



## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Photo: UNOPS

### ENSURING SUCCESS

A team of highly-qualified engineers, architects and project managers bring international industry best practice to our partners' infrastructure projects.

UNOPS encourages local ownership of projects by involving communities in their planning and implementation, helping to ensure long-term use and maintenance of everything UNOPS builds. By implementing all infrastructure projects with economic, social and environmental sustainability in mind, UNOPS helps produce lasting outcomes for our partners.

### WHY UNOPS

- UNOPS operates as a self-financed provider of implementation services. This prompts efficiency and financial discipline, and accountability to the expectations of its partners and local stakeholders.
- UNOPS promotes local ownership by engaging local communities, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable, and by building the capacity of national governments.
- Partners are assured of consistent performance to the agreed standards of quality, timeliness and cost, and have safeguards against implementation risks.

### EXPERTISE

We can provide support to our partners through:

- Assessments
- Design and planning
- Construction management
- Operations and maintenance
- Advisory services



### TYPICAL PRODUCTS

- Schools
- Housing
- Health clinics
- Police stations
- Administrative infrastructure
- Waste management
- Water, sanitation and hygiene



Construction of community learning centres in Indonesia that employed people in the local labour force and incorporated local cultural norms. UNOPS implemented the project, with funding from the Kingdom of Norway. **Photo:** UNOPS

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## OUR APPROACH

### LABOUR-BASED INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS

UNOPS labour-based infrastructure projects engage community groups in the implementation and delivery of durable and sustainable works that meet international standards. Labour-based works, and support services to local contractors, help restart local economies and provide livelihoods in post-conflict and post-disaster environments.

In an example of labour-based implementation, UNOPS was the implementing partner in Sri Lanka for a Community Access Programme to construct and rehabilitate up to 400 km of durable all-weather roads as well as to replace and rehabilitate bridges and drainage structures. The programme, funded by the European Union, also involved rural councils and provided three million days of paid work for local people.

### GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

In 2012, 32 percent of the projects UNOPS supported worked to improve gender equality and the empowerment of women. In most cases these projects had specific gender objectives included in their original project design.

About half of the projects working on gender empowerment boosted women's access to social services and opportunities, building facilities to enable girls and women to receive justice, education, and healthcare.

For example, UNOPS built two primary schools in South Sudan for the Italian Government in a project that is working to improve girls' education rates. Some measures included the creation of girls' clubs, workshops on girls' right to education, distribution of sanitary napkins, and training on their use to mothers and female students.

### CASE STUDY: BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT HAITI

A large-scale reconstruction project is benefiting more than 33,000 Haitian families whose neighbourhoods were destroyed by the 2010 earthquake.

UNOPS was selected to design and implement low-income housing and infrastructure works in eight of 16 neighbourhoods, with a budget of more than \$16 million, financed by the Haiti Reconstruction Fund. UNOPS is responsible for the repair and reconstruction of damaged houses to satisfy risk mitigation standards, as well as to improve community infrastructure such as sanitation and waste management facilities, footpaths and access to drinking water and other utilities. UNOPS has already repaired more than 1,200 homes and aims to build 750 new houses in the neighbourhoods of Port-au-Prince.



UNOPS is reconstructing houses destroyed by the 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The project, financed by the Haiti Reconstruction Fund, created more than 15,000 days of paid work and hired 95 percent of its workforce from the local community.

**Photo:** UNOPS/Wolfy Bonhomme

**“With a strong field presence and proven technical capacity, UNOPS is not only a valuable resource for development partners, but also a key actor for national capacity development and knowledge transfer.”**

Magnus Lennartsson, Minister, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, in statement on behalf of Denmark, Finland and Norway

### QUICK FACTS

In 2012, UNOPS constructed or rehabilitated:

- 40 schools
- 5 health clinics
- 22 police stations
- 73 administrative buildings
- 178 water facilities such as dams and irrigation facilities
- 25 water networks

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