2024 Survey of Governments on UN operational activities for development

Welcome to this survey on UN development cooperation, requested by the UN General Assembly.

The aim of the survey is to give all countries of the UN development system an opportunity to provide feedback on the performance of the UN development system in support of their effort to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The survey informs the reporting mandated in General Assembly (GA) resolution on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) (<u>A/RES/75/233</u>) and the GA resolution on the repositioning of the UN development system (<u>A/RES/72/279</u>) and will also inform, to the extent possible, the reporting on the 2024 GA resolution on QCPR when adopted. The survey results will serve as an important input to the work of the UN Economic and Social Council which oversees the UN system implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and the continued effectiveness, efficiency and relevance of UN operational activities for development.

The survey is composed of two parts:

The first part is directed at host country Governments, which have a UN resident coordinator office in their country, or are served by one through a multi-country office arrangement; The second part is directed at Governments that provide voluntary financial resources to the UN development system.

Governments that are both programme country Governments and contribute financially to the operational activities for development of the UN are kindly asked to fill out both parts of the survey.

The survey is to be completed by senior government officials responsible for - or closely associated with - UN operational activities for development. We encourage you to consult with relevant colleagues across government who engage with UN entities. A Word copy of the online survey is attached to the email with the survey link and can be shared to support these consultations. Please note, however, that the Word version of the survey is for reference only.

The link to the survey is also included here for ease of access: <u>http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/qcpr2024gov</u>

Please be sure to submit your country's official response online. The survey software may allow the questionnaire to be saved and reopened at a later stage, using the same device and web browser if web-browser cookies are enabled.

Only one questionnaire may be completed per programme country.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the QCPR team at qcpr@un.org. If you are a programme country Government, you may also seek support from the Resident Coordinator Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

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- 1. * Please select your location [drop down menu]:
- 2. Please indicate a contact name and email in case of any technical questions or issues (details will be kept confidential and strictly for use by the survey management team):

First name: [answer box]

Last name: [answer box]

Email: [answer box]

- 3. * Are you a programme country Government (is there a UN Resident Coordinator Office in your country, or is your country served by one through a multi-country office arrangement)?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No

[Skip logic: if YES, proceed to Part I; if NO, jump to Part II]

Part I: Questions for programme country Governments

This survey is administered by the UN Secretariat, through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), which uses the data to report to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of UN system operational activities for development (QCPR). The analysis of the data provides the evidence-base for decisions by Member States and helps to inform continued improvements in the work of the United Nations development system, including at the country level.

Responses and comments to Part 1 of this survey (directed at programme country Governments) are treated in strict confidence and remain anonymous. The reporting does not contain any data or statement from which a reader can identify the source. Responses are typically amalgamated by groups of countries (click here to see figure 1 of the 2024 Secretary-General's report on the implementation of the QCPR for an example of past reporting). As per this use of data confidentiality clause, the UN Secretariat shares, upon request, only aggregate data with UN Funds, Programmes and other subsidiary organs and other UN system entities. DESA will only share the survey responses with the UN Development Coordination Office (DCO), with a view towards making tailor-made improvements to the support provided by the UN country teams and Resident Coordinators. However, DCO will keep survey responses strictly confidential and will not share them with the Resident Coordinators' Offices.

Some of the questions are phrased as statements; in these cases, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

- 4. *Please specify the government institution or Ministry of the primary respondent:
 - □ Foreign Affairs
 - □ Economic Affairs
 - □ Finance
 - □ Trade
 - □ Development planning
 - □ Other, please specify:

A. Support of the UN development system to national needs and priorities

The UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework is the most important instrument for the planning and implementation of United Nations development activities in each country, in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in line with national needs and priorities, to be prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments. The Cooperation Framework has replaced the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAF). Available Cooperation Frameworks in country are available here.

5. Overall, the activities of the UN, as articulated in the Cooperation Framework, and your country's development needs and priorities are:

For countries and territories covered by a UN multi-country office, please respond in relation to the Cooperation Framework and any individual country plans that may be in place.

- □ Very closely aligned
- □ Closely aligned
- □ Slightly aligned
- □ Not aligned at all
- Don't know

Optional comments:

6. The Cooperation Framework has enabled the Government to ensure that the UN activities are effectively addressing/responding to national priorities, including on the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals:

For countries and territories covered by a UN multi-country office, please respond in relation to the Cooperation Framework and any individual country plans that may be in place.

- □ Strongly agree
- □ Agree
- □ Disagree
- □ Strongly disagree
- □ Don't know

Optional comments:

7. Many UN agencies receive financial resources from donors that are tied to specific programmes or projects. These are known as "non-core" or "earmarked" resources. By contrast, "core" or unearmarked" resources are those that are not restricted to a specific activity or project, meaning the UN entity receiving the funds has broad discretion on their use.

Please indicate, in general, the extent to which these different types of resources are aligned with your country's development needs and priorities:

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Closely	Slightly	0	Don't
	aligned	aligned	aligned	at all	know
Non-earmarked/ core resources					
Earmarked/ non-core resources					

Optional comments: Regarding non-core funding, please use the comment box below to mention briefly the key factors that facilitated very close alignment or obstacles to achieving closer alignment, as applicable.

8. All things considered, please indicate whether/how the relevance of the UN to your country's development needs has changed since the reform of the UN development system in 2018:

 \Box Much more relevant

- □ More relevant
- \Box No change
- □ Less relevant
- \Box Much less relevant
- □ Don't know

Optional comments: Please provide comments on any measure that would make the UN more relevant in your country.

9. To what extent does your country agree or disagree that the UN adequately provides: *"Integrated policy advice" in this context refers to policy advice that is offered by the UN country team acting in a collective way, rather than through each agency acting individually.*

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Don't	Not
	agree			disagree	know	applicable
Evidence-based policy advice that						
is tailored to national needs and						
priorities						
Joint integrated policy advice that						
is tailored to national needs and						
priorities						
Technical support in line with						
national needs and priorities						
Support to securing financing for						
the Sustainable Development Goals						
(SDGs)						
Support in developing integrated						
national financing frameworks						
Support to leverage partnerships						
in support of national development						
priorities						
Support for building statistical						
capacities and in data collection,						
analysis and management						
Ontional comments:	•	•	•	•		

Optional comments:

B. Alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which noted that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. In support of eradicating poverty, Member States set out a commitment in the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind first.

10. The UN has assisted your country to:

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Don't
	agree			disagree	know
i. Assess the situation of the poorest, most vulnerable, and those that are furthest behind					
ii. Address the development needs of the poorest, most vulnerable, and those furthest behind					

Optional comments: Please mention briefly in what ways the UN can improve this assistance, if any.

11. Regarding past and future assistance to your country, please select the five most important areas where (please select **NO MORE THAN FIVE** areas in each column):

UN contribution over the	UN assistance will be
past two years has been	required in your country
especially significant in	over the next two years in

	(select the top five SDG areas):	(select the top five SDG areas):
Poverty eradication (SDG1)		
Food security, nutrition and eradicating		
hunger (SDG2)		
Health and well-being (SDG3)		
Education (SDG4)		
Gender equality (SDG5)		
Water, sanitation and hygiene (SDG6)		
Affordable and clean energy (SDG7)		
Productive employment and sustainable		
economic growth (SDG8)		
Industry, innovation and infrastructure		
(SDG9)		
Reducing inequalities (SDG10)		
Sustainable cities and communities		
(SDG11)		
Responsible consumption and production (SDG12)		
Combatting climate change and its		
impacts (SDG13)		
Sustainable use of oceans, seas and		
marine resources (SDG14)		
Sustainable use of land, ecosystems and		
forests (SDG15)		
Peace, justice and strong institutions		
(SDG16)		
Convening and leveraging partnership		
for the goals (strengthening resource		
mobilization, knowledge and technology		
transfer, capacity building, etc) (SDG17)		

Optional comments:

- 12. The Resident Coordinator and UN country team have provided support for needed changes in national policies and regulatory frameworks to advance the SDGs.
 - $\hfill\square$ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

- 13. The Resident Coordinator and UN country team have built the capacity of public institutions and civil society for SDG acceleration.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**

14. Please rate the effectiveness of the UN country team in the following areas:

	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	Very effective	Some- what effective	Some- what ineffec- tive	Very ineffec- tive	Don't know
Food systems transformation						
Energy access affordability Digital connectivity						
Education						
Decent jobs and social protection						
The triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution						

15. Please rate the effectiveness of the UN country team support to your country in the following areas:

	Very effect ive	Some- what effective	Some- what ineffective	Very ineffective	Not applicable - we did not seek any support	Don't know
Implementing national social protection systems						
Mobilizing domestic resources for social protection						
Improving social protection policy, administration and delivery						

16. Please rate the effectiveness of UN development system support to your country in the past year in expanding **targeted measures** of social protection policies and programmes for:

	Not applicable – we did not seek any	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know
	support					
Children and Youth						
Persons with						
disabilities						
People living with						
HIV/AIDS						
Older persons						
Indigenous Peoples						
Refugees, migrants						
and internally						
displaced persons						
Workers in the						
informal and rural						
economy						

Other groups (Please			
specify below)			

Optional comments: Please specify which "other groups", if selected.

17. Please rate the effectiveness of support to your country from the UN development system in the past year.

in the past year.	Not	Verv	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Don't
	applicable	effective	effective	ineffective	ineffective	know
	– we did					
	not seek					
	any					
	support					
Gender equality						
expertise						
Enhancing the						
collection,						
availability and use						
of sex-disaggregated						
data						
Strengthening						
institutional						
mechanisms and						
legal frameworks to						
prevent and						
eliminate violence						
and discrimination						
against women and						
girls						
Implementing						
specific measures to						
protect women and						
girls from gender-						
based violence						

Optional comments:

18. Please indicate whether the UN country team supported your country and if so, how effective the support was during the past year in any of the following respects:

	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	No	Don't know	Yes, very effectiv e	Yes, some what effecti ve	Yes, some what ineffec tive	Yes, very ineffective
To develop a Universal Health Care Strategy, a Policy or Plan							
To increase public/domestic financing for health to ensure financial sustainability, efficiency and equity							
To improve coverage of essential, quality and affordable health services							
In setting measurable national targets towards the achievement of Universal Health Care by 2030							

In strengthening monitoring and				
evaluation platforms for regular				
tracking of the progress made				
towards the achievement of				
Universal Health Care				

Optional comments:

19. The UN development system and/or UN country team has supported your country in the following ways:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	Don't know
Expanding access to inclusive and equitable quality education						
Strengthening of cooperation in science, technology and innovation						

Optional comments:

20. Over the past year, how effective has the UN country team been in providing support in the following areas?

	Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Not	Don'
	effective	effective	ineffective	ineffective	applicable –	t
					we did not	Kno
					seek	w
					support	
Improving						
Improving children's access						
to digital						
-						
learning						
Improving						
digital literacy						
Ensuring equal						
access to						
education for						
and vocational						
training for						
persons with						
disabilities,						
indigenous						
peoples and						
children in						
vulnerable						
situations						

Taking measures towards lifelong learning and reskilling			
Making curricula and pedagogies more relevant			
Equipping the teaching professions and education workforce			
Increasing investment and financing in education			

21. Please rate the effectiveness of support to your country from the UN country team in the past year in the following areas.

	Very effective	Somew hat effectiv e	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	Don't know
Improving digital inclusion and closing the digital divide						
Safeguarding online spaces to be open and safe for everyone						
Governing the development and use of Artificial Intelligence						

22. Over the past year, how effective in delivering impact was the support to your country from the UN country team in the following areas:

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Not applicabl e – we did not seek any support	Don't know
Improving participation of youth in public affairs,						

including in political and civic processes			
Strengthening legal frameworks to improve political representation of youth, including young women			
Addressing the specific needs of youth in the areas of health and social protection			
Re-skilling and upskilling youth for employment			

- 23. Please rate the support from the UN country team to the Government towards meeting the country's obligations under international human rights treaties:
 - □ Adequate
 - □ Somewhat adequate
 - □ Somewhat inadequate
 - □ Poor/inadequate
 - □ Not applicable we did not seek any support
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- 24. With respect to your country's most recent Voluntary National Review (VNR) report/presentation at the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) on the implementation of the SDGs, the following applies with respect to support from the UN development system:
 - □ We requested support from entities of the UN development system in preparing the VNR and benefited from such support
 - □ We requested support from entities of the UN development system in preparing the VNR but did not benefit from such support
 - □ We did not request support from entities of the UN development system
 - Don't know

□ Not applicable - our country has never prepared/presented a VNR *Optional comments:*

[Skip logic, if "Requested support and benefited from such support"]: Please select those areas where the UN provided support to the VNR process (preparation and presentation of report):

- □ Data collection/compilation
- □ Data analysis
- Data disseminations (e.g. national SDG data platforms)
- □ Consultations within the government
- □ Stakeholder engagement
- □ Resource mobilization
- □ Awareness raising for the SDGs
- □ Capacity building for the SDGs
- □ Institutional arrangements
- □ Report drafting
- □ General advice on the VNR process
- □ VNR review and validation process
- □ Other (specify in comments below):

Optional comments:

- 25. If your country presented a VNR in the last three years at a High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), has your country taken follow-up actions on the VNR?
 - □ Yes, we did take follow-up actions and requested the assistance of the UN in their implementation
 - □ Yes, we did take follow-up actions but did not request the assistance of the UN in their implementation
 - □ No, our country did not take follow-up action to the VNR
 - □ Not applicable our country did not present a VNR in the last three years
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**

[Skip logic, If "Yes and UN assistance requested" to previous question] Please identify the area(s) where the UN assisted in VNR follow-up (after presentation of report):

- □ Data collection/compilation
- □ Data analysis
- Data disseminations (e.g. national SDG data platforms)
- □ Consultations within the government
- □ Stakeholder engagement
- □ Resource mobilization
- □ Awareness raising for the SDGs
- □ Capacity building for the SDGs
- □ General advice on the VNR follow-up process
- □ Integration of follow-up actions in the national plans and policies
- □ Monitoring and evaluation of VNR follow-up actions
- □ Other (specify in comments below):

Optional comments:

- 26. The VNR strengthened coordination within your country and increased cooperation among different sectors.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - □ Not applicable our country has never prepared/presented a VNR
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

C. UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework/United Nations Development Assistance Framework

In June 2018, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in which it welcomed the use of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (Cooperation Framework) and defined it as "the most important instrument for planning and implementation of UN development system activities in each country". The Cooperation Frameworks articulate the United Nations' collective response to country needs in their pathway towards the 2030 Agenda and are prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments. The Cooperation Frameworks replace the UN Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAF).

- 27. UN development system's activities in the country adequately reflect the content of the Cooperation Framework:
 - □ Strongly agree

Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree

Don't know

Optional comments:

28. With regard to the main processes involved in the life cycle of the Cooperation Framework, do you agree or disagree that the involvement of your Government was sufficient to ensure national ownership and alignment with development plans and strategies:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
Development of the Cooperation Framework						
Implementation of the Cooperation Framework						
Evaluation of the Cooperation Framework						

Optional comments:

- 29. Please rate the focus on common results among the UN development entities:
 - \Box Adequate
 - □ Somewhat adequate
 - □ Somewhat inadequate
 - □ Poor/inadequate
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- 30. Since the repositioning of the UN development system in 2018, the UN system entities work more collaboratively together:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

31. UNCT configuration is adequately tailored for meeting the specific needs and challenges of the country:

(Note: UN configuration relates to the composition of a UN country team, including both UN entities physically present in the country and contributing remotely. The tailoring of UN country team configuration entails a look at capacities needed to deliver on the outcomes in the Cooperation Framework, be it by in-country UN agency presence and/or from a regional/global base, or other non-physical presence modality.)

- □ Strongly agree
- □ Agree
- □ Disagree
- □ Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Optional comments: Please suggest how the UNCT configuration could be better suited to your country's needs:

32. The UN in your country:

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Allows to respond quickly to needs (flexible)	agree			uisagiee	KIIOW
Is cost effective					
Operates collaboratively					

Optional comments:

- 33. Was a dialogue on needs-based, tailored UN country presence, facilitated by the Resident Coordinator, held between your Government and the UN development system in light of the new Cooperation Framework?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No, but we plan to do so next year
 - □ Not applicable we have not prepared a Cooperation Framework under the new procedures/still using an UNDAF
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

[Skip logic: If Yes to the previous question] To what extent was your Government satisfied with that dialogue?

- □ Very satisfied
- □ Somewhat satisfied
- □ Somewhat dissatisfied
- □ Verv dissatisfied
- Don't know

Optional comments:

D. Resident Coordinators and UN country teams

General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the UN development system decided "to create a dedicated, independent, impartial, empowered and sustainable development-focused coordination function for the United Nations development system by separating the functions of the resident coordinator from those of the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme, drawing on the expertise and assets of all United Nations development system entities, including non-resident agencies".

On 1 January 2019 the transition to the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system was implemented. The new system, led in countries by a strengthened Resident Coordinator, is at the centre of the repositioned United Nations development system. With strengthened authority and impartiality, full-time leadership and enhanced capacities, the Resident Coordinator leads the United Nations country teams' contributions to countries' implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

- 34. Is the role of the Resident Coordinator clear vis-à-vis the role of UN entities in your country?
 - □ Yes, the role is clear and well understood
 - □ Yes, the role is somewhat clear
 - □ No, the role is not clear and responsibilities are often misunderstood
 - Don't know
- 35. The Resident Coordinator effectively leads the UN country team's strategic support for national plans and priorities:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree

Don't know *Optional comments:*

- 36. The Resident Coordinator has sufficient prerogative (authority) to effectively fulfil her/his mandate:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- 37. Compared to before 1 January 2019 that marks the start of the implementation of the reform, vis-à-vis UN entities, to what extent has the Resident Coordinator displayed strengthened/increased:

	To a great extent	To a moderate extent	No change	Too soon to tell
Authority	extent	entent		ten
Leadership				
Impartiality (provides equal,				
fair and objective treatment to				
all concerned)				
Management skills (technical,				
interpersonal and				
organizational skills needed to				
lead the UN country team)				
Capacity to coordinate UN				
activities in support to your				
country's development				
priorities				
Focus on common results of the				
UN system				
Coherence in UN activities,				
reducing duplication of efforts				
Ability to serve as an entry point for easy access to UN				
offer/ expertise across the				
UN System				
ON System		l		

Optional comments:

- 38. The Resident Coordinator has the right profile and skillsets to support your country's development:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- **39**. The UN staff in the country team have the right mix of capacities and skills to support the country's development:

- □ Strongly agree
- □ Agree
- □ Disagree
- □ Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Optional comments:

- 40. The Resident Coordinator helps to minimize duplication of efforts among UN agencies, ensuring the efficient use of resources:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - □ Don't know

Optional comments:

41. In general, is it easy or difficult for your country to access expertise from UN entities:

	Very	Some	Somew	Very	Don't
	easy	what	hat	diffic	know
	/ not	easy	difficult	ult	
	а				
	prob				
	lem				
Physically represented in the country					
Not physically represented in the country					

Optional comments: If you answered "difficult" to either/both, please elaborate:

E. UN regional support

- 42. In general, how easy or difficult is it to access expertise from the regional offices of UN development system entities?
 - □ Very easy
 - □ Somewhat easy
 - □ Somewhat difficult
 - □ Very difficult
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- 43. The UN development system entities at regional level provide support that is:
 - □ Very effective
 - □ Somewhat effective
 - □ Somewhat ineffective
 - □ Ineffective
 - □ Not applicable no support received from entities at the regional level
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

F. Developing national capacities

44. All things considered, how effective has the UN been in developing national capacities to address development challenges?

□ Very effective

- □ Somewhat effective
- □ Somewhat ineffective
- \Box Very ineffective

Don't know

Comment box: Please identify in which areas the capacity development has been deemed effective, as applicable.

45. The UN system uses national systems in carrying out its work wherever possible: *(Note: National systems refers to existing national structures, infrastructure, and services*)

such as financial management systems, national statistics and monitoring systems, etc.)

- □ Strongly agree
- □ Agree
- □ Disagree
- □ Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Optional comments: Please provide an example or best practice of a UN agency using national systems.

46. The UN has contributed to the strengthening of national institutional capacities in the following areas (if such support was requested from your Government):

Tonowing areas (in such support was requested from your Government):						
	Strongly	Agree	Dis-	Strongly	Not	Don't
	agree		agree	disagree	applicable	know
					– we did	
					not	
					request	
					support in	
					this area	
Planning						
Management						
Monitoring & Evaluation						
Data disaggregation						

Optional comments:

G. Strengthening complementarity among humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts

The QCPR specifies that a comprehensive whole-system response, including greater cooperation and complementarity among development, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action, and sustaining peace, is fundamental to most efficiently and effectively addressing needs and attaining Sustainable Development Goals.

- 47. Please indicate which areas of activity apply in your location:
 - Development action, including disaster risk reduction
 - □ Humanitarian action
 - □ Peacebuilding and sustaining peace
- 48. Among the areas selected in the previous question, please assess the level of collaboration among the UN agencies engaged in more than one of the following areas:

Very close	Close	Limited	No	Not	Don't
collaboratio	n collaboration	collaboration	collaboration	applicable	know
			at all		

Development-			
Humanitarian			
Development-			
Peacebuilding			
Humanitarian-			
Peacebuilding			
Development-			
Humanitarian-			
Peacebuilding			

Optional comments:

- 49. The Resident Coordinator has contributed to building stronger synergies across development, humanitarian and peacebuilding interventions:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
 - \Box Not applicable

Optional comments:

- 50. If your country has engaged in peacebuilding activities in recent years, how do you assess the UN's efforts to ensure a continued focus on longer-term development and sustaining peace?
 - □ Not applicable our country has not engaged in peacebuilding activities in recent years
 - □ Very effective
 - □ Somewhat effective
 - □ Somewhat ineffective
 - □ Very ineffective
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- 51. Does the country have national mechanisms to coordinate development and peacebuilding efforts?
 - 🗆 Yes
 - 🗆 No
 - 🗆 Don't know

[*Skip logic, if answered YES to question above*] Are the mechanisms supported by the UN country team?

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Don't know

Optional comments:

H. Climate action

- 52. Has your Government requested policy advice from the UN development system on climate action?
 - 🗆 Yes
 - 🗆 No
 - Don't know

[Skip logic, if YES or DON'T KNOW to previous question] Has the UN provided your Government with policy advice on climate action?

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- □ Don't know

[Skip logic, if YES to previous question] The policy advice on climate action was provided in an integrated manner. That is, advice that is offered by the UN country team acting in a collective way, rather than through each agency acting individually.

- □ Strongly agree
- □ Agree
- □ Disagree
- □ Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Optional comments:

53. Over the past year, the UNCT has provided effective support in:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not applicable – not requested by the host country
Strengthening the capacity of the host country to build resilience to crisis, disasters and extreme climate events					
Implementing integrated policy approaches to mitigate and adapt to climate change					

Optional comments:

I. Reporting on results

Working closely with all relevant UN entities, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office annually prepares a report on the results achieved by the UN country team in the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. The report is expected to be produced in the first quarter of the year, and provide a clear, comprehensive and timely account on results achieved in country.

54. Did the UN Resident Coordinator provide your Government with a report on the results achieved by the UN country team in 2023 in your country? Reports are available online here.

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- □ Yes □ No
- Don't know

Optional comments:

55. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the most recent annual report provided by the Resident Coordinator on your UN country team's results?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
We receive reports on UN results regularly enough to meet our needs	ugree			uibugi ee	

The information in the reports is up to date			
The results of the whole UN system are			
included			
Sufficient financial data is included			
The reporting includes resources leveraged for			
financing the SDGs in the country			
The reporting includes information on			
resources mobilized and delivered by the UN			
development system			
The reporting is structured around the			
outcomes of the Cooperation Framework			
The reporting is linked to national			
development results			
The reporting includes relevant expertise of			
agencies without physical presence			

Optional comments: Please provide any additional comments, including any you would like to make on the reporting from individual UN agencies.

J. Efficiency and Resources Use/Mobilization

56. All things considered, how efficient is the UN in providing its support to your country?

- □ Very efficient
- □ Somewhat efficient
- □ Somewhat inefficient
- □ Very inefficient
- □ Don't know

Optional comments: Please suggest any measures that would improve the UN's efficiency in your country:

- 57. There is a clear division of labour (that is, no duplication or overlaps) among the activities of UN agencies, funds and programmes in the country:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - □ Don't know

Optional comments:

K. Partnerships

- 58. The UN contributed to building the capacity of the country to engage in partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
 - **Optional comments:**
- 59. The Resident Coordinator has contributed to leveraging partnerships in support of national efforts to advance the 2030 Agenda and achieve the SDGs.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree

□ Strongly disagree

Don't know

Optional comments:

60. The United Nations country team engages meaningfully with:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
Parliamentarians						
Civil Society (including NGOs)						
International Financial						
Institutions						
Bilateral development partners						
The private sector						
National human rights institutions						
Media						
Trade unions						
Employers' organizations						
Women groups						
Youth						
Persons with disabilities and their						
representative organizations						
Indigenous Peoples						
Other population groups (at risk						
of) being left behind						

Optional comments:

- 61. Does your country provide development cooperation to other countries (e.g. South-South, and/or triangular cooperation or other peer-to--peer exchange platforms)?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No
 - □ Don't know

Optional comments:

[Skip logic if 'Yes' to question above] Is there a dedicated entity in your country responsible for South-South and triangular cooperation, bilateral development cooperation with other countries of the Global South?

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- Don't know
- 62. Has your country requested support from the UN on South-South or triangular cooperation (for example, on specific projects or capacity building)?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No
 - Don't know

[Skip-logic, if 'Yes'] In the past year, has the UN responded to the request for support on South-South or triangular cooperation?

□ Yes

- □ No
- □ Don't know

Optional comments: Please mention briefly any challenges you have encountered in working with the United Nations system on South-South and triangular cooperation.

63. In the past year, the UN development system has supported your country to map, evaluate and document the following development solutions from countries of the Global South.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
Science, Technology and Innovation solutions						
Other sustainable development solutions (Please specify in comments below)						

Optional comments:

- 64. Has your country received support from the UN development system to organize global, regional, or national knowledge-sharing initiatives on solutions from the South in the past year?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No
 - □ Not applicable we did not request such support
 - Don't know

Optional comments: If yes, how many such initiatives were supported in the last year?

- 65. Has your country received support from the UN to establish or strengthen national development cooperation institutions engaged in South-South or triangular cooperation?
 - □ Yes
 - 🗆 No
 - □ Not applicable we did not request such support
 - Don't know

Optional comments: Please mention any other type of assistance you would welcome on South-South and triangular cooperation.

66. Has UN support for South-South and triangular cooperation resulted in transformational impact on any of the SDGs in your country? If so, please provide 1-2 examples.

L. National Development/SDGs Financing Strategy

An integrated national financing framework (INFF) helps countries strengthen financing and planning processes and overcome existing impediments to financing sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the country level. INFFs lay out the full range of financing sources – domestic and international sources of both public and private finance – and allow countries to develop a strategy to mobilize and align financing for the SDGs, with a view to increase investment, manage risks and achieve sustainable development priorities; identified in a country's national sustainable development strategy.

- 67. Has your country undertaken assessments and diagnostics that present an overall view of the SDG financing requirements in your country?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No
 - Don't know
 - Optional comments:
- 68. Does your country have a financing strategy to finance national development goals and/or the SDGs?

□ Yes

NoDon't knowOptional comments:

- 69. *[Skip logic, if 'Yes' to previous question]* How is the financing strategy supporting SDG acceleration and coherence? Please select all applicable answers.
 - □ The financing strategy supports the implementation of a national development plan that is aligned with the SDGs
 - □ The financing strategy, or specific reforms within it, explicitly supports acceleration of one or more SDGs
 - □ The financing strategy promotes reforms taking into consideration dimensions of sustainable development not considered before (e.g. economic, social, environmental, LNOB)
 - □ Other: [Please specify]

[Skip logic, if 'Yes' to 68 question] Is the financing strategy part of an Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF)?

□ Yes

🗆 No

Don't know

Optional comments:

[Skip logic, if 'Yes' to previous question] Has your country requested assistance from the UN to develop the Integrated National Financing Framework?

□ Yes

🗆 No

Don't know

Optional comments:

[Skip logic, if Yes or Don't know to previous question] Did the UN support your country in developing this framework?

□ Yes

🗆 No

□ Don't know

Optional comments:

- 70. The Resident Coordinator and UN country team contributed to identifying national opportunities for public and private investments at scale to advance the SDGs.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

- 71. Resident Coordinator and UN country team have convened a diverse group of stakeholders focused on the financing mix to advance the SDGs.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree

Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Don't know
 Optional comments:

M. Development partners collaboration

The next questions seek feedback on the areas of UN support in comparison with other development partners.

72. The table below lists the UN system and five other categories of development partners in the top row, and various types of support that they might provide to your country in the left-hand column.

Please select **UP TO TWO** partners that you consider to be the preferred provider of each type of support. In case your country is not interested in a particular type of support, has no preference among the partners, or has insufficient experience with one of suggested partners, please leave the row blank.

	UN development system entities	International financing	Other multilateral & regional institutions	OECD/DAC partners (traditional bilateral donors)	Southern partners	Thematic or alliance- based partners (e.g. The Global Fund)	Not applicab le
Peace & security							
Humanitarian assistance							
Global challenges							
requiring common							
action (e.g. climate							
change, water,							
migration)							
Assisting countries							
through support with							
norms and standards							
Supporting South-South							
and triangular							
cooperation							
Supporting regional or							
sub-regional cooperation							
Mobilizing external							
resources for							
development							
Providing evidence-							
based policy advice							
Providing integrated							
policy advice where							
appropriate							
Sectoral programming							
advice and technical							
assistance							
Strengthening national							
capacities							
Assisting Governments							
in leveraging							
partnerships							
Direct support and							
service delivery							

Optional comments:

73. Please select **UP TO TWO** partners that best satisfy your Government's needs in respect of each of the performance factors (rows) in the table below:

If your Government sees no difference among the partners, please leave the row blank. If your Government has insufficient experience with one or other category of partner, please check that partner in the row at the bottom of the table.

	UN development system entities	International financing institutions	Other multilateral and regional institutions	OECD/DAC partners (traditional bilateral donors)	Southern partners	Thematic or alliance- based partners (e.g. The Global	Not applicable
Is impartial						Fund)	
- r							
Is accountable to recipients							
Is trusted by national partners							
Aligns assistance with national needs and priorities							
Responds quickly to new development needs and priorities							
Achieves planned results on time							
Makes decisions transparently							
Willingly collaborates with other external development partners at the country level							
The Government has insufficient experience with this category of partner							

Optional comments: In your opinion, what can be done to ensure that the UN development system is a neutral, objective, and trusted partner for your country?

- 74. To what extent has the collaboration between International Financial Institutions and the UN in your country improved since the launch of the repositioning of the UN development system in 2018?
 - □ To a large extent
 - □ To a medium extent
 - □ To a small extent
 - □ Not at all
 - □ Don't know

□ Not applicable (International Financial Institutions do not operate in this country) *Optional comments:*

Part II: Questions for Voluntary Contributing Governments

Does your Government provide voluntary financial resources to the UN development system?

- □ Yes
- □ No

[Skip logic: if 'Yes', proceed to Part II of the survey; if 'No', go to final question in survey]

Questions in this part of the survey seek information about voluntary financial contributions made by your country to the UN development system.

Please note that responses and comments to this part of the survey are not subject to the confidentiality clause.

A. Profile of aid allocations

- 1. Regarding the voluntary financial contributions that your Government provides to the UN, is there a policy on the proportion or amount assigned (or to be assigned) to core/unrestricted contributions?
 - □ Yes. Please specify this limit in the comments below.
 - 🗆 No

Optional comments:

2. Does your Government have any plans to increase, by 2025, the amount and/or share of its funding to the UN development system through unrestricted (voluntary, core) contributions to individual UN entities or to UN inter-agency pooled funds, joint programmes, thematic funds or to other loosely earmarked funding modalities?

	Yes	No	Too soon to say/ Don't Know
Unrestricted (voluntary, core) contributions to individual UN entities			
UN inter-agency pooled funds			
Single agency thematic funds			
Regional funding			
Country programme funding			
Flexible contribution to a regional-level MPTF			
Flexible contribution to a country-level MPTF			
Thematic earmarking			
Joint programmes			
Other loosely earmarked funding modalities			

[Note categories of softly earmarked funding as per the revitalized Funding Compact]

- *Inter-agency pooled funds* are co-mingled/pooled contributions to multiple-UN entity funding mechanisms, not earmarked for a specific UN entity.
- *Single-agency thematic funds are* co-mingled contributions to single-entity funding mechanisms to support high-level outcomes within a strategic plan.
- **Regional funding is** a financial contribution to a single agency, fully flexible within the boundaries of a region (e.g. Africa, South Asia)
- **Country programme funding** is a financial contribution to a single agency, fully flexible within the boundaries of a country or multi-country programme

- Flexible contribution to a regional level multi-purpose trust fund (MPTF) is a financial contribution to an interagency MPTF for a specific region, fully flexible within the TORs of the fund
- Flexible contribution to a country level MPTF is a financial contribution to an interagency MPTF for a specific country or multi-country cooperation programme, fully flexible within the TORs of the fund
- **Joint programmes** are a set of activities contained in a joint workplan and related common budgetary framework, involving two or more UN organizations and (sub) national governmental partners, intended to achieve results aligned with national priorities.
- 3. Please indicate which of the following factors and constraints your Government faces in regard to increasing the degree of flexibility of funding provided to the UN development system that is, in shifting funding that is earmarked to specific projects of individual UN entities to more loosely earmarked or unearmarked funding modalities: [Please select all that apply.]
 - □ Restrictive national policies regarding geographical budget allocations
 - □ Restrictive national policies regarding thematic budget allocations
 - □ Need for systemic change that requires time
 - □ Lack of sufficient visibility on the use of the funding
 - □ Lack of sufficient accountability for results
 - □ Lack of confidence in UN activity prioritization
 - □ Lack of political will
 - □ Other (please, specify)
 - □ No constraints exist for your Government in regard to increasing degree of funding flexibility

Optional comment: Please briefly elaborate on selection(s) above.

- 4. Please indicate what actions the UN can take that could support a change in your Government's funding patterns towards more flexible/less earmarked contributions:
- 5. Please choose the option(s) below that *best describes* the position of your Government in regard to earmarked contributions to the UN development system. Please select all that apply.
 - □ No earmarked contributions are made to the United Nations development system
 - □ Loosely earmarked contributions are made to the UN development system
 - □ Earmarked contributions are avoided where possible but necessary sometimes to complement other development assistance our country carries out
 - □ Earmarked contributions are an important complement to core non-earmarked contributions to support country's international development **geographical** priorities (please specify in optional comments)
 - □ Earmarked contributions are an important complement to core non-earmarked contributions to support country's international development **thematic** priorities (please specify in optional comments)
 - □ Earmarked contributions are our country's preferred contribution modality
 - □ Other (Please specify in comments below):

(Optional comment box) Please provide other details about earmarked contributions and priorities for your country, including geographic or thematic where applicable in your response)

- 6. What barriers (if any) has your country encountered in the last four years to providing/increasing multi-year contributions to the UN development system (select all that apply)?
 - □ Legislation requires annual budget approval for overseas development assistance including to the UN

- □ Ministry policy prohibits or limits multi-year funding agreements
- □ Fiscal constraints

□ Reprioritization to bilateral funding

- □ Other (please specify in comments)
- □ No barriers exist to increasing multi-year contributions

Optional comments: (Please specify any other barriers or restrictions on contributions in a multi-year format)

- 7. Since before the UN development system reform (2019) to what extent do you observe a change in cases of UN agencies competing for donor funding?
 - $\hfill\square$ There are a greater number of cases of competition for donor funding
 - \Box No change
 - $\hfill\square$ There are fewer cases of competition for donor funding
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

- 8. Since before the UN development system reform (2019), to what extent do you observe a change in cases of overlap/duplication among the activities being carried out by individual UN entities?
 - □ There are a greater number of cases of overlap/duplication among UN entity activities
 - $\hfill\square$ No change at all
 - □ There are a fewer number of cases of overlap/duplication among UN entity activities
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

- 9. In the last 12 months, has your Government advanced any efforts for harmonization of reporting and visibility requirements on development-related contributions at the country level?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

10. Please rate the importance of the following factors in deciding to contribute development assistance to a selected UN development system entity in a particular country:

Selected factor	Very	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all	Don't
	important	important	important	important	know
The strength of the entity's in-country					
presence					
The best fit in terms of the entities'					
mandates and comparative advantages					
The entity's policies regarding national					
implementation					
The quality of the entity's work, based					
on evidence such as DAC or MOPAN					
reviews, evaluations etc.					
The quality of the entity's reporting on					
results					
The value for money vis-à-vis another					
potential implementer					
The overhead or administrative costs					
charged by the entity					

The level of transparency in the entity's financial reporting			
The commitment of the entity to a coherent, whole-of-system approach to the SDGs, in line with the UN development system reform			
Past history of partnership with the UN entity			
An entity's standing in the country with government partners and/or local civil society partners			

Optional comments: Please mention any other key factors in this regard:

B. Funding the Resident Coordinator System

"Also emphasizes that adequate, predictable and sustainable funding of the Resident Coordinator system remains a concern and is essential to delivering a coherent, effective, efficient and accountable response in accordance with results on the ground to meet national needs and priorities and stresses the need to fully operationalize the three funding sources set out in paragraph 10 of its resolution 72/279 (on repositioning)." GA Res 75/233, OP67.

"Re-emphasizes that adequate, predictable and sustainable funding of the resident coordinator system is essential to delivering a coherent, effective, efficient and accountable response in accordance with national needs and priorities and decides to provide sufficient funding for the resident coordinator system on an annual basis" OP 5, GA Res 76/4 on the review of the RC system.

<u>Note</u>: The current model for funding the resident coordinator system includes cost-sharing by UNSDG entities, Member States voluntary contributions, and a 1 percent coordination levy on tightly earmarked third-party non-core contributions to United Nations development-related activities.

- 11. Please rate the extent to which your Government is applying the 1% coordination levy on applicable contributions (tick the appropriate box).
 - □ Applying the levy thoroughly and consistently
 - □ Applying the levy on most applicable contributions
 - □ Applying the levy on an ad hoc basis
 - □ Not applying the levy on most applicable contributions
 - □ Not applicable we do not provide non-core contributions that are applicable to the levy.
 - □ Don't know

Optional comments:

- 12. Please briefly describe any steps your Government has taken to ensure the 1% levy is consistently applied on applicable funding and well understood by relevant staff, especially at country level.
- 13. Please briefly describe any barriers your Government has with regards to paying the 1% coordination levy <u>at source</u>.

C. Funding Compact implementation

The <u>revitalized Funding Compact</u> aims at increasing quality of funding vis-à-vis increased transparency and accountability for results, setting ambitious commitments by Member States and the UN development system.

- 14. My Government has taken active measures to systematically implement the Funding Compact.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know

Optional comments: Please briefly describe how (maximum 100 words):

- 15. Has your Government given guidance/instructions to its representative in countries to actively engage in country-level funding dialogues convened by the RC?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No

Don't know

Optional comments:

- 16. What are the major constraints within your Government to the advancement of the Funding Compact implementation? [Please select all that apply]:
 - □ Lack of/low awareness/knowledge of the Funding Compact
 - □ Systemic impediments to make changes in funding patterns
 - □ Lack of political will to change funding patterns
 - □ Funding Compact targets are overambitious
 - □ Lack of incentives to change funding patterns
 - □ Other please specify

Optional comments: Please briefly elaborate on any impediments selected above.

D. UNDS repositioning

- 17. Since the repositioning of the UN development system in 2018, the UN system entities work more collaboratively together:
 - □ Strongly agree
 - □ Agree
 - □ Disagree
 - □ Strongly disagree
 - Don't know

Optional comments:

18. Since 2019, the new Resident Coordinator system:

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Don't
	agree			disagree	know
Improved coherence in UN					
activities/reducing duplication of					
efforts					
Scaled-up collective action for the SDGs					
Leveraged the comparative advantages					
of individual UN entities					
Serves as the first entry point for easy					
access to UN offer / expertise across					
the UN system					

Optional comments:

- 19. UN Resident Coordinators convene multi-stakeholder dialogues with government and donors to support and enable policy coherence and policymaking aligned to the SDGs.
 - □ Yes, regularly on key agreed priorities
 - □ Yes, sometimes on key agreed priorities
 - □ Infrequently and on an ad hoc basis
 - □ Never

Don't know

Optional comments:

20. Please rate the importance of the following functions provided by the UN development system for operational activities for development across programme countries:

	Important	Somewhat	Not
		important	important
Normative support			
Policy advice & thought leadership			
Data collection & analysis			
Capacity development & technical assistance			
Convening stakeholders / leveraging partnerships & facilitating knowledge sharing			
Direct support &service delivery			
Support functions (such as operations or management)			
Other (please specify below)			
		-	

Optional comments:

E. Reporting on results

21. In general, how would you rate the quality of the UN development system's reporting on results achieved with the financial resources your Government contributes?

	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Core / unrestricted resources				
Softy earmarked resources for single-agency thematic funds Regional funding				
Country programme funding				
Flexible contributions to a global level MPTF				
Flexible contribution to a regional level MPTF				
Flexible contribution to a country level MPTF				
Resources earmarked towards joint programmes				
Resources earmarked towards inter-agency pooled funds				
Resources earmarked to specific projects of individual UN entities				

MTPF: Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office Optional comments:

- 22. In general, how would you rate the transparency of the UN development system's reporting on results?
 - □ Very good
 - □ Good
 - □ Fair
 - □ Poor

Don't knowOptional comments:

F. Final question

23. (Final question): Please provide comments on any aspect of the survey.