

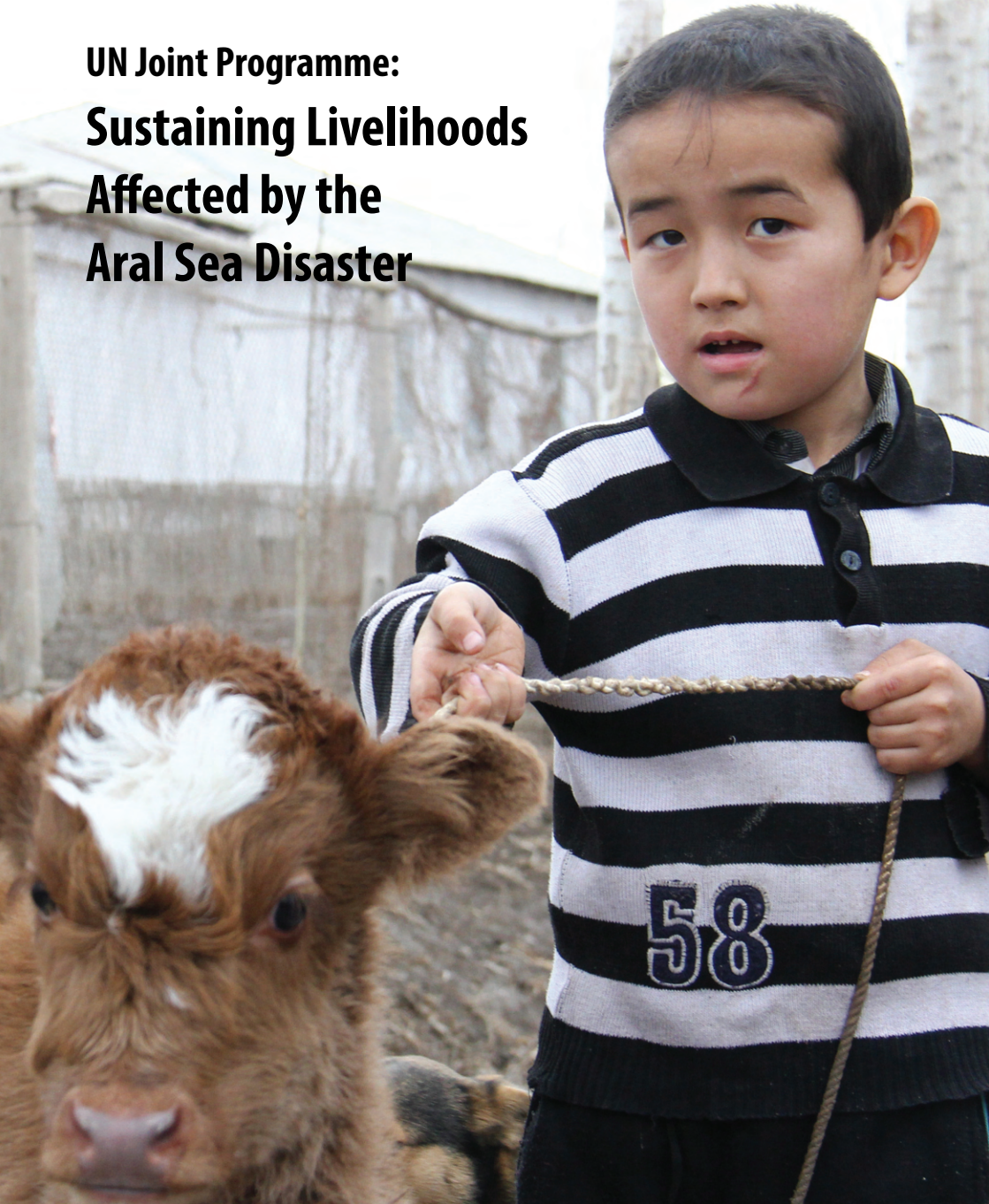


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# **UN Joint Programme: Sustaining Livelihoods Affected by the Aral Sea Disaster**





## **Human Security Approach:**

The Joint Programme focuses on addressing the human security needs of more than 130,000 people in Muynak, Shumanay, and Kanlikul target communities in Karakalpakstan, which, according to the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS) refer to the ***creation of adequate governance systems and sound policies, as well as enhancement of economic opportunity, education, health care and environmental security***. To promote the concept of human security in all of its activities the Joint Programme obtained financial support in the amount of 3.8 million USD from UNTFHS.



Aral Sea – located in the heart of Central Asia, once the world's fourth largest lake, has now dried up to about 30% of its initial size. Such a dramatic environmental change has had a negative impact on the region's economy, social sphere and livelihoods of the population.

During his visit in April 2010 the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon highlighted the impact that the shrinking of Aral Sea has had on the human security in the region and described it as ***“one of the world's worst environmental disasters”***. Considering a multi-sectoral nature of the human security issue in the region, a decision was made to launch a UN Programme with a focus on improvement of livelihoods of population through provision of access to basic infrastructure, income generation opportunities and adequate healthcare by uniting the efforts of five UN agencies – UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, WHO and UN Volunteers. The Joint Programme includes a full scale partnership with the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

# OUR GOALS:

## ENHANCED ECONOMIC SECURITY, THROUGH:

- Application of sustainable agricultural practices and pasture management techniques, planting of new crops and tree varieties by at least 30% of local farmers in 3 target districts;
- Development of sustainable tourism sector;
- Assistance to the development of local handicrafts and improvement of entrepreneurial skills among vulnerable groups including women and people with disabilities.



## STRENGTHENED LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, THROUGH:

- Integrated human security approach in regional planning and policy formulation;
- Enhanced quality of decision-making through creation of database and training of regional authorities in data collection and analysis including gender disaggregated data;
- Improved local ownership and capacity through implementation of at least 50 community development plans, including access to basic social services, such as drinking water, electricity and renewable energy.



## IMPROVED HEALTHCARE, THROUGH:

- Capacity building of healthcare workers in reproductive health, family planning practices, and lung health;
- Creation of a pull of 1500 professional community and volunteer healthcare service providers on respiratory disease and other infections;
- Rehabilitation of the existing health centres through knowledge and technology based assistance;
- Increased access of young people to quality information on reproductive health and HIV prevention.



## The Joint Programme is funded by:



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The United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security was established in 1999 with the express aim of promoting human security through the protection and empowerment of people and communities threatened in their survival, livelihood and dignity. The objective of UNTFHS is to finance activities carried out by UN organization(s) and/or designated non-UN organization(s), which translate human security concept into practical actions, in particular those at the field level, to demonstrate its added-value in view of promoting and disseminating the concept. Since 1999, the UNTFHS has committed over USD 350 million to projects in over 70 countries. <http://www.unocha.org/humansecurity/>

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UNESCO - the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - was established on November 16, 1945 and its Headquarter is in Paris. As specialized agency of the United Nations, UNESCO contributes to the building of peace, the alleviation of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information. It is doing so promoting international co-operation among its 195 Member States and 8 Associate Members UNESCO is working to create the conditions for genuine dialogue based upon respect for shared values and the dignity of each civilization and culture. [www.unesco.org/tashkent](http://www.unesco.org/tashkent)



UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, is the lead UN agency that expands the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy sexual and reproductive lives. We are on the ground improving lives in more than 150 countries. We're making real progress – yet more work needs to be done. UNFPA - delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. [www.unfpa.uz](http://www.unfpa.uz)



The World Health Organization-founded in 1948-is the specialized agency of the United Nations for health. WHO Country Office in Uzbekistan has been an active player in the country, towards the achievement of a common development goal - Health for all. <http://www.who.int/countries/uzb/en/>



The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide by advocating for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UN Volunteers. <http://www.unv.org/what-we-do/countries/uzbekistan.html>

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