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The fragmented character of the informal sector means that actions can only succeed when supported by organization. Here the nexus between local organizations (such as co-operatives) and larger organizational structures (such as co-operative federations) is particularly important in both urban and rural areas (see also subprogramme 4.2). Drawing on the wide experience of the system in dealing with these types of organizations, a concerted effort in technical co-operation will be made to reach all developing countries by the end of the plan period.

The organizations primarily responsible for implementing this subprogramme are ILO, INSTRAW, UNIFEM, the United Nations (Habitat, ESCAP, ECA, ESCWA, DTCD) WFP and UNESCO.

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