

# FAST FACTS

United Nations  
Development Programme



Sri Lanka

The United Nations Development Programme is the development arm of the United Nations. UNDP promotes human development by sharing resources, knowledge, and technical skills to empower communities and build national capacity. UNDP began operations in Sri Lanka in 1967.

UNDP has as its overarching goal the reduction of poverty. In Sri Lanka UNDP pursues this goal by working closely with the Government of Sri Lanka and through four programmatic areas, namely

- Poverty reduction
- Sustainable environmental management including disaster preparedness and mitigation
- Promotion of democratic governance
- Crisis prevention and recovery

In the North and East of the island, UNDP focuses on vulnerable communities to ensure a smooth transition from the humanitarian to the early recovery phase and ultimately to long-term development.



A Participatory Needs Assessment (PNA) meeting in progress under the Transition Recovery Programme

## Some examples of recent development work include:

- Helping Government institutions incorporate the Millennium Development Goals in national and local level plans
- Introducing micro-finance opportunities for communities in disadvantaged areas

- Building capacity at local level by supporting authorities improve service delivery
- Introducing new processes to improve coordination, efficiency and transparency in aid and project management systems
- Promoting women's political participation through awareness campaigns and training workshops
- Supporting initiatives for equal access to justice and legal aid for vulnerable communities

## Some examples of recent recovery initiatives include:

- Supporting housing, infrastructure and livelihood needs of conflict-affected communities
- Enhancing Government capacity to respond to disasters by establishing the National Disaster Management Coordination Committee
- Providing technical and other support to the Government for mine-action coordination

## Areas covered by UNDP



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