthen public administration and core government functions for the delivery of people-centered services
- ✓ Support institutional transformation to achieve the integration of gender equality in effective governance and produce gender-responsive outcomes
- ✓ Influence national strategies to enhance access to justice and improve citizen security

Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Cuba and Guatemala received support for

localizing the SDGs

and strengthening local governance.

1,100 stakeholders

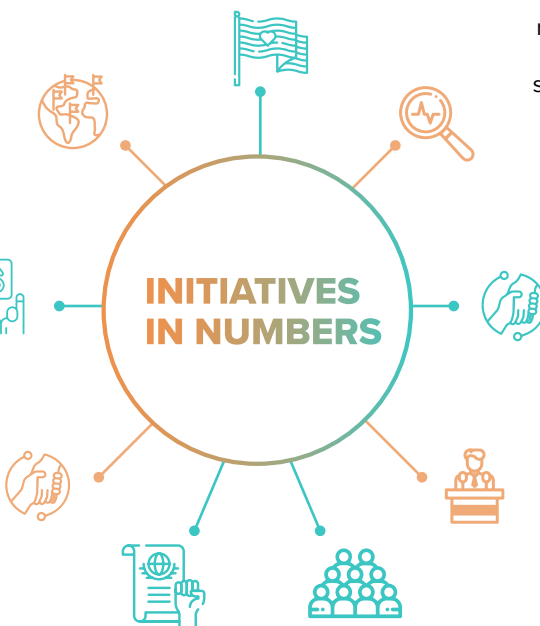
from 31 countries participated in the regional virtual community of practice (CoP) DatAcción and CONOSE network.

270 human rights defenders

from the Caribbean benefited from capacity-building sessions focused on LGBTI and human rights, representation in the media, and organizational development.

45 public institutions

from Peru, Paraguay, Panama, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, and Costa Rica are better equipped to incorporate gender equality through their participation in the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions.



60 public institutions

received assistance with enhanced data for multi-dimensional analysis of citizen security, justice, social cohesion, gender-based violence prevention, and human mobility.

18 ministries

and agencies and 10 sub-national governments improved the delivery of people-centered services.

11 countries

improved their judiciary systems' capacities to advance inclusive and rights-based services, and government capacities for citizen participation and enforcement of human rights.

7 country offices

received support in their engagement with the private sector to promote human rights.

Honduras, Ecuador, México, Guatemala, Paraguay, El Salvador, Chile, Peru, and Bolivia received support throughout their electoral cycle.

FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT: Aligning, leveraging, and mobilizing private and public resources



UNDP provides technical support to governments and partners in LAC on public finance, unlocking private capital, SDG impact management, SDG finance tracking, the design of Integrated National Financial Frameworks (INFFs).

What do we do?

- Implement methodologies, financial solutions, and market instruments to accelerate the transition to green, and climate-resilient development.
- Provide technical support to develop regulatory and institutional frameworks to align public and private financing with the SDGs.
- Assist with SDG Impact Measurement and Management (IMM).
- Support countries to increase fiscal space for SDGs.
- Develop stronger partnerships with governments and IFIs.
- Build UNDP's capacities for SDG Finance.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Issuance of the country's first sovereign bond aligned with climate change indicators for USD 1.5 billion and development of financial strategies to support NDC implementation using market and non-market-based mechanisms in Uruguay.
- ✓ Institutional adoption of SDG budgeting practices in Colombia.
- ✓ Helped countries increase fiscal space through the strengthening of tax audit capacity and reduction of tax avoidance and evasion.
- ✓ Facilitated access to the Insurance and Risk Finance Facility for Argentina, Colombia, Mexico and started preparatory work in the Dominican Republic and Ecuador.
- ✓ Institutional change process to implement programme-based budgeting in Cuba.
- ✓ Identified SDG-linked private investment opportunity areas via SDG Investor Maps in Argentina, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Panama.
- ✓ Collaborated with UNEP/IDB/WB/CAF/FAO/ECLAC on the LAC Sustainable Finance Taxonomy initiative.

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12 countries received technical support to design Integrated National Financing Frameworks and/or SDG finance strategies.



USD 1.5 billion in bonds aligned to climate change indicators



Colombia and Honduras started new **criminal tax investigation**-related work



Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador now have access to the **Insurance and Risk Finance Facility**



9 ongoing country level programmes Honduras, El Salvador, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic to help increase fiscal space



95 staff participated in the SDG Finance Academy

INCLUSIVE GROWTH: Identify, Protect and Empower



To tackle the inequality of opportunities in the region, UNDP invests in enhancing people's capabilities to move out of poverty and keep moving forward, and focuses on identifying vulnerable and poor population; protecting the most poor and vulnerable from losing their capabilities, and empowering individuals and MSMEs to foster inclusion in informal settings and facilitate their transition to the formal economy.

What do we do?

- Develop national and local MPI and MVI metrics capable of measuring poverty and vulnerability in several dimensions.
- Support country offices (COs) mobilizing resources to advance the Poverty and Inequality agenda.
- Support the development of Social Registries to collect information that allows for the organized delivery of social benefits and services.
- Support social policy design and provide recommendations to elaborate social policies.
- Position the SDG Value Chains Programme across the region.

What have we achieved?

Identify the most vulnerable

- ✓ Supported the design of three national MPIs (Uruguay, Guyana and Belize) and an MVI (Cuba).
- ✓ Produced a systematization document with evidence from the implementation of national MPIs in the LAC region.
- ✓ Produced a proposal for an MPI with a focus on women for LAC.
- ✓ Promoted the implementation of public policies with a multidimensional approach.

Protection for all

- ✓ Advanced on the Poverty and Inequality agenda and implemented four projects in Belize, Costa Rica, Haiti and Paraguay.
- ✓ Supported the development of the multi-agency pilot for the Social Registry of Households (Guatemala) and the development of the National Registry for Vulnerable People (Trinidad and Tobago).

- ✓ Supported the CO in Brazil to propose a set of recommendations on how to reform their social protection systems and programs.

Empower people through the SDG Value Chains Programme

- ✓ Supported women and men who work on strategic value chains and MSMEs in ten countries.
- ✓ Launched the SDG Value Chains digital platform to monitor the progress of participants' value chains and MSMEs.
- ✓ SDG Value Chains Toolkit innovated, and its tools adapted to local contexts.
- ✓ Revised and adapted the methodologies included in the SDG Value Chains Program to incorporate a gender-sensitive approach.
- ✓ Connecting COs to share good practices and leveraging synergies to expand the scope of their SDG Value Chains Program.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS 2022



3 Multidimensional
Poverty Indexes



3 reports
on social cohesion



1 million children
benefiting from the UNDP-assisted
redesign of Bolsa Familia in Brazil



USD 1.3 million
mobilized



40,000 MSMEs
(women 70%) supported on the
SDG Value Chain Program

ENERGY AND TRANSPORT



UNDP accompanies countries in LAC to accelerate the just energy transition, implementing innovative low-emission transport solutions and engaging with governments and the finance sector to leverage investments for a net zero future.

What do we do?

- Close the gap in energy access so that people and communities gain access to sustainable, clean energy and the dignity and opportunities it brings.
- Accelerate the energy transition through system changes that support a green recovery and improve efficiency by bringing together the best ideas from government, business, finance, digital, and, most importantly, people, communities, and civil societies.
- Leverage finance and investment by designing and implementing financial instruments, de-risking mechanisms, enabling conditions, and public and private dialogues to scale-up the just energy transition and close the gap in energy access.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Fossil fuel subsidy reform innovation: provided technical support to Uruguay's government to design and establish a regulatory E-mobility Scheme that shifts fossil fuel subsidies for Public Transport Operators towards financing upfront costs of electric buses.
- ✓ Urban integrated approaches and multi-stakeholder engagement: supported three tactical urbanism interventions with subnational governments in Uruguay and Paraguay focusing on creating safer environments for pedestrians and cyclists, with a focus on vulnerable users.
- ✓ Provided expertise in low emission transport and digitalization for the design of low-carbon initiatives such as Accelerating Access to Low Carbon Urban Mobility Solutions.
- ✓ Acted in the role of political liaison and policy support in the region, as part of the ACCESS project's consortium, which include ten organizations supporting Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS Up to 2022



33 e-buses

now serve regular lines in Uruguay and contribute to avoid 4.6% of PM10 emissions per year.



16 new indicators

for public transport efficiency were developed and validated by three local governments in Uruguay.



Supported the creation

of an Association of Municipalities of the AMA (AMUAMA) to consolidate integrated sustainable and resilient urban planning and budget in the metropolitan region of Asunción.



Developed disaster risk reduction plans strategies and risk scenarios for ten municipalities of Asuncion metropolitan area.



+ 817,000

beneficiaries of Movés, the e-mobility program in Uruguay.



4 regulations

to incentivize electric public transport and urban freight transport in Uruguay.



27.89 kt of CO²

emissions reductions with new E-buses in Montevideo.

NATURE



UNDP supports countries to conserve, protect, restore, and provide a sustainable use of biodiversity, ecosystems, ocean, and water through the work on knowledge management, capacity building, development of policies and programmes, technical and financial support, advocacy and communication.

What do we do?

- Promote countries' sustainable production practices to mainstream biodiversity and forest conservation.
- Implement initiatives to protect the biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Amazon and other priority biomes.
- Strengthen connectivity between protected areas and productive landscapes to safeguard ecosystem services and biodiversity, reduce land degradation, and promote restoration
- Support transboundary planning and action for the protection and sustainable use/management of shared ocean/coastal and freshwater systems
- Apply area-based planning, blue economy actions, fisheries stocks restoration and sustainable use, global markets for sustainable fisheries and work on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
- Improve the livelihoods of local communities through agricultural, cosmetic, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology products derived from genetic resources.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Strengthened biodiversity-friendly value chains for green livelihoods, promoting sustainable harvesting of non-timber forest products and providing incentives for forest conservation.
- ✓ Increased forest cover, ecosystem connectivity and reduced emissions over an area of 131,631 hectares of production landscapes in the Colombian Amazon.
- ✓ Benefitted farmers and their families with credits and environmental incentives to promote sustainable and biodiversity-friendly practices in the coffee sector in Honduras.
- ✓ Seven coastal fisheries were supported to develop enabling conditions to achieve a sustainable management based on human rights, spatial planning tools and knowledge management.
- ✓ Developed the Strategic Action Programme for the Integrated Management of Water Resources in the transboundary system Titicaca, Desaguadero, Poopó and Salar de Coipasa for the conservation and sustainable use of water resources in Peru and Bolivia.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS Up to 2022



The **1537 km²** Jaguar Corridor was designed and, the Intergenerational Agreement for the Conservation of the Jaguar was agreed upon, as part of the "Connectivity and Biodiversity Conservation in the Colombian Amazon project.



+ 40,000 people benefitted in Guatemala from the promotion of solutions to manage natural resources and ecosystem services.



+ 40,000 people in rural communities dedicated to coffee and cacao farming in Honduras improved their livelihoods. 9,564 ha of coffee and 527 ha of cocoa protected under good environmental practices.



23,892 hectares of biological corridors were established in Guatemala to improve connectivity between agricultural/forestry production systems and protected areas.

Addressing drivers of LAND USE CHANGE AND DEFORESTATION



UNDP supports and accompanies countries in LAC setting priority agendas and implementing policies and regulatory frameworks to promote deforestation-free production practices and help countries to access international finance for avoided deforestation.

What do we do?

- Strengthen integrated landscape conservation and sustainable management of terrestrial and marine protected areas.
- Enhance technical and financial assistance, governance, landscape planning, and incentives to promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems and biodiversity
- Support communities and local governments to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of life-supporting ecosystems.
- Develop green value chains and accompany countries in stepping up the level of ambition, providing coordinated solutions for sustainable production practices.
- Support governance and financial framework to promote deforestation-free production practices.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Supported the implementation of PROAmazonía, the Amazonian Integral Forest Conservation and Sustainable Production Program in Peru and Ecuador.
- ✓ Worked with Costa Rica for leading ecosystem conservation, through results-based payment under REDD+.
- ✓ Advised countries to strengthen coordination platforms for sectorial decision-making related to cacao, coffee, beef, and palm oil production.
- ✓ Protected forest and benefitted landowners through the Payment for Environment Services (PES) scheme, including indigenous territories under active contracts for forest protection, natural regeneration and agroforestry systems.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS Up to 2022



28 PDOT

Territorial Development and Management Plans and 17 PUGS - Land Use and Management Plans updated with conservation criteria



5 Life Plans
developed with
conservation criteria



Influence in 71,838 ha
of surface area for Sustainable and
Deforestation Free Production



8,064 producers
linked to sustainable production and
8,156 bio-business beneficiaries



16 Collection Centers
strengthened



16,023 ha
of forest restoration;
755,266 ha of forest
conservation



341,950 ha
with an updated forest
management plan

CLIMATE STRATEGIES AND POLICY



What do we do?

The Climate Promise is UNDP's response to climate change, and it is now scaling-up support to solidify 127 countries' ambitions and to help turn their Paris Agreement targets into action.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Ensured the transition to a low emissions, climate resilient, just and gender responsive scenario.
- ✓ Supported several governments in developing innovative carbon footprint programs to incorporate voluntary efforts from the private sector and public initiatives towards the national targets of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction.
- ✓ Built countries' capacities on climate finance and promoted the inclusion of finance ministries in the leadership of NDCs' implementation.
- ✓ Strengthened youth initiatives and built youth capacities for their inclusion in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, in collaboration with UNICEF.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS Up to 2022



25 countries

supported to update their NDCs and define goals to implement the Paris Agreement global targets



5 countries

advised in the development of their Long-Term Climate Strategies (LTS)



+ 3,000 people trained in climate change and GHG management



377,782 tons of CO² neutralized by voluntarily participating companies in Peru



1171 seals

of recognition for the quantification, reduction, and neutralization of GHG emissions



+ 2107 companies

in Chile, Peru, Panama and Ecuador developed innovative carbon footprint programmes to incorporate national GHG emissions reduction targets



800 jobs assessed

in Antigua and Barbuda to identify employment impacts on the current draft NDC targets compared to a Business-as-Usual Scenario



USD 1.5 billion-bond

aligned to climate change, issued in Uruguay with UNDP' technical support



+ 30 young Leaders attended the Climate Change Academy in Panama



200 organizations

and more than 200 local initiatives were identified to be part of the map of youth climate organizations and initiatives



Supported the Ministry of Finance of Ecuador

in setting up an operative platform to track national climate finance and operationalize a USD 850 million green and resilient recovery development loan

PHASING-OUT HARMFUL CHEMICALS FROM SUPPLY CHAINS



UNDP supports interventions aiming to phase out harmful chemicals in key productive sectors by reducing the use as well as the release of highly hazardous pesticides, persistent organic pollutants pesticides, industrial POPs, and mercury (Hg).

What do we do?

- Promote effective and correct disposal of mercury produced as waste in the mining industry
- Support the transfer of technology
- Conduct long-term evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of socio-economic impacts of mining
- Support countries develop national planning guidelines and capacity building to support a just transition as well as job creation in the mining sector

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Established partnerships and worked with governments, the private sector, and artisanal and small-scale miners (ASGM) and communities to improve production practices and work environment.
- ✓ Closed the financing gap, supported formalization, raised awareness, and connected mining communities with mercury-free technology and formal markets.
- ✓ Attracted financing and engaged formal markets to ensure that gold produced under UNDP-led programs follows relevant environmental and social standards.
- ✓ Improved the selling price for responsibly produced gold and create industrial incentives and competitive fund mechanisms to increase access to financing for miners.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS Up to 2022



12 mining communities
in Peru benefitted by 15 tons reduction of mercury use.



Colombia, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru and Suriname
benefited from UNDP-UNEP implementation of the GEF Funded Planet Gold Programme.



350 miners
in Ecuador received trainings to reduce the use and release of mercury from ASGM.



In Colombia, 11 ASGM
municipalities were supported to reduce mercury use by 20 tons.

GENDER EQUALITY:

Socio-economic responses for the inclusion of women in all their diversity



UNDP promotes gender-transformative social protection systems and care systems, as means to enable women and men to effectively access health care and basic services, while promoting employment and income security for all people.

What do we do?

- Accelerate women's participation in the labor market and close the gender gaps that still hinder women's economic empowerment.
- Ensure a multidimensional and a gender-responsive approach to poverty and inequality to achieve the SDGs.
- Advance analyses and proposals to engage fiscal authorities with gender transformative guidelines, increase the progressivity of tax systems, favour greater redistribution and support financing for gender equality.
- Ensure that rural, migrant, indigenous and Afro-descendant women have access to digital assets, finance, livelihoods and productive assets.
- Address setbacks in gender equality and changing discriminatory social norms (gender, racial-ethnic, class, age, sexual orientation and gender identity).

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Provided support to governments to develop, reform or expand their national care systems.
- ✓ Improved services for women's financial inclusion through the Gender Equality Seal (GES) for financial institutions.
- ✓ 134 companies in seven countries implemented Gender Equality Seal for Private Sector.
- ✓ SDG Value Chain methodologies and tools adjusted to generate gender transformative impact.
- ✓ The LAC Rural Women's Network improved its communication efforts and participated in the VI Summit of Local Gender Agendas and the V Latin American Meeting of Rural Women.

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5 governments strengthened their national care systems



200 officials from 11 LAC countries trained in Comprehensive Care Systems



4 new institutions applying the GES for Financial Institutions



134 companies certified with the GES for Private Sector, impacting over 240,000 workers (106,900 women) in seven countries



2 methodologies (Digital in Motion and Supplier's Development) and **57 tools** mainstreamed to promote gender transformative impact in value chains.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE FOR GENDER EQUALITY



UNDP supports public institutions in the region in integrating a gender perspective into their work, as well as promotes parity democracy and a comprehensive approach to violence against women and girls (VAWG).

What do we do?

- Support partners to develop and implement policies, advocacy and legal reforms to accelerate women's equal participation in decision-making, from the household to the community level, in national parliaments, peace processes and global forums.
- Promote women's leadership and participation in local and regional decision-making that directly affects them and their communities, such as climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction, conflict mitigation, mediation and peacebuilding.
- Support governments in formulating legal frameworks and evidence-based public policies and in developing the capacities of governments, civil society organizations and the private sector to prevent, respond, redress, end impunity, and ensure access to justice and protection.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ ATENEA Political Parity Index (PPI) use widened across LAC countries.
- ✓ Extensive training to enhance capacities for women in politics.
- ✓ Implementation of the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions widened across LAC countries.
- ✓ Government institutions and CSOs trained to raise awareness on violence against women and girls (VAWG).
- ✓ Grants given to CSOs and national institutions across LAC countries to enhance capacities for evidence-based response to VAWG.
- ✓ Regional Mechanisms received technical assistance to improve institutional response to VAWG.
- ✓ Initiatives developed to address harmful social norms and discrimination.
- ✓ Increased capacities at country level on positive masculinities.

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14 countries
implemented the
ATENEA PPI



1,327
stakeholders
trained on women in
politics



45 institutions
in 8 countries applying the
GES for Public Institutions



4 countries
strengthened their
technical capacities on
positive masculinities



13 CSOs
and **43** national
institutions from 21 countries
accessed grants to improve
responses on VAWG



COMMCA, CARICOM,
MESECVI, AIAMP improved
institutional response
to VAWG



40 government
institutions and CSOs
engaged in awareness
campaigns to prevent
VAWG



17 initiatives
developed to address
harmful social norms and
discrimination

GREEN, SUSTAINABLE, JUST AND GENDER EQUALITY TRANSITIONS



Gender equality is a catalyst for effective, equitable, fair and sustainable environmental and climate policies and action. UNDP's support through Climate Promise had helped countries to "move from words to action" thanks to the design and implementation of climate policies, initiatives and commitments that promote gender equality and the empowerment of women in various climate sectors.

What do we do?

- Provide capacity building opportunities on gender and environment for policy makers and implementers.
- Establish strategic alliances with women's mechanisms and mayor women's groups to work on gender and environmental issues.
- Promote the development and implementation of gender transformative climate policies and strategies such as NDCs/NAPs.
- Work to ensure that climate finance and transparency frameworks are gender-responsive
- Foster regional platforms on gender and environment to share experiences and lessons learned.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ 1st cohort of Regional Gender and Environment Course successfully completed.
- ✓ Conducted Gender and NDCs Work Clinics at regional and national levels.
- ✓ UNDP/AOSIS Secretariat jointly developed the technical paper "Gender-Responsive Climate Action in Small Island Developing States".
- ✓ Launched of the EU-LAC International Women's Network working group on climate change.
- ✓ IEA-UNDP-World Bank joint conference: Understanding the gender and climate change nexus where 19 case studies were presented.
- ✓ Gender REDD+ LAC Capacity Building Platform.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS 2022



+ 450 government representatives and COs staff participated in the regional and national capacity building on gender and climate change



+ 140 participants from 16 COs and 52 governmental institutions participated in Regional Gender and Environment Course



25 climate promise countries include gender perspective in their updated NDCs



+ 550 participants from 35 countries participated in two regional dialogues on gender and climate change organized in collaboration with the EU-LAC Foundation



150 participants in the IEA-UNDP-World Bank conference



3 Gender and NDC implementation roadmaps developed in Honduras, Mexico, and Dominican Republic



100% climate promise countries updated their NDCs to include comprehensive and ambitious gender commitments.

INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS FOR GENDER EQUALITY



What do we do?

We are working for an institutional transformation that places gender equality in the organization's DNA. This transformation is based on four key elements: leadership committed to gender equality; gender capacity development; investment for impact; and an enabling environment for gender equality.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Co-design and publication of the Regional Gender Strategy 2023-2025.
- ✓ Celebrated gender equality and the women's empowerment training programme.
- ✓ Implemented the 2021-2023 round of the UNDP Gender Equality Seal.
- ✓ Carried out the Regular Gender Portfolio Reviews at country level.
- ✓ Active engagement of COs in the Gender Community of Practice.
- ✓ Partnerships built with the European Union, Korea, Eurosocial, CAF, WB, UN Women, ECLAC, ILO, UNFPA, IOM, FAO, SEGIB, CIM/OAS, CARICOM, CDEMA, REDLAC, UIM, International Idea, OXFAM, BIT, CLACSO, FLACSO, and private companies to advance gender equality in LAC.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS 2022



+ 120 UNDP staff, and 45 external partners consulted for the Regional Gender Strategy 2023-2025



+ 20 strategic partners engaged to advance gender equality in LAC



13 country offices implemented the UNDP Gender Equality Seal



3 country offices implemented Gender Portfolio Reviews



+ 400 UNDP staff enhanced their capacities in gender equality and women's empowerment



50 gender specialists from LAC participating in the CoP

JUSTICE FOR ALL

with a gender perspective



Unresolved justice problems affect economic growth, exacerbate inequality, and can fuel violent conflict. The climate crisis has highlighted the justice needs of current and future generations and the natural environment itself. Albeit to the decrease in investment in justice within national and development aid budgets, UNDP continues working to accelerate institutional transformations from an inclusive justice and gender perspective.

What do we do?

- Support countries in advancing the Justice for All agenda from a people-centred justice services approach.
- Support inclusion and participation in judiciary reform processes; greater access to justice and e-justice.
- Promote collective discussions, learning and exchanges of best practices on human security, human rights, justice and gender.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Consolidated the Justice Future Colabs initiative as a space for learning and exchange between countries in all regions.
- ✓ Subscribed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ibero-American Conference of Ministers of Justice as part of the Ibero-American Alliance for Access to Justice.
- ✓ Assisted COs to advance innovative programmes and solutions to access justice and e-justice; initiatives on citizen security and the police sector.
- ✓ Supported the VII Caribbean Judges' Forum on HIV, Human Rights & the Law in partnership with the Judicial Education Institute of Trinidad and Tobago and the OECS Judicial Education Institute.
- ✓ Supported jointly with the RoL global programme, the Chilean Constitutional Reform Process, the Guatemala's Project on Transitional Justice, Jamaica's judiciary reform process, and Colombia's initiatives on access to justice and e-justice.
- ✓ Consolidated a CoP as a space for having transformative discussions on people-centered security, human rights, and Justice and Gender.
- ✓ Implemented the Gender Seal in the Judiciary in Paraguay, Argentina, and Dominican Republic.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS 2022



24 country offices
have ongoing projects on
Justice



3 countries
applied the Gender
Equality Seal for the
judiciary



7 countries
developed strategies that
enhance access to justice for
women



25 members
of the judiciary in the Caribbean trained
in jurisprudence regarding the respect
for the rights of key populations



5 countries
underwent transitional justice
processes with an inclusion and
sustainable development approach



4 countries
received support on the
environmental justice approach

INFOSEGURA REGIONAL INITIATIVE:

Data to analyze, understand and act to transform citizen security



The regional project has continued working in close collaboration with national, local institutions and civil society organizations, improving data quality, developing innovative solutions, fostering multidimensional analysis, and mainstreaming the gender approach in the information management cycle to inform decision making processes.

What do we do?

- Consolidation of institutional structures through technical and technological development for information management.
- Implementation of evidence-based citizen security policies and violence prevention strategies with a gender focus and territorial anchoring.
- Strengthen the capacities of national and regional institutions to collect, process, analyze, disseminate and use information on citizen security with a gender perspective.
- Strengthen the community of practice and learning for capacity transfer.

What have we achieved?


- ✓ Contributed to the update of the action plan of the National Policy for the Prevention of Violence and Crime with an analysis of the state of crime and violence in Guatemala.
- ✓ Participated in the design process for the elaboration of the Citizen Security Policy with a Gender and Human Rights Approach for Honduras 2023-2032.
- ✓ Developed and supported several surveys in seven countries.
- ✓ Developed Territorial Prioritization Indexes in Guatemala and Honduras and Territorial Prioritization Index on Violence against women and girls in Guatemala.
- ✓ Designed and implement a School Prioritization Index in Honduras and a School Violence Alert System in El Salvador.
- ✓ Designed and deployed online digital tools, platforms and an open data portal in Guatemala, Belize and Honduras.
- ✓ Developed and deployed an online artificial intelligence (AI) assistant to guide people at risk of violence against women and girls in five countries.
- ✓ Built a learning community on the TrainAction digital platform and deployed several courses.
- ✓ Consolidated the DatAction community of practice and bilateral knowledge.
- ✓ Deployed in an on-line information repository with more than 65 innovative experiences.
- ✓ Consolidated the Citizen Security Knowledge Network (CONOSE).

RESULTS IN NUMBERS 2022


5 analyses
on violence against women and girls


818 people
trained (40% women)


13 databases
merged


33 events
and exchange of best practices


6 communications
campaigns


4 citizen
security policy proposals


5 tools
to prevent violence against women and girls


64 knowledge
products


34 regular
analyses

AN APPROACH TO ADDRESS HUMAN MOBILITY



The approach implemented has addressed mixed migratory flows (emigration, immigration, return, internal displacement, transit) within the framework of the triple nexus between humanitarian aid, human development and peacebuilding.

What do we do?

- Support local authorities and host communities to incorporate migrants and refugees in a situation of human mobility in development planning.
- Involve key actors, such as private sector and civil society organizations for protecting livelihoods.
- Foster social cohesion as a vehicle to reduce xenophobia.
- Foster socio-economic integration of the migrant population and returnees.
- Promote social cohesion among migrants and host communities.
- Support to local and national authorities in their response to multiple migratory flows.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Articulated a Regional Strategy on Human Mobility to achieve socio-economic integration for countries of origin, destination and for migrants themselves.
- ✓ Partnered with UN Agencies and multilateral banks to support national and local authorities in their response to human mobility challenges.
- ✓ Positioned the human mobility agenda in regional multilateral forums.
- ✓ Supported national and local authorities in the Northern Triangle of Central America with training on different related topics.
- ✓ Provided technical support to governments members of the Quito Process on Socio-economic Integration issues.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS 2022



15 national projects
in 10 countries



1 Socio-economic
Integration for Venezuelan
Migrants Regional Strategy
jointly with ILO



12 LAC countries
with Indicators developed jointly
with IDB and OECD, about Socio-
economic integration of migrants



1 Report
about Perceptions of Migrants
in the LAC Region in partnership
with the IDB



10 municipalities
in LAC received support to strengthen
their response to the challenges of human
mobility through a development approach



+ 300 CSOs
supported through UN
Network on Migration

SIGOB

Governance innovation for citizen-centered institutions



Systems for Governance (SIGOB) have been working with public institutions to transform management, operations, and service delivery processes to improve effectiveness, transparency, inclusion, and participation, through innovations in management methods and the use of our set of 24 digital tools. SIGOB also provides services to field offices with a focus on digital transformation and effective governance.

What do we do?

- Operationalize government strategy into actionable work plans.
- Align day-to-day management with commitments undertaken with citizens.
- Communicate timely to citizens the achievement of results.
- Strengthen internal processes and the agility of procedures carried out by citizens.
- Improve the management of documents and information.
- Enhance internal coordination among public institutions to accelerate the achievement of results.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Honduras: Digital transformation of public services in key areas, including the process redesign of the Business Services Portal which grants permits and certificates from 18 institutions.
- ✓ Panama: Supported the Ministry of Finance digital budget and procurement ecosystem that connects 8 institutions and 1,200 public functions.
- ✓ Ecuador: Supported the transition of municipal authorities and implement the new tool for the first 100 days of new mayors.
- ✓ Chile: Update of the TRANSDOC correspondence system at the Presidency of Chile -in use since 1996 - with 150 users to date and a database of 1.5 Tera.
- ✓ Cuba: SDG platform implemented in the Ministry of Economy and Planning, jointly with the Statistics Institute and other 6 institutions and provinces.
- ✓ Dominican Republic: Implementation of TRANSDOC strengthened the digital correspondence ecosystem for the management of official documents in 21 entities and a network of 7,000 public officials.
- ✓ Trinidad & Tobago: Supported the implementation of the National Digital Strategy and digitization of services in a network of 9 key state institutions.
- ✓ Guayana: Developed the Case information System for the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the first digitalized process in the country's justice system.
- ✓ Paraguay: Data architecture and update of Judisoft system for case management of the Supreme Court of Justice.
- ✓ Two countries in Africa (Madagascar & Equatorial Guinea) supported as part of the GPN, UNDP-SIGOB.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS



44 service
plans



16 countries
supporting transformation



+ 85 state
institutions supported and
improving services

PREPAREDNESS FOR CRISIS AND DISASTERS' RECOVERY

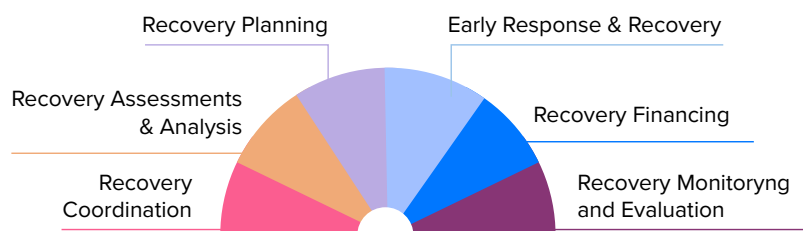


LAC is a region largely impacted by natural hazards. Climate events affect 9 out of 10 people. Building resilient societies to secure hard-won development gains is a priority. To this end, we have been supporting COs put together solid preparedness for recovery, by improving intersectoral and interinstitutional coordination, including interconnexión among different levels of government.

What do we do?

- Support countries to adapt and use Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA) methodologies, including setting up rosters of national and regional experts.
- Help countries through the Disaster Risk Framework (DRF) approach perform recovery planning and implementation, including M&E, and the analysis of financing mechanisms for recovery.
- Assist countries transition from the humanitarian response to early recovery.

Disaster recovery comprises several phases that have been promoted under a preparedness lens to assist countries to be better equipped to provide quick solutions in complex situations.



What have we achieved?

- ✓ PDNA/DRF adaptation completed in 1 country and planned in Costa Rica.
- ✓ PDNA and Recovery Planning in Belize after passing of Hurricane Lisa, and in Pakistan (Cross-Regional Support Asia Pacific) after several floods affected the country.
- ✓ DRF assessments ex-ante in El Salvador and Panama; and in Haiti after the 2021 Earthquake.
- ✓ Human Impact Assessments (HIA) for Guatemala after tropical storms Eta and IOTA; and for Peru after the oil spill in the coastal region.
- ✓ PDNA Trainings for Suriname, for the UN Regional Team, for Colombia, for Costa Rica, for the University of West Indies – online.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS (2019-to date)



22 countries
engaged in different stages of
post disaster recovery work



+ 650 government
officials trained in recovery
needs assessment methodologies



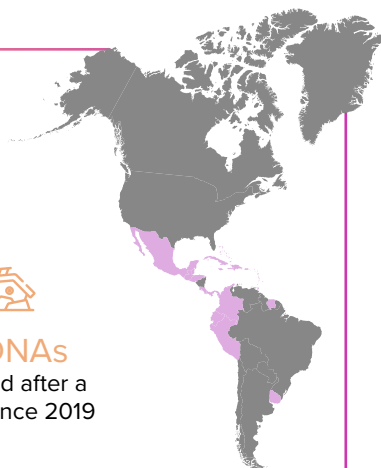
5 countries
have adapted needs assessment
methodologies to national context



4 countries
have formulated Post Disaster
Recovery Frameworks



9 PDNAs
conducted after a
disaster since 2019



PREPAREDNESS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE AND RISK REDUCTION



Disasters are on the rise in the LAC region. This is due to, among others, the increase in frequency and intensity of climate-related hazards, as well to rising levels of exposure and vulnerability of populations and their assets. Inequalities in access to safe land, poor livelihoods, inadequate basic services, high human mobility, social unrest, and conflicts, are resulting in more and more complex disaster risk scenarios.

What do we do?

- Assessment of country's governance capacities for disaster risk reduction and recovery.
- Encourage risk informed development through harmonized climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
- Support comprehensive multi-hazards early warning systems at country and regional level.
- Promote coherent urban disaster risk reduction for intermediate and major cities.
- Strengthening private sector capacity for preparedness and disaster response.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Government of Panama implemented a participatory process to review and formulate its Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and its Strategic Plan in partnership with UNDP, the WB, UNDRR and international NGOs.
- ✓ Efforts to harmonize climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction agendas, CCA-DRR, in Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Bolivia, with practical tools for implementation.
- ✓ Technical assistance for early warning systems implementation in Uruguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, and Chile with support from other partners such as ECHO and CAF.
- ✓ A multi stakeholder Dialogue Platform in Urban Resilience, comprising more than 200 organizations and practitioners for LAC.
- ✓ Launching of a global urban resilience programme for SIDS showcasing, Belize, Barbados, Dominica and SVG.
- ✓ Two main airports in Honduras (i.e. San Pedro Sula and Palmerola) with disasters response plans and enhanced capacities, under the DHL-UNDP initiative Getting Airports Ready for Disasters.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS (2019-to date)



200 public and private
stakeholders

involved in the Urban Resilience dialogues



4 countries

with harmonized CCA-DRR
agendas into development



4 countries

with enhanced EWS capacities



4 SIDS countries

initiating urban resilience
programmes



2 airports

with disasters response plans (2022)
adding to other 12 since 2013

HIV AND HEALTH: Leaving No One Behind in Latin America and the Caribbean



People living with HIV and other key populations continue to face stigma and discrimination, which in turn result in worse HIV outcomes. We work to create an enabling environment through laws and policies based on public health evidence and human rights is the way to help reverse exclusions, and improve access to services and HIV outcomes. Also, we have been worked on HIV and health serves as an entry point to leverage broader action on human rights, gender equality, social inclusion, and access to justice to deliver on the pledge to leave no one behind and to reach those left furthest behind first.

What do we do?

- Provide technical and advisory support on HIV and Human Rights.
- Work on enabling legal environments, including elimination of stigma and discrimination that limit access to rights by vulnerable groups such as migrants, people living with HIV, LGBTI persons, key populations most at risk of HIV, among others.
- Provide technical and advisory support for community-led AIDS Responses.
- Pilot the LGBTI Inclusion Index.
- Provide technical and advisory support for the implementation of Global Fund grants.
- Provide technical and advisory support for LGBTI Inclusion.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ Trained judges and magistrates on HIV, Human Rights and the Law.
- ✓ Advanced actions at country level on HIV sensitive social protection.
- ✓ Continued assisting COs with the implementation of Global Fund grants, including the implementation of UNAIDS Country Envelop Funding.
- ✓ Trained human rights defenders, and engaged CSOs in advocacy on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.
- ✓ Produced research papers on LGBTI issues.
- ✓ Facilitated in the Caribbean engagements of governments and LGBTI CSOs through the celebration of public forums.
- ✓ Issued small grants in the Caribbean to expand work on mental health services, human rights advocacy, and labour inclusion.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS (2018 to date)



120 judges and magistrates participating in the Caribbean Judges Forum on HIV, Human Rights and the Law



3 countries advanced studies on HIV sensitive social protection



3 countries supported with Global Fund grants



9 countries supported with UNAIDS Country Envelop Funding



3895 human rights defenders trained



191 CSOs engaged in advocacy on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression



9 research papers on LGBTI issues



17 public forums celebrated in the Caribbean



35 small grants issued for a total amount US\$ 432,982

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS & Operations



The Business Solutions and Operations unit carries out the daily operations of the Regional Hub and also provides, under the supervision of the Regional Hub Manager, and in close collaboration with COT and CST, technical support as needed on operational matters to Country Offices in LAC and to Central Bureaux and UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes located in Panama. The Business Solutions and Operations unit is comprised of five sub-teams: human resources; finance; procurement; ICT; and Regional Hub services and Administration.

What do we do?

- Manage operations in the Regional Hub.
- Provide technical services in the areas of Procurement, Human Resources, Finance, ICT and General Administration.
- Support to CO in liaison with CST in the areas of Finance, Procurement, Human Resources and ICT (e.g., procurement processes, recruitment processes, procurement review committees, recruitment panels etc.).
- Provide technical support to the RBLAC/HQ in the areas of Procurement, Human Resources, Finance, ICT and General Administration.
- Represent UNDP in the Regional Business Operation Strategy as part of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) workstream.
- Provide ICT, procurement, HR and finance services to other UN agencies.
- Develop innovative solutions and tools, as requested by COs.
- Capacity development support for Regional Hub and LAC Country Offices.
- Support to CO in their preparedness and response to crises.

What have we achieved?

- ✓ The BSO team has developed tools and methodologies that are useful for offices. In this sense, it is important to mention the Gap Analysis, an internal process that complements the efforts to support the Country Offices and which helps to put in place a holistic and long-term strategy building on lessons learned from those efforts. The Gap Analysis was implemented in Guyana with very positive results.
- ✓ The re-launch of the Regional Hub's SharePoint is an important milestone in the relationship with the Country Offices as it is expected to serve as an active and up-to-date communication vehicle as well as a useful resource for information by Country Offices daily.
- ✓ During the launch of Quantum, the Regional Hub BSO team has positioned itself as a reference team for the Country Offices of the region in the implementation of Quantum due to its knowledge and also to the excellent collaboration that exists to BMS ITM, which has served, among other things, to propose and achieve changes in Quantum for situations that had not been foreseen in its development, as is the regional model.

RESULTS IN NUMBERS (2022 to date)



Strategic advisory services & quality services for delivery support

8 HR contributions:

1 direct support in recruitment process for Bolivia CO, 3 supports facilitating and monitoring recruitment processes conducted in Guyana, and preparation of 4 recruitment strategies for Dominican Republic CO.



Logistic support in ICT, Procurement, Finance and Administration to 7 regional on-site events.



Dedicated procurement support

provided to Nicaragua, Guyana, Argentina, Jamaica and Cuba COs to deliver \$325,000 USD.



+75 Travel-related supports

provided to 4 COs and the Panama Regional Hub.



Dedicated financial support

to UN agencies (UNIDO, UNFPA, WFP, UNDSS), as well as financial and administrative support to other non-resident UN agencies such as WIPO, IAEA, ITU and ILO, in Nicaragua.

Support with the uploading to the **local bank platform** of the monthly local and international staff payroll for Barbados Multi-Country Office.



BSO carried out the process that led to the signing of a **Long-Term Agreement (LTA), for Travel matters of the UN System**, for a top amount of US\$18,6 million. To this date, this LTA benefits 12 UN agencies, the Regional Hub in Panama, and the following 6 Country Offices: Panama, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Venezuela and Chile.



Development of innovative solutions and tools



1 Gap analysis conducted for Guyana Country Office.



4 IT-related support

on recruitment processes, mobile app implementation, backstopping services and web-development services for 5 COs.



Capacity development of COs personnel / Quantum



The Quantum Deployment Team at the Regional Hub in Panama was formed by BSO's team leaders and was tasked with providing technical advice to the region on the new platform. In this context, **BSO hosted a two-part Quantum workshop for procurement processes**, provided logistical support for the regional Quantum overview workshop, and provided specialized support to COs during the Quantum hypercare phase.

IT support and monitoring to the 26 COs

across the region in the implementation of the payroll and procurement Quantum module for 6 months.



124 Quantum hyper-care phase cases treated in regard of technical support to COs, regional projects, suppliers and vendors.



2 Finance and procurement modules trainings

held in Guyana for 10 counterparts and government entities.



Technical support, knowledge management and capacity development on **Quantum Platform for +10 COs**.

