- **Legal Status:** UNCDF is an autonomous UN organization affiliated with UNDP. It was established by the General Assembly in 1966.

- **Funding:** UNCDF is a voluntarily funded organization with an annual budget of approximately $50 million. Its top donors include Sweden, Spain, Belgium, the European Commission and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

- **Staffing:** UNCDF has 125 professional and support staff — 30 at Headquarters in New York; 30 at Regional Centres in Africa (Dakar and Johannesburg) and Asia (Bangkok) and 65 at country level.

- **Assessments:** UNCDF has ranked strongly in several recent assessments of its effectiveness. These are summarized in the brochure *"Assessing UNCDF"* (www.uncdf.org/english/about_uncdf/UNCDF_Assessing_EN.pdf).


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***Creating New Opportunities for the World's Poorest Countries***

**UNCDF's mandate is to reduce poverty in the world's 49 Least Developed Countries. It works throughout Africa and Asia-Pacific, and in Haiti. 40% of UNCDF's work is in countries recovering from conflict or crisis.**

## UNCDF works to reduce poverty by

- **Increasing access to microfinance:** 90% of people lack access to formal financial services in the Least Developed Countries. UNCDF works to ensure that more households and small businesses gain access to credit, savings, insurance and other financial services that expand opportunities. UNCDF's ability to provide risk capital directly to the private sector (unique in the UN system) helps bring microfinance to underserved markets and spur new innovations (e.g. mobile phone banking). UNCDF ranked second in the 2009 "SmartAid Index" of overall effectiveness in microfinance.

- **Strengthening basic services at the local level:** basic services are often weak or inadequate in Least Developed Countries, especially at the local level. UNCDF works to ensure that capital investments by local governments – irrigation schemes, clinics and schools, roads, water supply – are sustainable and respond to the needs of the poor. UNCDF's programmes have been the basis for large-scale decentralization efforts in many Least Developed Countries, and are helping to shape national responses to climate change, food security, and social protection.

## 70% of UNCDF's programme portfolio is in Africa. 60% of clients of UNCDF-supported microfinance institutions are women.

- UNCDF is structured more like a development bank than traditional UN agency. It can support infrastructure — via grants, loans and guarantees — as well as capacity building. UNCDF can work directly with the private sector and any level of government.

- UNCDF programmes combine seed capital, policy advice and technical assistance. They are designed to catalyze larger capital flows from the private sector, development partners and national governments.

- UNCDF's work has direct links to *MDG 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger*; *MDG 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women*; and *MDG 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability*.