



INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

MONTENEGRO

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2017-2020

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population

627,987 people
(2019)



HDI value

0.829
(2019)



Women in politics

22% in parliament
(2020)



\$8,545
(2019)

GDP per capita



15.2%
(in second
quarter of 2020)

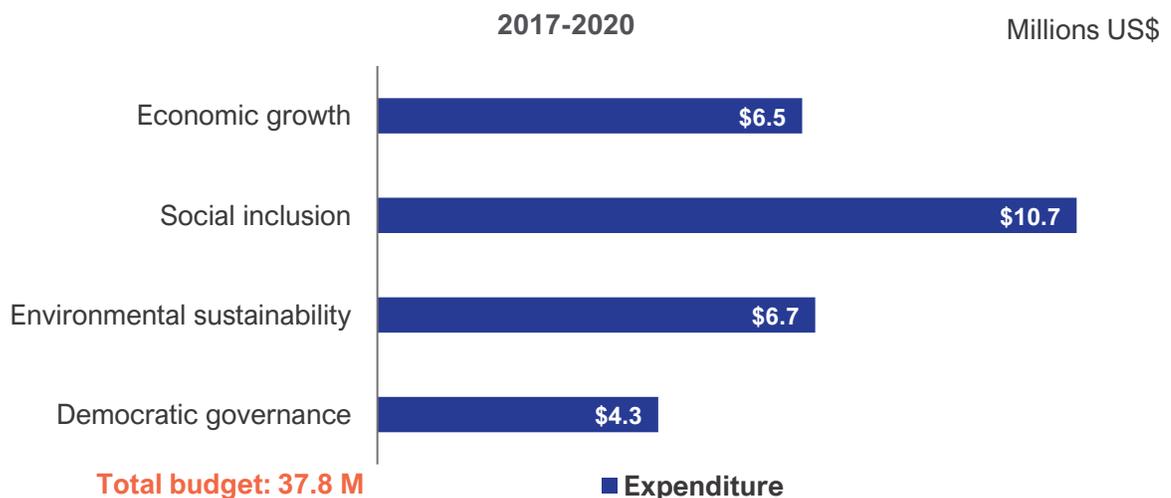
Unemployment



59.9%
(of the territory is
covered by
forests)

Climate change

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS



CONCLUSIONS

1. UNDP has been a trusted and reliable partner of the government in terms of its responsiveness to long-term development priorities and bridging short-term capacity gaps to fulfil EU accession requirements.
2. Montenegro's UMIC status and the country's shrinking donor space present a resource mobilization challenge for UNDP, leading to over reliance on short-term and small-scale interventions that undermine potential for transformative results.
3. UNDP contributed to democratic governance and public administration reforms in pursuit of EU accession requirements with a multi-pronged model that reached both central and local levels, however the support to local levels is still fragile and limited only to targeted municipalities.
4. UNDP contributed to strengthening the environment and climate change framework in alignment with EU accession priorities and international obligations. Establishment of Eco-Fund has been important to promote green growth, however sustainability issues persist post pandemic economic downturn.
5. UNDP contributed to improving the quality of social services provision and the lessons learned are now being used as inputs in the design of health and justice systems.
6. UNDP contributed to promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment with significant results in political engagement, social inclusion, protection from violence and to a limited extent the economic development and environment sector.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. Promote cross-sector and cross-portfolio interventions that support good governance across public sector, as well as promote sustainable economic development.

3. Consolidate green economy portfolio by bringing economic development and green growth programmes under one umbrella to ensure consolidation.



2. Expand support to local self-government units across provinces to embrace and implement reforms, principles and standards initiated by the central level government.

4. Fully integrate gender equality and women empowerment in country programme portfolio and support government efforts to attain gender requirements within the wider EU accession framework.

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE

By generating evaluative evidence, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) supports UNDP to achieve greater accountability and facilitates improved learning from experience. The IEO enhances UNDP's development effectiveness through its programmatic and thematic evaluations and contributes to organizational transparency.

ABOUT ICPEs

The IEO of UNDP conducts Independent Country Programme Evaluations (ICPEs) to assess UNDP's performance at the country level. These evaluations support the formulation of a new UNDP country programme strategy in facilitating and leveraging national efforts to advance inclusive and sustainable development.