General Assembly Informal Thematic Debate on Responding to the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century: Human security and the post-2015 development agenda

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**UNTFHS Around the World**

- To date, 216 projects funded in 88 countries worldwide.
- Projects uncover the dynamic interaction between insecurities and how they affect the lives of people in diverse settings across the globe.
- They provide the analytical framework to address complex challenges and promote comprehensive responses that have led to more effective actions by the United Nations system, national and others partners.
Strengthening rural livelihoods severely affected by climate change-induced drought in Lesotho

- Took a comprehensive approach that accounts for the inter-linkages between environment, food, health, nutrition and economic security.
- Reinforced the resilience of communities to the multidimensional impact of climate change by linking community-based adaptation strategies with institutional mechanisms for early warning and collective action.
Projects in the Balkans – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia

• Highlighted the importance of strong social, political, economic, cultural and legal systems that together help foster greater social harmony.

• Showed how the application of human security can further strengthen the social contract within societies by promoting an environment of inclusive development in which all groups are invested in the future of their societies’ progress.
Strengthening human security by fostering peaceful coexistence and improving citizen security in three municipalities in the Department of Sonsonate, El Salvador

• Underlined the importance of a comprehensive/multi-stakeholder approach that considers the roots causes of violence; addresses unemployment and early school drop outs; bolsters economic opportunities; strengthens access to adequate housing, health and education; and engages with communities to harness trust and promote partnerships towards individual and community security.
Added Value of the Human Security Approach
Findings from an Independent Rapid Assessment

- Generated real positive change in the lives of people
- Allowed for a new way of thinking to highlight the interconnectivity of today’s challenges that cannot be addressed by traditional silo-driven approaches
- Highlighted considerable value added by being
  - more people responsive
  - more synergistic
  - more contextually grounded
- Resulted in a higher sense of dignity by the partner communities who were active in the design and implementation of projects
- Led to a greater sense of national/local ownership and a greater determination to expand the gains made under the project to other groups and geographical locations
- Demonstrated the value of the UN working together in collaboration with national and local partners based on a deeper analysis of the local context and by collectively identifying the potential gaps in the protection and empowerment infrastructure