Eve 2010 - almost twice as many as the average in previous years. The project proposals originated from organizat ons in 149 countries, the vast majority local NGOs in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

The applicat ons are now being assessed by independent consultants, a process in which each proposal will be judged on its inherent quality and scored against 10 set criteria, as follows

- Promotes the object ves of UNDEF
- Draws on the United Nations comparative advantage
- Will have a signif cant impact
- Will encourage inclusiveness
- Will enhance gender equality
- Has strong prospects for successful implementat on
- Has a strong track record
- Is technically sound in concept on and presentat on
- Represents good value for money

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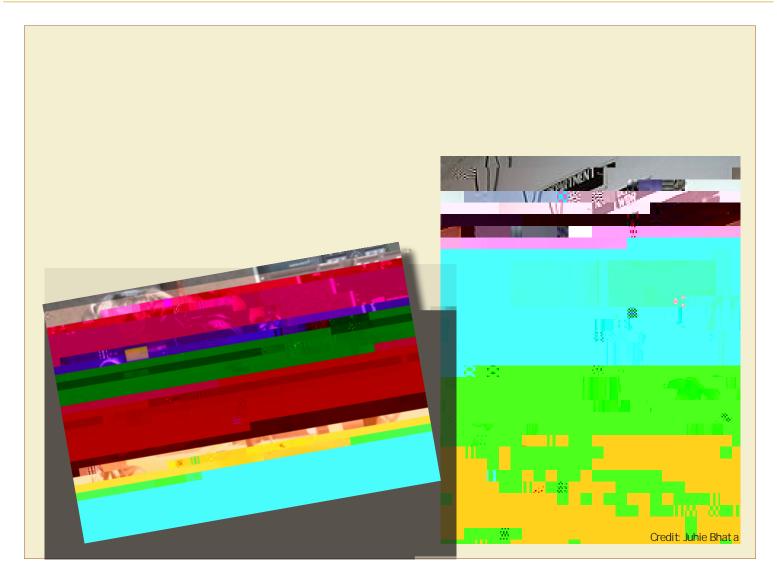
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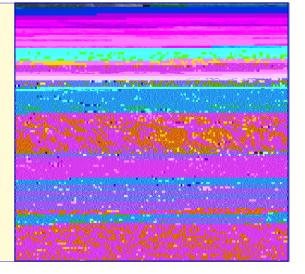
The *Jamaica Observer* paid end-of-year tribute to innercity women who became agents of change through UNDEF-funded leadership training.

End-of-year tribute to Jamaican women after UNDEF-funded training

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News reports focus on UNDEF-funded study of Roma housing plight

A ground-breaking UNDEF-funded study document ng the acutely troubling housing situat on of Roma in seven central European countries has received wide media coverage. The study, covering Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia, was undertaken by the European Roma Rights Centre.



An UNDEF-funded project has launched a guide to developing accurate voter lists in transit onal democracies The handbook is based on a comparat ve analysis of transit onal countries in Europe, including Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, and Moldova. It covers the full range of voter regi gz

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