Free Fair and Credible elections remain key to deepening Ethiopia’s Democracy

“Nurturing the seeds of democracy in Ethiopia will depend on a free, fair and credible election” was the key message of Assistant Secretary General and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa: Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa during her February 2021 visit to Ethiopia. She met key government officials to take stock of progress in preparedness for the June 2021 election. UNDP works to support a multi-partner election support programme strengthening capacity of the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia. She also visited Tigray region to assess the situation and raise the profile of needs. For more on UNDP’s elections support, see here.

Video conferencing rooms in prisons keep inmates in touch with family and lawyers in Angola

Angola’s “One word, one virtual hug” rolled out by its Human Rights and Citizenship Center of the Catholic University of Angola, in partnership with the Penitentiary Service of the Ministry of Interior is giving hope to those in prisons. In addition to guaranteeing access to justice and legal support by allowing detainees to contact lawyers, judges and public magistrates, the initiative allows them to receive psychosocial and faith-based support. This partnership with UNDP will reach 26,000 beneficiaries through installation of video conferencing rooms across Angola.

Let’s get to work! How Zambia’s markets are moving ahead –COVID-19 compliant

Keeping business open amidst the second wave of COVID 19 is essential if we are to avoid the contestation between lives and livelihoods. For women in Zambia, the option to revert to lockdowns is just not feasible. Working with the Government of Zambia, UNDP is promoting Safe Markets – adapting existing protocols to safeguard livelihoods. Learn More.

Your Constitution in Local Languages – A celebration of International Mother Language Day in Mozambique

To deepen democratization, and advance inclusion, citizens must know their supreme law in those languages they understand best. This is why, for the first time in the history of Mozambique, the Constitution is available in Cisena and Cinyanja. Celebration of this historic milestone took place on 21 February, as part of International Mother Language Day. This is a step forward for the country’s commitment to multilingual education and diversity, and UNDP is proud of the partnership with the Constitutional Council. https://youtu.be/Qm3rtDrx2TM