INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

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EVALUATION PERIOD: 2017-2021

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population: 33.3 million people (2021)
GDP: $202.0 billion (2020)
Women in the National Assembly: 26.2% of seats 2020
Gini Index: 41.5 (2018)
Unemployment: 12.0% (2021)
Deforestation: 203.3 ha Forest Area (2020)

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

Total budget: 212.3 M

- Inclusive and Sustainable Growth and Development (62 projects): $59
- Social Protection and Quality Basic Services (13 projects): $33
- Institutions and Transparency (7 projects): $36
- Citizenship and Peace (12 projects): $13

2017-2021

Millions US$
CONCLUSIONS

1. UNDP is a trusted partner of Peru’s national authorities.
2. UNDP successfully integrated ecosystem conservation with inclusive and sustainable development.
3. UNDP is uniquely positioned to support the strengthening of national, regional, and municipal institutions, and improve democratic governance and transparency.
4. UNDP promptly repurposed its resources to support Government efforts to respond to the pandemic, with meaningful results.
5. UNDP Peru made significant progress in its monitoring and evaluation (M&E) function and practices during this programme cycle. There is still room to strengthen the M&E culture and knowledge management in the Country Office.
6. UNDP has made some progress integrating and mainstreaming gender equality and women’s empowerment into its programmes, although a transformative approach to gender equality is still lacking.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. UNDP should develop a theory of change for the next programme cycle, to guide programmes and results frameworks, and to be used as a basis for establishing substantive dialogue with partners.
2. UNDP should increase its support to government digitalization, and the engagement and empowerment of women and young people. Post-pandemic economic reactivation strategies should be mainstreamed to ensure no-one is left behind.
3. UNDP should further leverage its partnerships with United Nations agencies, development banks and non-state actors.
4. UNDP should maintain its efforts to strengthen the gender dimension of its programme, building on results and lessons learned during the implementation of its gender strategy to fully integrate women’s empowerment into its portfolio.

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.