UNESCO gives top priority to its education program, which has three interconnecting parts:

- towards basic education for all;
- education for the 21st century; and
- action for progress in education.

UNESCO operates in crisis situations as well. For example, it set up emergency schools for Arab refugee children displaced by war in the Middle East.

UNESCO, which was founded at a conference in London, England, in 1945, was more than 25 years in the making and is the successor to the League of Nations Committee on Intellectual Property.

UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

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UNIDO helps less-developed nations to establish new industries or to improve existing ones. It provides technical assistance, training programs and advisory services. Also, it serves as a clearing house for industrial information, as it collects, analyses, publishes, standardizes and improves industrial statistics.



Universal Postal Union (UPU)

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The people of Switzerland mail more letters and packages than the people of any other nation — an average of 655 per person in 1988.

Since 1988, UNESCO has

given grants to young artists to

encourage all forms of arts and crafts around the world.

The UPU makes the transfer of mail among countries possible.

Member countries agree to deliver mail from other members by the best means used for their own mail.

The UPU is much older than the UN; it was founded in Berne, Switzerland, in 1875, and joined the United Nations in 1947.