

**UNOPS contribution to the report of the Secretary-General on the
Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries
for the Decade 2014 - 2024**

Ethiopia

Support to the health sector

UNOPS has a long-standing partnership with the Government of Ethiopia in the health sector, saving intervention at night, and storing of vaccines and other temperature-sensitive products. More generally, UNOPS has already supported both federal and regional governments (ambulances, advance ambulances, clinical vans), laboratory equipment, and medical supplies. Additionally, UNOPS provided Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), COVID-19 test kits, and other laboratory equipment for the Ethiopian Government and the African Centre for Disease Control, which supports the response to COVID-19 in African countries.

Satellite connectivity

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted children's education worldwide. UNOPS and the Ethiopian Government partnered with the World Bank to provide satellite connectivity to selected secondary schools across the country to mitigate the pandemic's effects. UNOPS procured and installed ICT systems and equipment for almost 1,500 schools. This project allows education continuity and high schoolers to take national exams remotely in designated schools throughout Ethiopia in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines on social distancing.

Mali

Rehabilitation of Konna's fishing port

UNOPS, with funding from the World Bank, rehabilitated the fishing port of the city of Konna in central Mali. The project is part of the five-year Reconstruction and Economic Recovery Project (PRRE), initiated following the political and security crisis that affected Mali since 2012, destroying economic infrastructure and leading to massive population displacements. UNOPS successfully rehabilitated the port's hangars and water tanks through intensive activities (HIMO), including women's hiring. This project contributed to the restoration of livelihoods and food security and supported the development of inland fishery. Besides, ownership of the infrastructure by local authorities was achieved through capacity building in management and maintenance.

South Sudan

Improved Access to Safety Nets

330 km of digital cartography of the Centinela Crossing Bioceanic Corridor in Pozo Hondo. Its strategic value is important for Paraguay, as it will transform the Western Region into an international logistics center by becoming the shortest step between the Chilean port on the Pacific Ocean and the Brazilian port on the Atlantic Ocean.