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on-going health and development programmes.

WHO, UNDP, and UNICEF have united to provide the catalytic direction required.

One of the aims of Impact is to add specific, low cost broadly based measures for the prevention of disabilities to

UNDP with its network of 116 developing country field offices, supporting development cooperation in 154 developing countries and self-governing territories, has the immediate on-site capacity to activate the low-cost preventive and ameliorative measures required. This is a formidable team, which others must join. ■■■

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its association with IMPACT India in this Foundation's contribution to human development. ■■■

I congratulate IMPACT India on its decade of dedication and innovation in seeking to avoid disability. The United Nations Development Programme is proud of

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the three collaborating agencies throughout the world. ■■■

The creation of Impact, a cooperative effort of the UNDP, WHO and UNICEF, is therefore a significant step forward. It has been designed to expand, strengthen and integrate specific measures for disability prevention within ongoing health, development and child-related programmes supported by

On behalf of the world's over 150 million disabled children, we look forward to continued co-operation with IMPACT to the goals of empowering the world's disabled children, improve their quality of life, and meet their special needs for making them productive members of society. In today's political and economic climate, no country can afford to have 10 percent of its productive population as a 'burden'. ■■■



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have a lasting effect upon one of the most difficult health and social problems we face, so much of which need never happen. ■■■

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WHO is deeply interested in ensuring the success of this programme. WHO hopes that its future involvement with UNDP and UNICEF in Impact in India and in other countries will



programmes. A particularly impressive innovation has been the Lifeline Express Hospital Train which provides preventive and curative services to populations in rural areas. The Foundation has also developed

During the past ten years, the India IMPACT Foundation has made a notable contribution to disability prevention

imaginative ways of promoting immunization and applying the management techniques and resources of the private sector to disability prevention activities. The World Health Organisation looks forward to another decade of fruitful collaboration with UNDP, UNICEF and the Foundation in our common goal of preventing avoidable disability. ■■■

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