



UNEP POST-CONFLICT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT BRANCH



WHAT IS UNEP?

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading environmental authority in the UN system. UNEP uses its expertise to forge a more sustainable future and meet environmental challenges and opportunities at the country, regional and global levels.

Mission of UNEP's Post-conflict and Disaster Management Branch: UNEP seeks to minimize the environmental threats to human well-being from the environmental causes and consequences of disasters and conflicts. Since the start of the new millennium, natural hazards and major conflicts have directly affected some two billion people. Not only do these tragic events destroy lives and infrastructure, they also fundamentally undermine human security and tear apart the fabric of sustainable development. By addressing environmental degradation and resource management, UNEP is working to build more resilient and peaceful societies.

PARTNERS

UNEP's Post-conflict and Disaster Management Branch has established partnerships with a wide range of international and national actors, including: National governments, the European Union, the World Bank, the UN system, academic and research institutions and major non-governmental organizations.

KEY FACTS



100+ staff and experts involved in conflict and disaster management across the organization



The Post-conflict and Disaster Management Branch activities are coordinated from Geneva, Switzerland



Country project offices in:

Kabul and Bamyan, **Afghanistan**

Khartoum and El Fasher, **Sudan**

Juba, **South Sudan**

Kinshasa, **DR Congo**

Port-Salut and Port-au-Prince, **Haiti**

Port Harcourt, **Nigeria**



UNEP has responded to crisis situations in over 40 countries



UNEP has conducted Post-Crisis Environmental Assessments in 12 countries

CORE SERVICES

POST-CRISIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

In the aftermath of a crisis, UNEP offers technical assistance to countries where critical ecosystems or natural resources have been directly or indirectly degraded, damaged, or destroyed by conflicts and disasters. Through its field-based assessments, UNEP uses sound science, state-of-the-art technology, and laboratory analysis to identify environmental risks to human health, livelihoods, and security and provides recommendations to address identified needs, invest in risk reduction and build back better.

POST-CRISIS ENVIRONMENTAL RECOVERY

Following a post-crisis assessment, UNEP is available to assist national governments to address identified environmental needs and priorities. Environmental recovery programmes, which can last for several years, aim to strengthen the capacity of national and local government authorities, rehabilitate ecosystems, mitigate risks and ensure that resources are used sustainably within recovery and development processes. UNEP currently has project offices in Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti, DR Congo, Nigeria, and Afghanistan.

ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION FOR PEACEBUILDING

Natural resources are one of a country's most valuable assets for peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery. Land, forests, minerals, oil, water, and other natural resources are the foundations for rebuilding livelihoods and national economies. UNEP aims to use environmental cooperation to transform the risks of conflict over natural resources into opportunities for peace in war-torn societies, and to integrate environmental and natural resource issues within the peacebuilding policies and strategies of the UN. Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding offers risk assessments, technical support, targeted training, and a neutral platform for stakeholder dialogue.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Healthy ecosystems are the frontline of defense against a changing climate. The services they provide not only protect lives from natural hazards, they also support livelihoods and other crucial aspects of human well-being. UNEP works to prevent and reduce the impacts of disasters on vulnerable communities and countries through improved ecosystems management. With its solid technical expertise and direct field experience, UNEP integrates an ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (Eco-DRR) approach into development and climate change adaptation strategies.



CURRENT OPERATIONS

- SUDAN
- SOUTH SUDAN
- AFGHANISTAN
- HAITI
- NIGERIA
- DR CONGO
- CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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