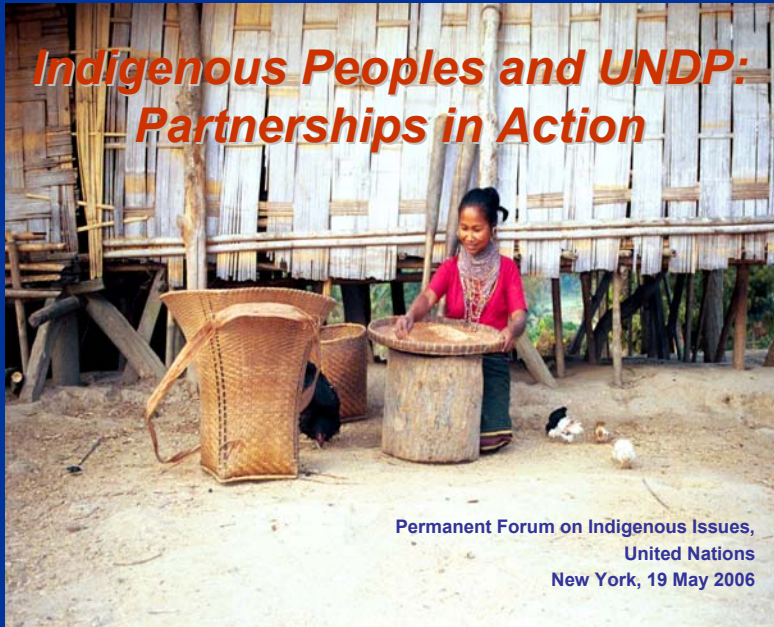




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Indigenous Peoples and UNDP: Partnerships in Action



Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,
United Nations
New York, 19 May 2006

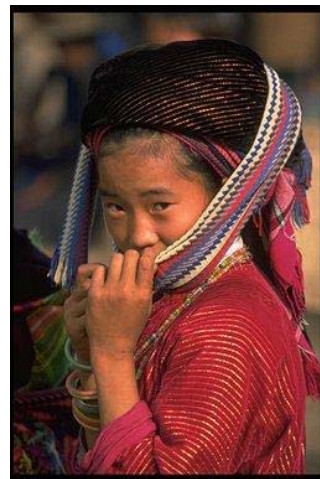
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HDR 2004: CULTURAL LIBERTY IN TODAY'S DIVERSE WORLD



- **“If the world is to reach the MDGs and ultimately eradicate poverty, it must first successfully confront the challenge of how to build inclusive culturally diverse societies.”**

(Mark Malloch Brown, UNDP
Administrator, HDR 2004)



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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM



- People-centric Development
 - Expanding choices
 - Giving people a voice
 - Cultural Freedom
 - Ethnic Diversity
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- Human Development as a process of societal change



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Why is UNDP working for indigenous peoples?



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- UNDP's mandate: to address the development needs of the world's poorest and most vulnerable
- Indigenous peoples among the most marginalized and under-represented
- Poverty maps and indigenous areas coincide (WB and ADB reports)
- 200 million people in Asia identify as indigenous peoples

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POLICY OF ENGAGEMENT with Indigenous Peoples (2001)



Guidelines / Framework

- Mandated areas: democratic governance & human rights, Poverty reduction, conflict prevention and peace building, environment and sustainable development
- Enabling environment
- Indigenous involvement/participation
- UNDP's 'niche'



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Regional Initiative on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Development (Asia)



Photo by Helen Leake

- Asia-specific
- Demand driven
- Builds on previous experiences/lessons learned
- Globally Unique
- Duration: Sept. 2004-2006/7
- Based at UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok (Governance)



STRATEGY & CHALLENGES



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- Forum for dialogue & cooperation
- Regional space
- Sensitive issues
- Partnerships
- linking local/nat'l/reg'l/global
- Flexible/tailored approach

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Our work in 2005

- Initial focus on establishing relationships and networks
- 25 on-going or recently completed projects

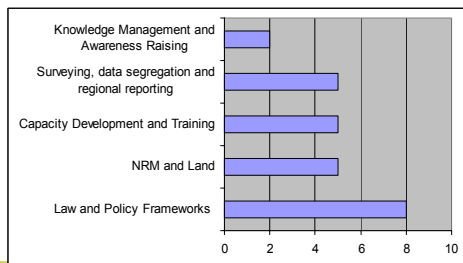
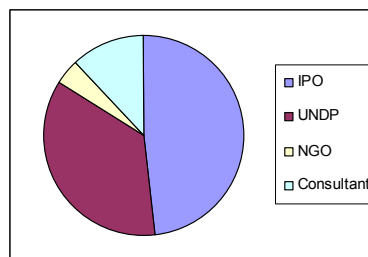


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Law and Policy Frameworks



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- **Encouraging responsive governance**
- **Indonesia:** law and policy review
- **Cambodia:** policy formulation
- **Advisory services...**

Emerging issues



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- **NRM:** policy and practice (BD, CAM, MAL, THAI)
- **Land Use/Rights** (VN, others?)
- **Inclusive Governance/A2J** (BD, Camb, Laos, India, Philippines, Thailand)
- **Environmental Governance** (CAM, INDON)
- **Constitutions, others...**

Capacity development



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- **Women and Decision-making** (B/desh, Malaysia, Philippines, Myanmar...)
- ❖ **Young Leaders in Governance** (Reg, nat'l)
- ❖ **HRBA: engaging in dialogue**

Development Statistics & Poverty Indicators



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Technical data, surveying, statistics, indicators

- **MDGs and Indigenous Peoples in Asia** (Regional)
- **Mappings** (CAM, Thai, VN...)
- **Data segregation** (Nepal, PHIL, INDON...)
- **Others...**

Knowledge Management



- Video production in Cambodia
- Brochure
- Website
 - Document library
 - Open input areas
 - [Regionalcentrebangkok.undp.or.th / practices / governance /ripp](http://Regionalcentrebangkok.undp.or.th/practices/governance/ripp)
- E-network on training manual development



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