



Human Rights Mainstreaming Fund

MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Human Rights Mainstreaming Fund (HRM Fund) supports the UN Development System to respond to the requests of member states to fulfill their human rights commitments as a critical tool to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The HRM Fund has enabled the Resident Coordinator (RC) System, UN country teams (UNCTs) and partners to advance the rights of indigenous peoples and national minorities, which is key to sustainable development and the pledge to leave no one behind.

Selected achievements from 2020-2021 in promoting the meaningful participation of indigenous peoples in sustainable development

In **Kenya**, with the Human Rights Advisor (HRA) and support of the Surge Initiative and the UNDP-OHCHR partnership to advance human rights and sustainable development, the UNCT's focused engagement led to: partnerships with the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders and work with indigenous human rights defenders to document the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on indigenous communities with a focus on indigenous women (covering 13 indigenous groups and 1,334 households); a scoping analytical report advocating for the inclusion of indigenous peoples in social protection programmes and targeted response to inequalities in the rights to education and health, and to gender-based violence including harmful traditional practices; a national population census that included data on indigenous peoples, in collaboration with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

In **Ecuador**, the UNCT with the assistance of the HRA, as follow up to the UN Special Rapporteur's recommendations, supported the development of an action plan that was designed in consultation with the indigenous peoples' leaders and indigenous human



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rights defenders and government counterparts. The Action Plan's strategic lines include empowerment of indigenous Amazonian women, protection of indigenous peoples' rights in the northern border, and strengthening of indigenous food systems for sustainability and climate resilience.

In **Argentina**, the UNCT under strong RC leadership with support from the HRA developed partnerships with the local government and indigenous communities that led to a coordinated and multistakeholder response (involving government, EU and civil society) to the health and social crisis emergency which caused malnutrition and deaths among indigenous communities including children in Salta province in 2020. In 2021, this partnership was sustained with the crafting of a provincial action plan on human rights to create synergies with the SDGs and local implementation plans.

In **Brazil**, the UNCT supported by the HRA facilitated inputs on the rights of indigenous women and girls to CEDAW. To strengthen engagements with human rights mechanisms, the UNCT facilitated virtual dialogues with indigenous peoples' groups in partnership with the National Articulation of Indigenous Peoples and the Network of Cooperation in the Amazon, which led to the Brazilian indigenous women's participation in CEDAW's general debate.

In **Serbia**, supported by the HRA and the Surge Initiative, the UNCT worked with the government's Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit (SIPRU) and the Association of Roma Coordinators for joint analysis and mapping of risks faced by Roma communities in substandard settlements, including how the corona virus pandemic exacerbated their situation. The [mapping](#) was expanded from the COVID-19 emergency response to a comprehensive assessment of access to safe water, electricity, sanitation and basic income of 170,000 Roma minorities in 702 settlements. The mapping and its findings are explicitly referenced in the [Strategy for Social Inclusion of Roma in the Republic of Serbia 2022-2030](#), informing its section on housing.

"Around the world, indigenous people have been at the forefront in demanding environmental and climate action." –

***UN Secretary-General
António Guterres***

FAST FACTS

- [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(A/RES/61/295\)](#) adopted by the General Assembly in 2007
- [6 SDG indicators](#) (under 1, 2,4, 5,10 and 16) are directly relevant to indigenous peoples

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