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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS BRIDGING INEQUALITIES

Planning Commission & UNDP project

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“Human Development: Towards Bridging Inequalities” project



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Based on:

- Need for continued focus on human development
- To strengthen linkages between policy actions emerging from human development analysis and programmatic interventions





Scope and Strategy



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- Providing innovative policy options for tackling issues of persistent exclusion, particularly at the State level
- Issues of inequality, with particular attention to gender and social inequalities will be focused upon
- Focusing on advocacy and capacity development
- Address the systemic gaps in statistical systems resulting in lack of timely, reliable and comparable data
- Provide an enabling framework for translating human development agenda into action at the State level.





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Extent of the project



Duration: 2011-2017
Budget: US\$ 2.7 million
Geographical extent of the project: 15 states

- ✓ **Government ownership**
- ✓ **Participatory process**
- ✓ **Independence of analysis**



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Thrust



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Issues of inequality, with particular attention to gender and social inequalities



- ▶ This would be done through
 - ▶ Preparation of next round of State HDRs/DHDRs
 - ▶ Regional and Thematic Human Development Reports
 - ▶ Address the systemic gaps in statistical systems
 - ▶ Research based policy advocacy
 - ▶ Capacity development of elected representatives/policy makers/ NGOs & CSOs/Academic institutions
 - ▶ Knowledge Sharing





Implementation strategy



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- ▶ **Implementing partner: Planning Commission**
 - ▶ Ministries of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Urban Development, Woman and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, Tribal Affairs and Human Resources Development

State: State Planning Commissions/Departments/Boards

- ▶ Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Woman and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, Education, Tribal Development, Human Resources and Development, Directorate of Economics and Statistics





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Institutional Arrangement



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Implementing Partner: Planning Commission

- ▶ National Project Director- Joint Secretary, State Plans
 - ▶ Supported by: PMU at Planning Commission
Project Manager, Project Assistant & support staff

- ▶ Technical and operational backstopping
 - ▶ UNDP





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State Engagements: Reporting and FUNDS FLOW Modality



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1. Proposals submitted by States- approved by Planning Commission and UNDP
2. The proposals to have annual as well as quarterly work plan.
3. The states undertake activities as per the approved work plan and submit Utilisation Certificates to the Planning Commission every quarter.
4. On the basis of advice received from the Planning Commissions, UNDP reimburses the funds for which UC has been submitted.

- ✓ States to have Project Steering Committee
- ✓ States must submit Annual Work Plans by Dec





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Completed task



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DELHI SHDR 2013

Released on 31 Aug 2013 by Hon'ble Sh. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India.

- **Manav Vikas Awards** was instituted in 2012 to recognize excellence in human development reporting and analysis across the country. *For more details, please visit <http://indiahumandevlopmentawards.undp.org.in>*
- Technical support provided to the Governments of Bihar and Maharashtra for the preparation of the State Human Development report.
- Technical and financial support provided to the State Government of Odisha for the preparation of the State's 12th Five Year Plan.
- Base paper on Status of availability of data on monitorable targets in the national plan prepared for the XIth Five Year Plan
- Training programme on HD indices held on 11-12 April 2013, New Delhi.





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Progress so far...



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State partnerships:

Activities include preparation of State Human Development reports, District HDRs, strengthening of Statistical systems, Research advocacy, Capacity Development, etc

- Project is in the implementation phase in 7 states of Assam, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- Proposals have been received from the 2 states, i.e., Nagaland and Odisha are under consideration.

Regional & thematic HDR:

- Bundelkhand HDR is under preparation and is expected to be completed by mid-2014.
- Tribal HDR- dialogue is on-going with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs





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Progress so far...

▶ **Strengthening of the statistical systems:**

- ▶ Base paper for the XII th Five Year Plan initiated under the AWP 2013

▶ **Research & Policy advocacy:**

- ▶ **Resource Book** on “Good practices in Social Sector Service Delivery” is under preparation and is expected to be completed by mid-2014. OneWorld Foundation India, New Delhi has been awarded the contract.

▶ Others in pipeline:

- ▶ preparation of the Human Development Atlas
- ▶ Environmental Sustainability and Human Development





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Expected Impacts



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Increased allocation to social sectors by the State governments based on HD analysis addressing issues of Inequality.

Supported by:

- **Strengthened statistical system:** ensuring availability of reliable data on key indicators for monitoring
- **GIS based studies & mapping**
- **Establishment of Institutional mechanisms - holistic planning and monitoring**





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Challenges



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- ❑ Findings from the HDRs strengthen policy & plans at State and District levels
- ❑ Availability of reliable, timely, robust data sets to support planning
- ❑ Government ownership & independence of analysis and Initiatives

Constraints

- ▶ Limited Stakeholders engagement
- ▶ Change in political regimes & state elections
- ▶ Delayed/ limited Media engagement





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Communicating change: Webpage



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INTRODUCTION TO HDBI PROJECT

ABOUT THE PROJECT: Project brief; Annual Work Plans;
Geographic extent & Partner States

^ **DOWNLOADABLE PROJECT FACTSHEET & MAP**

THE PROJECT

I. Templates: Proposal; Budget; 2. Reporting Guidelines & templates

MAPPING PROGRESS on State level activities: *Each state will have a link page or a separate page giving all details including the approved proposal and the reports submitted.*

RESEARCH PROJECTS & Reports: Bundelkhand HDR; Good practices in Service Delivery Mechanisms; HD Atlas; Tribal HDR

PICTURES

**DOWNLOADABLE
SCREENSAVER**

NEWS & UPDATES:

*latest workshops planned,
news from the project sites,
announcements etc*

RESOURCES LINKS

EXTERNAL LINKS

*UNDP India HD Page; State
Government Webpages;
Institutes/University
Webpages; Previous HDR
Reports from States*

INTRANET

**INFORMATION FOR COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES/ ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONS**





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Looking Ahead...



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- ▶ State Governments of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh join the project by 2014
 - ▶ Bundelkhand HDR released in 2014
 - ▶ Resource Book on Good Practices in Social Sector Service delivery released in 2014
 - ▶ More partner states release their HDRs beginning 2014
- ▶ State Governments utilise the findings from the HDRs/DHDRs into the policy and planning process
 - ▶ Academic Institutions initiate courses on HD
 - ▶ ATI's capacities are enhanced to provide training on HD concepts and analysis





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*“The basic purpose of development is to enlarge people's choices.
...The objective of development is to create an enabling environment
for people to enjoy long, healthy and creative lives.”*

Mahbub ul Haq (1934-1998)

Founder of the Human Development Report

