

## **UNFPA: Environmental Mandate & Activities**

### **United Nations Population Fund**

#### **Environmental mandate**

UNFPA supports key population, environment and sustainable development activities at global, regional and national levels. These include policy dialogue, planning and research relating to population, poverty, environment and sustainable development. UNFPA also provides support for institutional capacity building to improve data collection, analysis, research and dissemination, and promotes population and sustainable development information, education and advocacy.

UNFPA's work in the area of environment and sustainable development is guided by the 1994 ICPD Programme of Action (chapter 3), UNCED's Agenda 21 (chapter 5) and the 2002 WSSD's Plan of Implementation. Population dynamics, poverty reduction and better management of the environment are central to sustainable human development. UNFPA raises awareness of the interrelationships between global population growth, demographic dynamics, the environment and sustainable development. It is also committed to helping countries achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, including MDG 7 in ensuring environmental sustainability.

#### **Environmental activities**

UNFPA helps developing countries collect and analyse population data and to integrate population and development strategies into national, regional and global planning. Specific activities include:

- Research and Measurement
- Advocacy and Public Awareness
- Integration of Population Issues into Sustainable Development Policies
- Partnership within and outside the UN