

What the UN Can Do to Assist Non-Self Governing Territories



United Nations

Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples continues to apply (as of 2006)

Territory

Administering Power

Africa

Western Sahara¹

Asia and the Pacific

American Samoa

Guam

New Caledonia²

Pitcairn

Tokelau

United States

United States

France

United Kingdom

New Zealand

Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean and Mediterranean

Anguilla

Bermuda

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Falkland Islands (Malvinas)³

Gibraltar

Montserrat

St. Helena

Turks and Caicos Islands

United States Virgin Islands

United Kingdom

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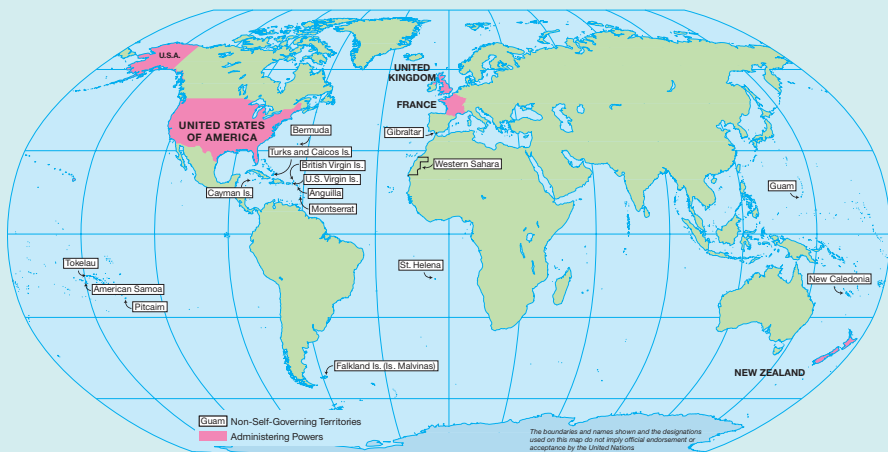
United Kingdom

United States

¹ On 26 February 1976, Spain informed the Secretary-General that as of that date it had terminated its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deemed it necessary to place on record that Spain considered itself thenceforth exempt from any international responsibility in connection with its administration, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory. In 1990, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the question of Western Sahara was a question of decolonization that remained to be completed by the people of Western Sahara.

² On 2 December 1986, the General Assembly determined that New Caledonia was a Non-Self-Governing Territory.

³ A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).



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Under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, the administering Powers of the Non-Self-Governing Territories have the primary obligation to promote the well-being of the inhabitants of these Territories. The administering Powers are also encouraged to cooperate with the United Nations and other associated international bodies in this endeavour, when and where appropriate.

The following is a select list of United Nations bodies that offer assistance to these Territories in the exercise of their right to self-determination and in improving their economic and social conditions:

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■ *The Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples*, known as the Special Committee on Decolonization, offers advice on the options available to the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the exercise of their right to self-determination. For example, the Chairman and other members of the Committee visited Bermuda in 2005 and the Turks and Caicos Islands in 2006 to explain the options to the people of these Territories.

■ The *Department of Political Affairs, Decolonization Unit*, provides substantive support to the Special Committee on Decolonization, prepares annual working papers on the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and maintains the UN website on decolonization. The Department's *Electoral Assistance Division* can provide technical advice on a referendum to decide on the future status of a Territory or to observe the referendum process, should such a request come from the administering Power and the people of the Territory. For example, an electoral expert of the Electoral Assistance Division was invited



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in February 2006, along with members of the Special Committee on Decolonization, to monitor the referendum in Tokelau on self-government in free association with New Zealand.

For further information:

Website: www.un.org/Depts/dpi/decolonization
www.un.org/Depts/dpa/ead/index.shtml

The *Department of Public Information* compiles and disseminates information on the decolonization process. Its latest publications, prepared in cooperation with the Department of Political Affairs, are: *United Nations and Decolonization* (2005) and *United Nations and Decolonization: Questions and Answers* (2005).

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The *Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)* has accepted several Non-Self-Governing Territories as associate members. As associate members of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), which is the permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC, Non-Self-Governing Territories can participate in United Nations global conferences as official observers, receive technical and advisory services, and benefit from training workshops and seminars. The following Territories enjoy associate member status: Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and United States Virgin Islands. In March 2006, the Turks and Caicos Islands was added to the list of associate members of ECLAC.

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The *United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)* has accepted several Non-Self-Governing Territories as associate members of its Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. The Special Body, which meets every two years, provides a focused forum for addressing the special issues and problems facing this group of countries in the spirit of regional cooperation. The Territories are: American Samoa, Guam and New Caledonia. Through their status with ESCAP, they can participate in United Nations global conferences as official observers, receive technical and advisory services, and benefit from training workshops and seminars. Between 2000 and 2005, a total of 17 advisory missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories in economic and social areas have been undertaken by advisers from the UN ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre.

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The *Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS)* can assist those Non-Self-Governing Territories that are small islands and face numerous vulnerabilities and constraints through its mandate to provide coordination in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The Programme of Action focuses on seven areas of commitment aimed at reducing poverty and the promotion of sustainable development. The OHRLLS can provide coordinated follow-up, undertake appropriate advocacy work, mobilize resources and provide support to group consultations of small island developing States.

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United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The *UNICEF Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean* covers several islands, including three Non-Self-Governing Territories: British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

UNICEF programmes in the Caribbean focus on three main areas: early childhood development, including health, nutrition and education; adolescents and life skills, including HIV/AIDS and social investment for child protection which includes policy work; and advocacy and capacity-building within the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

The countries in the Eastern Caribbean and Barbados participated in the regional consultation organized to contribute to the United Nations Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children. The findings highlighted the fact that the existing high levels of physical, psychological and sexual violence against children could reverse the gains achieved so far in the development and protection of children in the Caribbean.

In Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands, UNICEF is working to raise awareness about child abuse. As part of the overall strategy to engage key professionals on issues pertaining to children's rights, UNICEF conducted a workshop in the field of child welfare for teachers in Montserrat that focused on children's rights.

UNICEF is also working with the Social Services Department in the Turks and Caicos Islands for the purpose of assessing accomplishments to incorporate into the CRC State Reports. Representatives from health, education, immigration, nutrition and youth organizations, among others, were trained in CRC sensitization and instructed on the type of data needed for a quality report. The CRC Report will be submitted by the United Kingdom in 2007.

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The *UNICEF Pacific Office*, based in Fiji, covers 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs), including Tokelau. The overall goal of its programme is to work with partners to ensure a better outcome for Pacific children and women as reflected in improved policies and legislation, greater access to quality social services and more accurate data for planning and monitoring. The UNICEF Pacific programme focuses on: early childhood development, including health, nutrition and education; adolescent development, including HIV/AIDS; child protection; rights advocacy and behaviour change communication; and collection and analysis of data related to children and women.



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UNICEF supports the Expanded Programme for Immunization (EPI) for Tokelauan children. EPI aims to ensure that 90 per cent of all children under the age of 5 are fully immunized. Support for training of Tokelauan health workers, including attendance at the annual regional EPI managers' workshop, is provided under the UNICEF immunization programme. UNICEF also supports Tokelau's attendance at Pacific regional workshops on nutrition, early childhood development and child protection issues.

The Pacific Stars Lifeskills programme offered by UNICEF's Adolescent Development team works to ensure that young Tokelauans aged between 15 and 35 years have access to the information, education and services needed to develop the life skills required to make responsible decisions in life and reduce vulnerability to HIV infection. Young Tokelauans were trained as Pacific Stars Lifeskills peer educators in late 2006.

As part of UNICEF's effort to increase country capacity to collect, analyse and make use of information on the situation of children and women, the Tokelau Situation Analysis of Children, Women and Youth was printed in 1998 and an updated report was published in late 2006.

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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)* can provide technical assistance and policy advice in the areas of macroeconomic, financial and fiscal management, production and management of economic statistics, disaster mitigation and resettlement and recovery programmes, and capacity-building in environmental sustainability.

Through its Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC) project established in 2002, UNDP has provided Anguilla with assistance in financial sector supervision and development of risk management guidelines. It also assists Montserrat through the project “Disaster Mitigation, Capacity-building and Institutional Strengthening in Support of Montserrat’s Post-Emergency Resettlement Programme”. UNDP provides non-project support to a number of other initiatives and activities in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

UNDP’s assistance to Tokelau in the Southern Pacific is focused on strengthening the overall capacity for self-government, including funding support for public administration reform, capacity-building and telecommunications, and on addressing critical environmental management challenges with the necessary funding and projects, such as sustainable natural resources management and disaster mitigation measures.

For further information:

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United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

The *Regional Offices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)* can promote intergovernmental policy dialogue and regional cooperation; increase national capacity for environmental management and emergency response; raise awareness and enhance information exchange; and translate global policies into regional action.

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



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The mandate of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)* is to provide international protection and assistance to those who flee their countries of origin because of war or a well-founded fear of persecution due to their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group and who cannot or do not want to return. At this time, UNHCR, working with the World Food Programme (WFP), is providing assistance to Western Saharan refugees in the Tindouf area of Algeria.

For further information:

Website: www.unhcr.org

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

The *United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)* can provide assistance in capacity building to Non-Self-Governing Territories in logistics, forecasting and management of reproductive health commodities, as well as in planning and questionnaire design for population censuses. It can also provide reproductive health commodities.

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Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

The *Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)* can promote coordinated (and locally owned and led) responses to AIDS. Its focus areas are: leadership and advocacy; strategic information and technical support; tracking, monitoring and evaluation; civil society engagement; and mobilization of resources. It brings together the efforts and resources of 10 UN system organizations to the global AIDS response.

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United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

The *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)* can promote international cooperation and offer assistance in the field of education, social and natural science, culture and communication. UNESCO is actively involved in attaining Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly in achieving universal primary education by 2015 and eliminating gender disparity in primary and secondary education. UNESCO's current assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories includes workshops relating to the development of cultural policies (British Virgin Islands) and a World Heritage site (Anguilla), education for sustainable development (British Virgin Islands), media development and media training (Montserrat and Tokelau). The British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands are associate members of UNESCO.

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)* can provide support for sustainable development policies and practices in agriculture, rural development, forestry, fisheries and food security. FAO's assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories is facilitated by its field offices, including the Subregional Office for the Caribbean located in Barbados and the Subregional Office for the Pacific Islands located in Samoa.

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World Health Organization–Pan American Health Organization (WHO-PAHO)

The *Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)* is an international public health agency with 100 years of experience in working to improve the health and living standards of the countries of the Americas. It serves as the specialized organization for health of the Inter-American System. It also serves as the Regional Office for the Americas of the *World Health Organization (WHO)* and enjoys international recognition as part of the United Nations system. The areas directly served by the Caribbean Program Coordination (CPC) in Barbados include Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands and Montserrat.

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The *WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific*, located in Manila, Philippines, represents WHO in the Asia Pacific region. The Office acts as a catalyst and advocate for action at all levels, from local to global, on health issues of public concern. Working together with a broad spectrum of partners from all sectors of society, WHO in the Western Pacific is involved in a host of closely related public-health activities, including research, databanking, evaluation, awareness-raising and resource mobilization. It leads the regional response to public-health issues on all fronts—medical, technical, socio-economic, cultural, legal

and political—towards the achievement of WHO’s global health mission. The Office compiles the health information profiles of American Samoa, Guam, New Caledonia, Pitcairn and Tokelau.

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International Labour Organization (ILO)

The *International Labour Organization (ILO)* can offer assistance in the application and promotion of international labour standards. It provides Non-Self-Governing Territories with technical and advisory services on labour matters. It also invites them, where possible, to participate in ILO-sponsored subregional meetings, seminars and workshops. In some cases, it carries out missions to provide technical assistance and advice.

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