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ODA Capacity Building with the New Donors – UNDP's Experience and Tasks Ahead

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UNDP as a Development Cooperation Partner



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- Promotion of the **knowledge exchange**: transitional experience, national best practices, specialists and young professionals – logical next step in the partnership with the governments of “graduating” countries
- ODA **effectiveness**: quality assurance, transparency, management, administration, sound programming and reporting
- Assistance in establishing appropriate **institutional infrastructure** for ODA
- Public **awareness raising** and MDG advocate
- **Network** of UNDP Country Offices = implementation and learning tool

Major Results



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- ODA capacity building projects in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Baltic countries, Slovenia, Romania, Russia (Rossotrudnichestvo), Turkey (TIKA), Croatia
- Trust Funds with the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary, over \$ 22 million delivery since 2003 + close and growing cooperation with Romania
- Series of learning events: regional emerging donor meetings, workshops, study tours since 2000
- Joint programme for ODA awareness raising with the EC: *Kapuscinski lectures*

Remaining Challenges for Emerging Donors



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- Setting up national institutions dealing specifically with development cooperation issues in a coordinated and efficient way
- Human resources for development cooperation
- Programme based and demand driven approach
- Effective use of multi-lateral channels
- Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
- Coordination with other donors
- ODA budgets (0,1% of GNI at the moment, EC targets for EDs 0,17 by 2010 and 0,33 by 2015)

Lessons Learned

1. Long-term engagement pays off
2. Ups & downs inevitable: political /economic factors
3. The new donors should be in the driving seat
4. Every donor can have a unique place in global ODA
5. Concerted effort with other donors
6. Value added with modest funding is possible, if focused on knowledge assets
7. The power of networks: between countries, with NGOs and academia and with recipients on the ground

Tasks ahead of us (1)

1. **Reinvigorate ODA discourse** and ambitions to become even more relevant ODA providers
 - = Busan HLF + Rio+20 and post-2015 as entry point?
 - = How can we use multilateral forums: Bali, DCF, etc.?
2. **ODA evaluations** as a feedback, transparency and learning mechanism + opportunity to focus public attention.
 - = getting real feedback from recipient countries
 - = innovative tools, e.g. real simple reporting?
3. **New generation of communication and development education tools**: social media, crowdsourcing, etc.
 - = two-way communication to solve problems

Tasks ahead of us (2)

4. Programming approach: designing fewer, but larger, **substantively focused** and results-driven ODA programmes
 - = knowledge packages / comparative advantage
 - = crucial role of NGOs and academia as partners
 - = joint programs, e.g. with UNDP country offices
5. “**Beyond Aid**” agenda: making *post-Busan* a reality?
 - = **Sustainability** as a key substantive driver
 - = **Decentralized** cooperation (NGO2NGO, town2town)
 - = “**ODA plus**” & involving private sector (Istanbul Center)
 - = **Triangular** & other flexible network solutions focused on knowledge sharing

UNDP plans

- **Slovak, Czech, Hungarian Trust Funds** continue
- **Innovative partnership with Poland**, based on a growing portfolio of triangular cooperation projects
- **New partnership with Romania on ODA** cooperation and capacity building (and possibly a similar one with Croatia)
- **TIKA – UNDP**: new stage of capacity building, with focus on business processes, country strategies, sustainable investing & possible DAC accession support
- **New service lines in Bratislava Regional Center**: practical support to innovative & cost-effective ODA and knowledge sharing practices



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Thank you!