

# **United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (UNPPA)**

**Second Pilot Country:  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



“If economic growth is to make greater inroads against poverty, there is a need for smarter policies, more resources and closer partnerships.”

— *Secretary-General Kofi Annan*  
*High-Level Segment, ECOSOC,*  
*New York, 29 June 2005*

**The United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development** (UNPPA), established in 2004, is the third in a series of innovations in recent years for participation by a wider range of stakeholders promoted by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). UNPPA is a unique initiative linking actors within and outside the UN system. It focuses on the positive role business can play in promoting development, as well as stimulating entrepreneurial capacity-building and encourages investments, trade and related activities for sustainable rural development.

## MISSION

UNPPA identifies, highlights and promotes replication of successful business policies and practices that are both profitable and promoting social and economic advancement of people in rural areas.

## OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Work as a catalyst and facilitator for the creation of partnerships;
- ◆ Identify and promote business and commercial relations in several activities;
- ◆ Provide a platform for collaboration; and
- ◆ Bring the results of these efforts to the attention of the international community.

## FUNCTIONS

UNPPA promotes business, stimulates entrepreneurial capacity-building. It also encourages investments, commerce and related activities for sustainable rural development by developing multi-stakeholder partnerships. Ultimately, UNPPA's activities help to address the MDGs.

## PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

The Presidential Commission on the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development (COPDES) was established in 2004. The function of COPDES is mainly to provide a framework for coordination and to monitor progress toward the achievement of the MDGs. COPDES will use the UN Alliance as a catalyst.

The COPDES and some of the Ministries and Task Forces in the Dominican Republic will work with the UN Alliance in strengthening cooperation with the United Nations system organizations to expand partnership with the private sector as well as link with priorities in the ongoing national assessment of needs for meeting MDG targets. The work mainly of the Ministry of Agriculture is closely related to UN Alliance themes. The aim of the COPDES Task Force on Hunger, the “Comer es Primero” programme is to work for poverty reduction through implementation of Task Force strategies and recommendations, including through public-private partnerships for rural development.

## TASK OF UN/DESA/OESC

- ◆ Advocacy for the pilot countries
- ◆ Reporting to the ECOSOC on progress
- ◆ Coordinating inputs from the stakeholders
- ◆ Substantive servicing of the intergovernmental meetings on UN Alliance

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S PRIORITIES

- ◆ Infrastructure building (roads, bridges, etc.)
- ◆ Safe water and hygiene
- ◆ Agro-business
- ◆ Mining
- ◆ Textile, garments and handicrafts
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Development of SMEs and financial sectors
- ◆ Information and Communications Technology

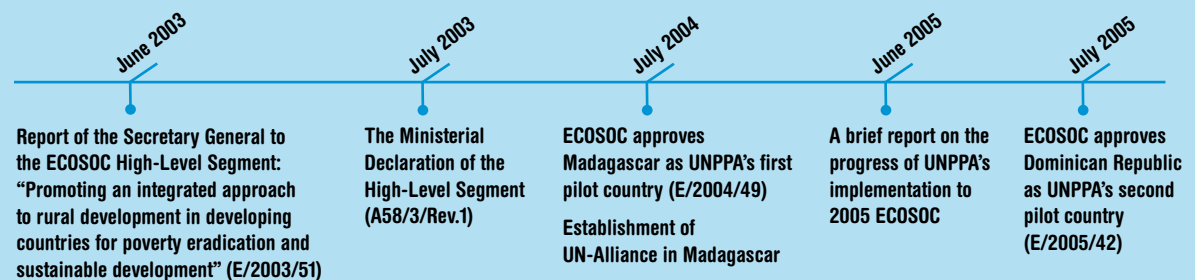
## SOME PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING

- ◆ Cooperation among Dominican Republic, OCCAM and ICT in establishing demonstration ICT villages, focusing on safe water, fish farming and aquaculture, health and e-government
- ◆ Humanitarian and technical cooperation projects FORMIT Foundation “One dollar for development”

### “Investing in sustainable development of Dominican Republic — MDG Needs Assessment Report”

“Preliminary Results of the MDG Needs Assessment” for the Dominican Republic was presented in April of 2005 during Professor Jeffrey Sachs' visit to the country. The report contains the MDG needs assessment by various ministers as well as UN officials. The needs in the following areas were articulated: agriculture, education, gender equality, public health, including HIV/AIDS, environment and infrastructure of the society. For further details, see [http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/Alliance/INFORME\\_NACIONAL\\_EN.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/Alliance/INFORME_NACIONAL_EN.pdf)

## UNPPA MILESTONES



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT A GLANCE

INDICATORS	2003
Population, total (millions)	8.7
Population growth (annual %)	1.4
GNI (current US\$ billions)	18.6
GDP (current US\$ billions)	16.5
GDP growth (annual % growth)	-0.4
Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	67.1
Mortality rate, infant (per 1,000 live births)	29.0
Surface area (sq km)	48,730.0

Source: World Development Indicators database, World Bank, August 2005

FDI Inflows			
Year	2002	2003	2004
US\$ million	917	613	645

FDI Inward Stock			
Year	1990	2000	2004
US\$ million	572	5,214	8,468

Annex table B.1 and B.2. World Investment Report 2005: Transnational Corporations and the Internationalization of R&D, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development



### President of Dominican Republic at the 2005 World Summit

President of Dominican Republic, Leonel Fernández Reyna, addresses the United Nations 2005 World Summit:

“We believe that by multiplying our efforts, highlighting synergies, and harnessing the goodwill of the public and private sectors, we will be able to achieve the Goals.”

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