

# India contributes over USD 15 mn to India-UN Development Partnership Fund

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India has contributed USD 15.46 million to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, underscoring the country's commitment to supporting developing nations in their developmental priorities across all the Sustainable Development Goals.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti handed over a cheque of USD 15.46 million to the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) Director Jorge Chediek at a low-key ceremony held within social distancing guidelines at the Permanent Mission of India to the UN.

## **Key Highlights**

- The tranche of USD 15.46 million includes USD 6 million to the overall fund, in which all the developing countries are eligible for partnership, and USD 9.46 million dedicated to the Commonwealth countries.
- The India-UN Development Partnership Fund is managed by the UNOSSC and implemented under the leadership of partner developing countries leveraging the strengths of United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes.
- The UNOSSC said in a statement that the "call for solidarity among countries of the South has found a magnified echo in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic."

- As developing countries across the world struggle to prevent their achievements in public health, poverty reduction and social wellbeing from being suffering a setback, the need for a mutual support and cooperation is greater than ever.”
- It said that against this backdrop, the Indian government has renewed its commitment to supporting fellow developing countries in their national developmental priorities across all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Since the fund’s inception in 2017, as many as 55 projects and proposals have been approved to date with a total contribution of USD 41.8 million towards a USD 150 million multi-year pledge.

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