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The World Health Organization (WHO) is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global-health matters, shaping the health-research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries, and monitoring and assessing health trends. WHO uses a six-point agenda which address two health objectives, two strategic needs, and two operational approaches. These are promoting development, fostering health security, strengthening health systems, harnessing research, information and evidence, enhancing partnerships and improving performance. WHO's overall regional performance is measured by the impact of its work on health in Africa, particularly women's health.

The mission of the WHO South Africa Country Office is to promote the attainment of the highest sustainable level of health for all people living in South Africa through collaboration with the government and other partners in health development and the provision of technical and logistic support to country programmes.

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The World Bank Group is the world's largest funder of education, an external funder of the fight against HIV/AIDS, a leader in the worldwide fight against corruption, a strong supporter of debt relief, as well as the largest international financier of biodiversity, water supply and sanitation projects. The WB Group is composed of five institutions: The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Association (IDA), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). These organizations that make up the World Bank Group are owned by the governments of UN member states, which have the ultimate decision-making power on all matters, including policy, financial and membership issues.

The World Bank has a strong and growing partnership with South Africa, promoting sustainable development - financing, technical and advisory services, and global development knowledge - for the benefit of all. The Country-partnership strategy rests on three pillars: urban development, rural development and regional integration to meet South Africa's development challenges and overcome the legacy of apartheid.



United Nations South Africa

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is the lead agency for agriculture. FAO is mandated by the United Nations to ensure that all people have access at all times to adequate nutritious and safe food. This ensures that they can contribute to economic and social progress through agriculture and rural-based development and help improve the management and utilisation of natural resources. FAO serves as a knowledge network, shares policy expertise, provides a forum for member states to build a common understanding and bring knowledge to the field by providing the technical know-how.

An intergovernmental organization with 191 member states, FAO has a formal agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of South Africa to provide technical support to the Department with its strategic developmental goals.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) is a UN agency specialized in the development of labour conventions focused on the workplace. The main aim of these conventions is to ensure decent working conditions for all workers. The main tool for achieving this is the ILO's Decent Work Agenda. Decent Work is anchored on four pillars: creating jobs, guaranteeing rights at work, extending social protection and promoting social dialogue. ILO's Decent Work Country Programmes originate as a response to global threats to social justice and stability in the world of work.

These include unfair globalization, economic growth patterns that have little impact on poverty alleviation and employment creation, increasing levels of unemployment and poverty, changing employment patterns resulting from changes in technology and production systems, social exclusion and economic liberalization policies, to mention a few.

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The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization with 146 member states committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM works to: ensure the orderly and humane management of migration; promote international cooperation on migration issues; assist in the search for practical solutions to migration issues and problems; and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people. IOM's regional office for Southern Africa is based in Pretoria and covers all countries in the SADC region.

The IOM Country Office in Pretoria works with the Government, migrants and civil society to uphold the rights and meet the needs of migrants and encourage social and economic development through migration.

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The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is part of the United Nations Secretariat responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies. OCHA ensures that there is a framework within which each entity can contribute to the overall response effort. OCHA's mission is to mobilize and coordinate effective and principled humanitarian action in partnership with national and international actors in order to alleviate human suffering in disasters and emergencies, advocate for the rights of people in need, promote preparedness and prevention and facilitate sustainable solutions. The OCHA Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA) is based in Johannesburg, covering 14 countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the Comoros.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) assists with the goal of achieving the full realization of human rights in the region. OHCHR conducts activities in strengthening national and regional human rights protection systems, with a special focus on national human rights institutions, addressing discrimination through technical assistance and advocacy, increasing engagement of national stakeholders with international human rights mechanisms, such as the Universal Periodic Review, and special procedures of the Human Rights Council; and ensuring a human rights-based approach in UN Country Teams' programmes and planning. The Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA) covers 14 countries: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, providing training, advisory and capacity-building services to stakeholders and works closely with regional mechanisms such as the African Union and sub regional mechanisms, such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) is a partnership that aims to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. With a vision of "Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths", UNAIDS mission is to unite the efforts of the United Nations system, civil society, national governments, the private sector, global institutions and people living with and most affected by HIV. It speaks out in solidarity with the people affected by HIV in defence of human dignity, human rights and gender equality and works to mobilize political, technical, scientific and financial resources. Holding itself and others accountable for results, UNAIDS seeks to empower agents of change with strategic information and evidence to influence and ensure that resources are targeted where they deliver the greatest impact and bring about a prevention resolution. It also supports inclusive country leadership for sustainable responses that are integral to and integrated with national health and development efforts.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)



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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, connecting countries with knowledge, experience and resources to help people build better lives. UNDP's focus is on helping countries build and share solutions to the challenges of democratic governance, poverty reduction, crisis prevention and recovery, environment and energy and HIV/AIDS. UNDP helps developing countries attract and use aid effectively. UNDP supports the protection of human rights, capacity development and the empowerment of women.

UNDP South Africa is committed to promoting strategic partnership with the Government of the Republic of South Africa in keeping with national development priorities and aspirations. The Country Office aims to enhance operational efficiency that will promote aid effectiveness in the use of resources, creating maximum impact and becoming more relevant to the country through knowledge management and the sharing of best practices, development management support and policy advocacy.

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UNEP's programme areas include climate change, natural disasters and conflict, ecosystem management, environmental governance, harmful substances and hazardous waste, as well as resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production.

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The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) mandate is to achieve universal access to sexual reproductive health, promote reproductive rights and reduce maternal mortality. The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action and MDGs have guided UNFPA in its efforts to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and the potential of every young person is achieved. UNFPA programmes include maternal and newborn health, prevention services for HIV and STI, understanding population dynamics, supporting youth development initiatives and providing technical assistance to generate and utilize data including monitoring and evaluation. Other areas include supporting and advancing gender equality and reproductive rights by strengthening national capacities to prevent gender-based violence, including sexual violence.

The goal of the Country Programme in South Africa is to improve the quality of life of South Africans by helping to reverse the spread of HIV, reduce gender inequities and enhance the centrality of population issues in development policies and programmes.

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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of and assistance to refugees and the resolution of problems facing refugees, while safeguarding the rights and well-being of refugees. UNHCR strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another state. By assisting refugees to return to their own country or to settle permanently in another country, UNHCR also seeks lasting solutions to their plight. UNHCR also works with former refugees who have returned to their homeland; internally displaced persons; and people who are stateless.

The UNHCR's regional office, based in Pretoria, covers the following countries in Southern Africa: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a leading advocate for children globally. UNICEF is the driving force that helps build a world where the rights of every child are realized. UNICEF has the global authority to influence decision-makers, and a wide range of partners at grassroots level to turn the most innovative ideas into reality. UNICEF believes that nurturing and caring for children are the cornerstones of human progress. UNICEF was created with this purpose in mind - to work with others to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path.

UNICEF's programmes in South Africa include Education and Adolescent Development, Child Survival and Development, Child Protection and Social Transformation.

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The United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), established by the UN Department of Public Information, aims to ensure that people worldwide receive timely and accurate information about the work of the United Nations and to enhance public understanding of its mandate and programmes. UNIC engages with an extensive cross-section of society, including the media, educational institutions, Government, diplomatic corps, civil society organizations and the private sector. UNIC organizes and provides communications support to other UN offices for press conferences, report launches, briefings, seminars, Model UN programmes and communications campaigns. The UNIC Library contains extensive information resources and conducts information programmes for the general public. The Centre provides up-to-date information about UN activities in South Africa and globally through the UNIC website and the UN in South Africa newsletter, *Insight*. UNIC South Africa is part of the global network of over 60 UN information centres. Regional responsibilities include providing substantive support to the 16 centres in sub-Saharan Africa on thematic issues and, where necessary, policy guidance and information outreach assistance.

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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated to assist countries combat illicit drugs, crime and terrorism. The UNODC Regional Office for Southern Africa is based in Pretoria and covers 11 countries in the region: Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. UNODC Southern Africa currently provides field-based technical support to enhance capacity, research and analytical work by government authorities. The office also provides advocacy and support for the ratification and implementation of relevant international treaties. It assists with the development of domestic legislation on issues such as border-control operations and criminal justice responses to human trafficking; reducing corruption and improving criminal justices systems; and tackling substance abuse through demand reduction. A key focus is to address violence against women and children by providing training and capacity-building to law enforcement officers in the region and, by establishing one-stop centres for victims of gender-based violence in South Africa.

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The mandate of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is to promote and accelerate sustainable industrial development in developing countries and economies in transition. UNIDO works to improve living conditions in the world's poorest countries by drawing on its combined global resources and expertise. UNIDO advances the global development agenda by focusing its activities on poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. Africa remains one of the focus areas of UNIDO's work since 60 per cent of its projects are in Africa. The focus is directed to defining programmes for Africa as it relates to the New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Union (AU).

The regional UNIDO office is situated in Pretoria and serves 10 countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (UN WOMEN)



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The role of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) in South Africa is to support intergovernmental bodies in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms. UN Women assists member states to implement these standards and provides technical and financial support to those countries that request it, and forges partnerships with relevant sectors of civil society. UN Women also holds the UN system accountable for its own commitments to gender equality, and regularly monitors system-wide progress on this issue. Grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the UN Charter, UN Women, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. The sub-regional office, based in Johannesburg, also works in Mozambique and Zimbabwe through its country offices to put in place policy and legal frameworks that recognize gender equality and women rights.

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The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency, with food assistance programmes in more than 70 countries. WFP's objectives are to save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies, prepare for emergencies, as well as to restore and rebuild after emergencies. Going beyond traditional emergency food programmes during cyclones and droughts, WFP's new approach to food assistance includes cash and voucher schemes, school meals, fortified-food products to boost nutrition, and food-for-work projects that build resilience and help mitigate against future disasters. Government capacity- building and helping farmers gain better access to markets are priorities. Based in Johannesburg, WFP's Regional Bureau covers nine countries: Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and provides oversight for the countries in the Indian Ocean.. The Regional Bureau is the hub for the organization's second largest procurement centre, from where thousands of tons of maize are purchased every year for use in food assistance projects on the continent and beyond.