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UNEP field team member at ancient archeological site, the Red City

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In Memory of Linda Norgrove



Linda Norgrove

The death of Linda Norgrove in Afghanistan on 8 October 2010 shocked and deeply saddened her former UNEP colleagues.

Linda, 36, died during a rescue attempt following her kidnapping in Kunar province some two weeks earlier. From 2005 to 2008, Linda was a valued member of UNEP's programme team in Afghanistan. She left to serve in Laos as Head of the Environment Unit, a joint UNEP and UN Development Programme (UNDP) post for the Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI), before returning to Afghanistan in January in 2010 to work for an international non-governmental organization, Development Alternatives.

Among her many achievements, Linda will be remembered for making a pivotal contribution to UNEP's work in Afghanistan. She led the development of Afghanistan's first action plan for climate change adaptation as well as an assessment of Afghanistan's readiness to comply with its international obligations under relevant multilateral environmental agreements.

Dedicated to improving the lives of the Afghan people, Linda is also credited with laying the foundations for UNEP's current community-based natural resource management and protected areas programmes in Afghanistan. Linda, who was known for her generosity and integrity, won the admiration of her UNEP colleagues and many others in the humanitarian community.

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Introduction



UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Buddhas of Bamiyan

Finding Afghan solutions to Afghan problems has been the guiding principle behind the approach of the United Nations Environment Programme to its operations in Afghanistan, where it has had a country presence since 2002.

Nurturing the development of environmental and natural resource management capacity is the overarching goal of UNEP's programme activities in Afghanistan. This includes developing the capacity of key Government counterparts, local communities with whom UNEP closely works, as well as UNEP staff, in particular its national staff, many of whom are now considered as leading national experts in their respective fields.

Whilst much of UNEP's focus is at the national level – building environmental institutions, improving technical expertise, and developing environmental management tools (such as laws and policies) – UNEP ensures that this work is symbiotically linked to its field-level projects, so that lessons learnt from piloting new, innovative approaches at the community level feed into national-level policy development, and vice-versa.

Given that Afghanistan is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world, UNEP prioritizes poverty reduction, livelihood generation and protection of human health in the implementation of its environmental activities. UNEP strives to balance Afghanistan's ecological needs with its human needs.



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Foreword



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