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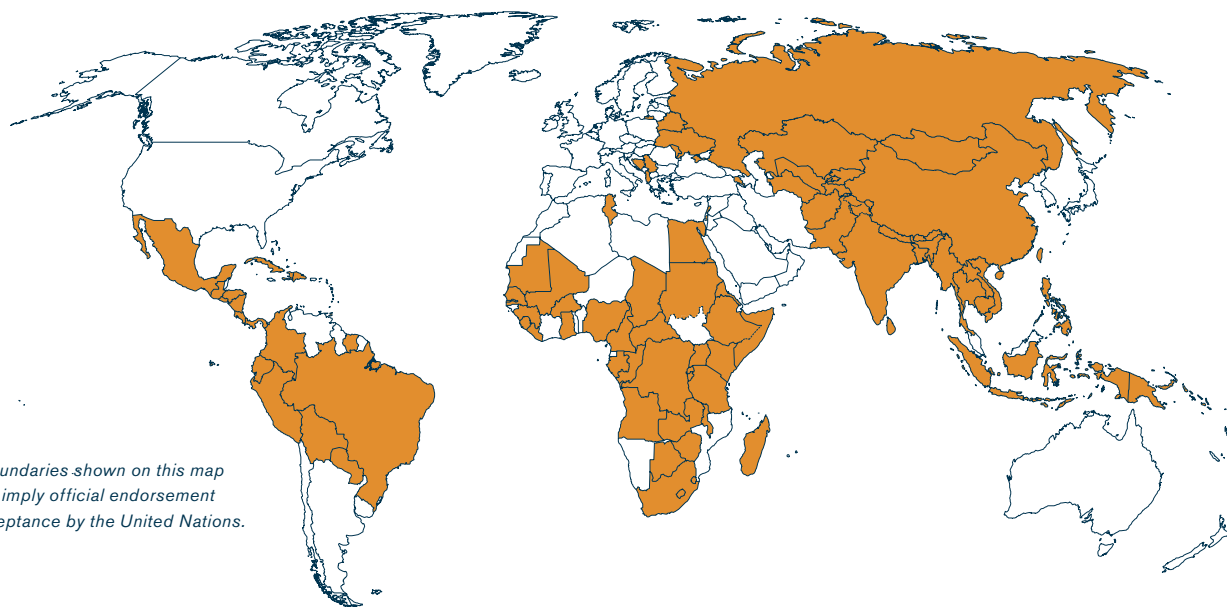
The UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS) brings diverse partners together to collaborate with Governments in addressing the needs and vulnerabilities of local communities. Projects help close institutional gaps that hinder appropriate responses to the many dimensions of human insecurity. They advance empowerment and capacity-building measures that increase the resilience of vulnerable communities and people.

Projects are selected according to their ability to provide concrete and sustainable benefits to people and communities facing threats to their survival, livelihoods and dignity. They employ integrated strategies that respond to specific situations of human insecurity, strengthen social harmony, and are oriented towards the prevention of crises and the promotion of long-term development. Partnerships with

national and local authorities as well as communities are integral to project design and implementation. The coupling of protection and empowerment measures further ensures local ownership and sustainability.

Building on the fundamental principles of human security, projects have drawn on the combined expertise of the United Nations system to reduce the likelihood of conflict; overcome the obstacles to social, economic and sustainable development; and promote the realization of human rights for all.

Since its establishment in 1999, the UNTFHS has assisted over 220 programmes in more than 90 countries, including regional initiatives.



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Why Invest in the UNTFHS?

Most of today's developmental or humanitarian challenges arise from multiple factors that are interconnected and mutually reinforcing. These require greater integration of activities across the United Nations system and in partnership with others.

The human security approach can significantly reinforce United Nations support to Member States in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the transition from humanitarian response to sustainable development, and the prevention of crises wherever possible. These collaborations contribute to more resilient societies, where people are safe from chronic threats such as abject poverty, hunger, disease, violence and repression, and protected from sudden and hurtful disruptions in their daily lives.

Making a Lasting Impact

EGYPT:

Empowering People in Local Development

A deteriorating economy has severely impacted the human security of communities in rural Upper Egypt, with those most vulnerable—youth, women and children—pushed deeper into poverty and exclusion. A Trust Fund project launched in 2013 has addressed the root causes of poverty by strengthening livelihoods, improving public services and fostering greater community participation. A job centre offers links to employment, while vocational training, coupled with savings and loan schemes, enable people to establish successful small businesses. For farmers, simple and inexpensive greenhouses have doubled and tripled production. Schools and homes have been renovated and water connections extended to the poorest households. Empowering people to manage local development is at the core of all of these efforts—Human Security Forums allow community participation in decision-making by bringing local authorities, civil society and the private sector together to agree on local priorities so that responses truly reflect their needs and aspirations.

PAKISTAN:

Safeguarding Rural Livelihoods and Disaster Risk Reduction

In Sindh Province, over 90 percent of rural people live in dire poverty, a situation rendered more intolerable when monsoons hit. A Trust Fund project has helped strengthen community resilience while addressing the structural inequalities that disempower vulnerable people. Through a protection and empowerment framework, the project takes an integrated approach, boosting household income, improving food security, and helping 85,000 people become more resilient to natural disasters. Farmer Field Schools have introduced higher yield agricultural practices better adapted to cycles of drought and flooding, while training helps women diversify their incomes through small businesses. Other efforts assist people in obtaining vital government services. Farmer's organizations have empowered communities to participate in disaster risk reduction strategies to protect their homes and assets, and to negotiate with landowners to establish tenancy rights.

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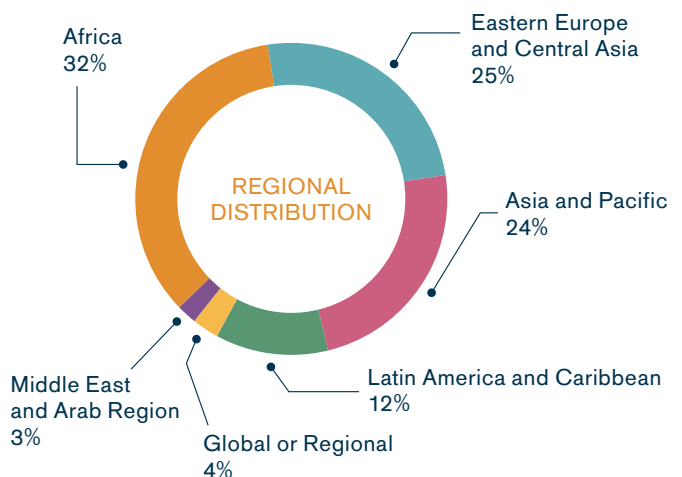
Tackling the Causes of Urban Crime and Violence

Fueled by limited economic opportunities and inadequate public services, violent crime has flourished in the city of Trujillo in recent years. To cultivate peaceful coexistence, a Trust Fund programme aims to reduce the many underlying causes of violence and crime in the city's most vulnerable communities. The programme has pursued a comprehensive set of actions to help improve health care and education, introduce vocational training, reduce gender-based violence and curtail the flow of small arms. For the first time, specific outreach activities empower communities to engage with authorities on crime prevention and urban improvement initiatives. In another first, law enforcement officials received training on a new crime mapping system to pinpoint areas most in need of protection.

SERBIA:

Fostering Social Cohesion and Improved Public Services

For over 20 years, people displaced by violence in the Balkans have streamed into south-west Serbia, also home to many repatriated migrants and Roma communities. Lacking essential services, decent homes and sufficient employment opportunities, the region has been prone to communal tension and violence. But these risks have now begun to decline through a Trust Fund intervention to improve living conditions and foster social unity. Cultural, arts and sports events have engaged 60,000 youth, encouraging them to close ethnic differences. Nearly 1,000 Roma have been assisted in accessing public services, and over 800 service providers have learned how to reach the most vulnerable populations. A self-sustaining recycling centre, serving 100,000 residents, keeps neighbourhoods clean, provides jobs for people from marginalized communities and generates income for a locally managed community support fund.



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