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## UNDP in Guinea-Bissau

UNDP's interventions in Guinea-Bissau aim at supporting the country in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the consolidation of the stability and the Rule of Law, the promotion, preservation and development of the biodiversity and the disaster risk prevention and management. These interventions are in line with the Government's priorities defined in the Operational Strategic Plan "Terra Ranka", the United Nations Partnership Framework 2016-2020 and the UNDP Strategic Plan 2014-2017.

The Country Programme Document (CPD) 2016-2020 defines the following three main areas of interventions:

- ⇒ Democratic Governance;
- ⇒ Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth;
- ⇒ Environment

Accordingly with the CPD, UNDP's support for downstream programmes will primarily target women and youth, who are most affected by poverty and unemployment (51.6 % of the total population of 1.6m are women and 50.2% are youth between the ages of 15 and 35), to improve their living conditions and reduce inequality in defined urban and rural areas with a local development approach.

While building on existing key partnerships with Government, civil society and international partners, UNDP will seek to broaden its partnership base with innovative women and youth organizations, the private sector and local government. UNDP will mobilize foreign and national investors, especially in tourism and extractive industries to adopt inclusive business approaches within the framework of the Business Call to Action initiative in partnership with the Guinea-Bissau Chamber of Commerce. UNDP will favour South-South and triangular cooperation, exchanging with Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) and sub-regional organizations such as UEMOA and ECOWAS.



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## Inauguration of the Community Environment Center of Dulombé, in Bafatá region



As part of the Small Grants Programme (SGP), funded by the Global Fund for Environment (GEF) and implemented by UNDP, the project “Energetic Advantage of Small Carbon Emission and Agroecology”, executed by the Organization for Environment Defense, provided the community of Dulombé, Cossé sector, Bafata region, in the Dulombé National Park, for an environment community center built and equipped with solar panels, TVs and other assets that will be used to sensitized the community members on environment. The official handing-over ceremony took place on January 20, 2018 and the center was given the name of “Environmental Community center Djokeredam” meaning friendship and that will essentially be a space for promotion of

environmental friendly, green agriculture without pesticides, or any chemical product.

It was also handed-out to the same community, a school equipped with solar panels.

This project contributed to give access to renewable energy to the population through installation of solar panels in schools, churches and the environment center as a way of raising awareness on environment and its importance for the well-being of the community members. It will also ensure access to better health and nutrition to the community members in general and to women and children in particular in the Dulombé National Park.



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## The Ministry of Health, UNDP and MTN partnering for malaria prevention and treatment through creation of a Toll Free Line - 188

Thanks to the Global Fund against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria's new grant, the Ministry of Public Health and UNDP will be able to continue providing free rapid tests diagnosis and drugs to all people diagnosed with malaria in all Guinea-Bissau public health centers. For this purpose, the Ministry of Public Health and UNDP, in partnership with MTN, created a toll-free line – 188 – with the objective of providing information to the population regarding those

free services.

Anyone diagnosed with malaria can head to these public health centers all around the country and seek for free malaria drugs. Therefore, others that are not specific to malaria treatment, such as vitamins for instance will have to be paid by the patients.

In case the patient is told in the public health center that there is no malaria drug (Coartem), or if he/she is

being asked to pay, he/she should call 188, for free if called from a MTN number. The call will be answered anonymously and the number is available from Monday to Friday from 08h30 am to 05h30 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 09 am to 02 pm.

## The pupils and teachers of koranic schools in Gabu and Bafata regions sensitized on the importance of protecting the environment



the mangrove for human and animal life. These sensitization sessions were part of the project “Dynamic Agroecology” executed by UNOPS and the Association for Sustainable Development implemented by UNDP and funded by the Global Fund for Environment (GEF).

300 children and pupils participated to these sensitization sessions.

On the 3rd and 4th of February 2018, took place sensitization sessions for pupils and teachers in koranic schools of Bafata and Gabu regions on the importance of a protecting environment as well as the role of

## Global Fund against AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis satisfied with the implementation by UNDP and Ministry of Health of malaria prevention and treatment activities in 2016-2017

The quarterly Global Fund mission to Guinea Bissau took place between 17-22 February 2018 to provide feedback on the implementation of the previous Global Fund grants (2016-2017) and encourage the accelerated implementation of the 2 new grants for Malaria and TB-HIV-Health System Strengthening totaling 30 m EUR for the period 2018-2020.

The 2016-2017 Global Fund grants in Guinea Bissau (where UNDP was the Principal Recipient for the 16.4 m EUR Malaria grant and Procurement and

Capacity Development Agent for the TB and HIV grants) delivered over 80% of allocated funds, which is higher than the global average for Global Fund grants of 70%.

Improved performance in the implementation by UNDP and the Ministry of Health of the 2 new grants in 2018 is imperative, as delivery in 2018 will be used as a key factor to determine GNB's allocation for the next funding cycle (2021-2023).

The Global Fund mission was accompanied by Expertise France, which is significant as

France is the second largest Global Fund's donor, and Expertise France has supported Guinea Bissau organizations and INGOs in previous years with short term and long term technical assistance.

The mission commended the UNDP partnership with World Food Programme to purchase a new medical warehouse in 2017 within a very short time-frame with expected delivery to Bissau in mid-March 2018.



## Government and Civil Society professionals validated the Guinea-Bissau Fragility Report



The Portuguese version of the Guinea-Bissau Fragility Report was validated in a technical workshop organized by the State Secretariat of Plan and Regional Integration with UNDP's support and held on 20th February 2018. Government and civil society representatives, as focal points for the implementation of the New Deal for Fragile States in Guinea-Bissau, were the main participants of the workshop.

As part of the achievement of the Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals of the New Deal, the Guinea-Bissau's government mobilized between

November 2016 and February 2017 the different stakeholders interested in doing the fragility assessment of the country in order to support the country to better orientate its national priorities for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through the implementation of the Operational and Strategic Plan "Terra Ranka" 2015-2020.

The document concluded that Guinea-Bissau's fragility is alimented by the political and institutional instability, the lack of balance of powers, the interference of the defence and security sector actors in politi-

cal issues, the justice and economy as well as corruption, that has direct influence on the quality of services. The study reveals that the country is in a crisis situation in four out of five of the Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals. Only the objective "Income and Services" shows that the country is in a reconstruction phase.

With the objective of supporting the Government and its cooperation partners in their efforts to overcome the crisis phase, the document identified the tools that the country could use to implement priority actions in order to face the different causes of the fragility. The document also provides priority measures to take, as well as results indicators in order to monitor the specific progresses made. Finally, it also provides the government of Guinea-Bissau for recommendations in order to be able to achieve resilience.

The report is now waiting for validation from the national political authorities.

## The report on Multidimensional Poverty, promoted by the Ministry of Economy and Finance with UNDP and UNICEF's support, validated

On the 09th February 2018, in Azalai Hotel in Bissau, took place a validation workshop for the multidimensional poverty report promoted by the Ministry of Economy and Finance with UNDP's and UNICEF's support. The opening ceremony was chaired by Suande Camará, General Director of the National Statistics Institute (INE) and counted with 50 participants.

The evaluation study of multidimensional poverty was realized based on the MICS 2014 and reveals that there are important disparities between urban and rural areas as well as between poor and the rich and between those that have good access to education and the others that don't. Considering these conclusions, the level of poverty rate is attributable mainly to deprivations in life conditions the report concluded.

## The implementing partners for Environmental Accountability project met for the Local Evaluation Committee.

On February 15, 2018 a validation workshop for Environmental Accountability project was held with attendance of 22 partners mainly from the Agriculture and Sustainable Development Ministry, the National Statistics Institute and UNDP.

The project, with 1,7 million US dollars co-funded by UNDP and the Global Fund for Environment (GEF) is being executed by the Environment Ministry in partnership with the National Statistics Institute.

The project is critical to fill the existing knowledge gaps on natural resources management, to strengthen the capacities of the national partners for natural resources accounting and monitoring and sensitize them on the importance of natural resources and biodiversity conservation as well as the importance of investing in environment.



## The project “Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable coastal areas and communities to climate change in Guinea-Bissau” validated in Bissau

On February 22, 2018, in Bissau, the validation workshop for the project “Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable coastal areas and communities to climate change in Guinea-Bissau” funded by the Global Environment Fund (GEF) and implemented by UNDP was held at IBAP’s Conference Room.

45 national environment professionals attended the event, providing insightful contribution for the 13 million \$ US dollars project that has 3 main components:

1. Governance framework for coastal zone;
2. Coastal protection;
3. Coastal communities livelihoods support.

It will be executed by Agriculture and Sustainable Development Ministry, Institute for Biodiversity and Protected Areas (IBAP, Portuguese acronym) in partnership with the Ministry of Fish.

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## Members of regional commissions for electoral census trained for legislative and presidential elections



On 28th February 2018, took place the capacitation workshop of members of the regional commissions for electoral census which opening ceremony counted with the presence of the Minister of Territorial Administration, Mr Sola Nakilim Na Bichita as well as the Special Representative of the Secretary General, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Guinea-Bissau and UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. David McLachlan-Karr. The capacitation, realized with UNDP’s technical and financial support, will provide members of the regional commissions for electoral census for core skills on the organization of credible electoral census, approved by all stakeholders.

This training is only one out of several steps in the preparation of the electoral census. The first step was the update of the electoral cartography, entirely funded by the Government, followed by the diagnosis of the actual state of conservation of the kits used for the last



electoral census and the elaboration of the budget for the next electoral registry by the Technical Cabinet for Support of the Electoral Process with UNDP’s technical and financial assistance.

In its opening speech, UNDP’s Representative stressed that “the right of all citizens in participating to political life, is a cornerstone in democracy, and one of the fundamental way of participating is through the free and transparent election of its representatives. The right to vote is based on the existence of an electoral census that allows all citizens with electoral capacity to fulfill their right to vote at least once”. UNDP’s representative called Guinea-Bissau’s partners to support the electoral activities, most specifically the acquisition of census equipment and material, logistics and human resources, census supervision and civil education activities, which need tremendous resources.

## Journalists of Gabu, Cacheu and Quinara community radios trained to support the Local Economic Development process



From 28 February to 01st March 2018, in Bachil, Cacheu region, 36 journalists of Gabu, Cacheu and Quinara community radios were trained as part of the

Local Economic Development process being implemented by the government through the State Secretary for Planning and Regional Integration (SEPIR, Portuguese acronym) with UNDP’s technical and Financial support. The main goal of the training was to give them relevant tools on Local Economic Development, UNDP’s interventions and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), journalism deontology and ethics etc, so that they can turn active partners on Local Economic Development process in the above mentioned three regions through radio spots and documentaries, debates etc.