Overview

The Resident Coordinator System was conceived by the UN General Assembly to enhance the effective and efficient functioning of the United Nations System at the country level.

“The resident coordinator system is the main mechanism to coordinate the United Nations system’s operational activities for development, as well as emergency, recovery and transition in programme countries.”

“Functioning of the resident coordinator system, including costs and benefits: report of the Secretary General,” 2008.

Role of the UNRCO Zimbabwe

The UNRCO Zimbabwe plays a key role in enabling the UNCT to better support national counterparts in coherently achieving greater results.

- The UNRCO supports the UN Resident Coordinator as leader of the UNCT, also enhancing linkages with other key functions (Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative)
- The UNRCO facilitates the functioning of the UNCT Management and Accountability System through:
  - Strategic planning and policy guidance support
  - Coordination and planning support for programme and operations management
  - Communications and advocacy support
  - Advisory services including on recovery and transitional processes

UNRCO Zimbabwe Mission Statement

To enhance the strategic, coherent, and efficient functioning of the United Nations Country Team in Zimbabwe by providing essential and informed support in facilitating the achievement of ZUNDAF results, National Development Priorities and the MDGs
Functions of the UNRCO Zimbabwe

Strategic Planning and Policy Guidance
Support to the UNCT:
• Coordinate, drive, and refine the formulation of joint UN strategic framework
• Support and coordinate joint strategic planning efforts
• Review and analyze UN-wide policy and guidance and provide recommendations for application in Zimbabwe
• Conduct contextual and policy analysis to ensure the UNCT remains relevant and effective in an evolving national context
• Advisory services including on recovery and transitional processes

Coordination and Planning Support for Programme and Operations Management for the UNCT:
• Support to harmonization, alignment and coherence of joint UN programming for enhanced results
• Support to streamlined business processes for harmonised operations and reduced transaction costs
• Support Chairs of inter-agency coordination groups in exercising their functions with integrated work planning, results reporting, and agenda setting
• Lead and support inter-agency M&E efforts
• Drive knowledge management & information sharing

Communications & Advocacy Support for the UNCT:
• Coordinate, harmonise and articulate internal and external advocacy and communications
• Facilitate communications on common issues with UN regional and headquarters
• Support the integration of Non-Resident Agencies
• Support joint resource mobilisation efforts
• Facilitate UN inter-agency collaboration

The Management and Accountability System of the UNCT in Zimbabwe

Composition of the UNRCO Zimbabwe

The UN Resident Coordinator’s Office has capacities to provide support to the UNCT in the following areas:
• Strategic planning for enhanced UN coherence
• Policy advice on transition and recovery
• Joint UN communications and advocacy
• Monitoring and evaluation of joint UN programme frameworks
• Integration of Non Resident Agencies
• Joint resource mobilisation and reporting
• Secretariat and administrative support to inter agency coordination groups

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