

Permanent Mission of India  
New York

**Press Release**

**India supports *El Sistema* in Venezuela**

Responding to a request from Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Government of India (GOI) extended a grant of around USD 1 million under the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for, “*Support for Social Inclusion, Culture of Peace and Resilience of children, Adolescents and Young People Through Music Education*” commonly referred to as “*El Sistema*”.

2. The project strengthens the capacity of *El Sistema*, maintains its operational efficiency and expands its reach to include an additional intake of 100,000 students. The project aims to provide *El Sistema* a much larger footprint as an institution of public policy for social inclusion.

3. India-UN Development Partnership Fund, established by GOI in June 2017, provides support to projects in diverse sectors in developing countries and particularly focuses on those that contribute to Sustainable Development Goals. The Fund attaches centrality to the principles of South-South cooperation and national ownership. It emphasizes on development of local capacity. A sum of USD 150 million has been committed by GOI towards this Fund till date.

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