## 2022 Government Survey 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 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 addresses the follow-up to the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on UN development system operational activities, notably the GA resolution on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) and the GA resolution on the repositioning of the UN development system. 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.

This year, the survey is composed of two parts:

- The first part is directed at programme 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 in 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.

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. Only one questionnaire may be completed per programme country.

If you have any questions in regard to 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.

## **Country profile**

- 1. \* Please select your location [drop down menu]:
- 2. \* 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 inform continued improvements in the work of 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 for an example of past reporting). As per this confidentiality clause, the UN Secretariat shares only aggregate data with UN Funds, Programmes and other subsidiary organs and other UN System Organizations. In this regard, please note that the respondents' responses will be shared by DESA with another Secretariat office, i.e., 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. For the avoidance of doubt, DCO will keep the respondents' responses strictly confidential. Further, please note that the respondents' responses will not be shared with the Resident Coordinators' Offices.

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

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

The abbreviation "Cooperation Framework" refers to the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, which is replacing the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). Some of the questions are phrased as statements. In these cases, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement.

4. Overall, the activities of the UN, as articulated in the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF, 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.

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

[Skip logic – if answered 'very closely aligned' to previous question] Please explain briefly the key contributing factors that ensured very close alignment between the activities of the UN and your country's development needs and priorities:

[Skip logic – if answered 'closely aligned', 'slightly aligned' or 'not aligned at all' to previous question] Please mention briefly any measures the UN should take in order to achieve closer alignment between its activities and your country's development needs and priorities:

5. The Cooperation Framework/UNDAF has enabled the Government to ensure that the UN activities are effectively addressing/responding to your 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:* 

6. Many UN agencies receive contributions from donors for specific programmes or projects in addition to their non-earmarked (core) funds. Please indicate how aligned each type of contribution is with your country's development needs and priorities:

	Very closely aligned	Closely aligned	Slightly aligned	Not aligned at all	Don't know
Non-earmarked/ core funds					
Earmarked/ non-core funds					

*Optional comments*: In regard to 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.

- 7. All things considered, please indicate whether/how the relevance of the UN to your country's development needs has changed since the launch of the repositioning of the UN development system in 2018:
  - □ More relevant
  - □ No change
  - □ Less relevant
  - □ Don't know

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

8. To what extent does your country agree or disagree that the UN adequately provides (Answers to this question are also used to report on the Funding Compact between Member States and the UN system):

(Note: "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	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not 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 financing for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)						
Support for integrated national financing frameworks						
Support to leverage partnerships in support of national development priorities						
Support for statistical capacities and data collection, analysis and management						

*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.

9. The UN has assisted your country to:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't 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:

10. 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):

important areas where (please select NO MOKE 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	(select the top five SDG					
	areas):	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:

- 11. Has your country requested support from the UN on social protection systems and measures ?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No
  - Don't know

*[Skip logic – if answered "Yes" to the previous question]* Please rate the effectiveness of the UN country team support to your country in the following areas:

	Very effective	Some- what effective	Some- what ineffec- tive	Very ineffec- tive	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	Don't know
In implementing national social protection systems						
In improving social protection governance, administration and delivery						

[*Skip logic – if answered "Yes" to question no. 11*] 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:

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	Don't know
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 "other groups" if selected.

- 12. Has your country requested support on gender equality and women's empowerment from the UN development system, including to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No
  - Don't know

*[Skip logic – if answered "Yes" to the previous question]* Please rate the effectiveness of support to your country from the UN development system in the past year.

	Very	Somewhat	2	Very	Not	Don't
	effective	effective	ineffective	ineffective	applicable-	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						

13. Has your country requested support from the UN country team towards a universal health coverage by 2030?

□ Yes

- 🗆 No
- Don't know

# [Skip logic – if answered "Yes" to the previous question] Please indicate whether the UN country team supported your country during the past year in any of the following respects:

	Yes	No	Not applicable – we did not seek any support	Don't know
To develop a Universal Health Care Strategy, Policy or Plan				
To increase public/domestic financing for health to ensure financial protection, efficiency and equity				
To improve coverage of essential, quality and affordable health services among the general and most disadvantaged population				
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:* 

#### 14. The UN 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						
Improving digital inclusion						
Strengthening of cooperation in science, technology and innovation						

Optional comments:

- 15. Please rate the support from the UN country team to the Government towards meeting the country's obligations under international human rights treaties:
  - □ Adequate
  - □ Poor/inadequate
  - □ Not applicable we did not seek any support
  - Don't know

Optional comments:

- 16. With respect to your country's most recent Voluntary National Review on the implementation of the SDGs (VNR) report/presentation at the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and support of the UN in this regard:
  - □ 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 the UN assisted"]: 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
- $\hfill\square$  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:*
- 17. With respect to any follow-up actions taken by your country after the most recent VNR report:
  - □ 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 actions to the VNR
  - □ Not applicable our country has never prepared/presented a VNR
  - 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 the VNR follow-up (after presentation of report): Data collection/compilation

- $\square$  Data conection/ct
- Data analysis
- □ Data disseminations (e.g. national SDG data platforms)
- $\hfill\square$  Consultations within the government
- □ Stakeholder engagement
- □ Resource mobilization
- $\hfill\square$  Awareness raising for the SDGs
- □ Capacity building for the SDGs
- □ General advice on the VNR process
- □ Integration of the follow-up actions in the national plans and policies
- □ Monitoring and evaluation of VNR follow-up actions
- □ Other (specify in comments below):
- □ None the UN did not assist in the VNR follow-up

**Optional comments:** 

- 18. 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).

- 19. UN development system's activities in the country adequately reflect the content of the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF:
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - □ Don't know

**Optional comments:** 

- 20. The Cooperation Framework/UNDAF advises on pathways to maximize synergies across the Sustainable Development Goals:
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
  - □ Not applicable

**Optional comments:** 

21. With regard to the main processes involved in the life cycle of the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF, do you agree or disagree that the involvement of your Government was sufficient to ensure national ownership:

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
Development of the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF				
Implementation of the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF				
Evaluation of the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF				

*Optional comments:* 

- 22. In the past year, has the focus on common results among entities of the UN development system at the country level improved (*Answers to this question are also used to report on the Funding Compact between Member States and the UN system*)?
  - □ Strongly agree

□ Agree

- □ Disagree
- □ Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- Optional comments:
- 23. 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

24. UN 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 UN configuration could be more suited to your country's needs:

#### 25. The UN presence in your country is:

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Don't
	agree			disagree	know
Flexible (responds quickly to needs)					
Cost effective					
Collaborative					

Optional comments:

- 26. Was a dialogue on UN presence, facilitated by the Resident Coordinator, held between your Government and the UN development system in light of the new Cooperation Framework?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No
  - □ Not applicable we have not prepared a Cooperation Framework under the new procedures
  - Don't know

Optional comments:

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

- □ Very satisfied
- □ Somewhat satisfied
- $\hfill\square$  Somewhat dissatisfied

Very dissatisfiedDon't knowOptional comments:

#### D. The Resident Coordinator and UN Country Team

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.

- 27. 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:*
- 28. The Resident Coordinator has sufficient prerogative (authority) to effectively fulfil her/his mandate (Answers to this question are also used to report on the Funding Compact between Member States and the UN system):
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - □ Don't know
  - **Optional comments:**
- 29. 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:

	То а	То а	No	Тоо
	great	moderate	change	soon to
	extent	extent		tell
Authority				
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		

- 30. The Resident Coordinator has the right profile and skillsets to support your country's development:
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - Don't know

- 31. 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:** 

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

**Optional comments:** 

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

	Easy	Difficult	Don't
			know
Physically represented in the country			
<b>Not</b> physically represented in the country			

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

## E. UN regional support

- 34. The UN development system entities at the regional level provide effective support: □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree

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

□ Not applicable *Optional comments:* 

- 35. In general, how easy or difficult is it to access expertise from the regional offices of UN development system entities?
  - □ Easy
  - □ Difficult
  - Don't know
  - $\Box$  Not applicable

**Optional comments:** 

- 36. How effective is the support received by your government from UN development system entities at the regional level?
  - $\hfill\square$  All entities provide effective support
  - $\hfill\square$  Most entities provide effective support
  - $\hfill\square$  A few entities provide effective support
  - $\hfill\square$  No entities provide effective support
  - □ Not applicable no support received from entities at the regional level
  - Don't know

**Optional comments:** 

## F. Developing national capacities

- 37. All things considered, how effective has the UN been in developing national capacities to address development challenges:
  - □ Very effective
  - □ Somewhat effective
  - $\hfill\square$  Somewhat ineffective
  - $\Box$  Very ineffective
  - Don't know

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

[Skip logic – if answered 'very effective' or 'somewhat effective' to previous question] Please mention briefly the key contributing factors that have enabled the UN to be effective in developing national capacities:

[Skip logic – if answered 'somewhat ineffective' or 'very ineffective' to previous question] Please mention briefly any measures you would recommend the UN to take to be more effective in developing national capacities:

38. 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. The following question provides a list of such systems.)

- □ 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.

	Agree	Dis-	Don't	Not
	_	agree	know	applicable
National procurement systems				
National financial systems				
National monitoring and reporting systems				
National statistical systems				
National experts in the design of programmes and				
projects				
National institutions in the design of				
programmes and projects				
National institutions in the implementation				
of programmes and projects				
National institutions in the evaluation of				
programmes and projects				

#### 39. Do you agree or disagree that the UN has used each of the following as much as possible:

**Optional comments:** 

40. The UN has contributed to the strengthening of national institutional capacities in the following areas (if 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:

- 41. The UN has contributed to strengthening of subnational and local institutions and capacities:
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - □ Not applicable we did not request support in this area
  - Don't know

# G. Strengthening complementarity among humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts

The QCPR specifies that a comprehensive whole of 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 the Sustainable Development Goals.

- 42. Please indicate which areas of activity apply in your location:
  - Development action, including disaster risk reduction
  - □ Humanitarian action
  - □ Peacebuilding and sustaining peace

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	Very close	Close	Not close	No	Not	Don't
	collaboration	collaboration	collaboration	collaboration	applicable	know
				at all		
Development-						
Humanitarian						
Development-						
Peacebuilding						
Humanitarian-						
Peacebuilding						

43. 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 areas selected above.

Optional comments:

- 44. The Resident Coordinator has contributed to building stronger synergies across development, humanitarian and peacebuilding interventions:
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
  - □ Not applicable
  - *Optional comments:*
- 45. If your country has engaged in peacebuilding activities in recent years, how do you assess the UN 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:** 

- 46. 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

#### H. Climate action

- 47. Has your government requested the 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] Was the policy advice on climate action 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:** 

## I. Reporting on results

- 48. Did your Government receive a report from the UN Resident Coordinator on the results achieved by the UN country team in 2021 in your country? Reports are available online <u>here</u>.
  - $\square$  Yes
  - $\square$  No

Don't know *Optional comments:* 

49. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the last annual report provided by the Resident Coordinator on your UN country team's results? *(Answers to this question are also used to report on the Funding Compact between Member States and the UN system):* 

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
We receive reports on UN results regularly					
enough to meet our needs					
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/UNDAF					
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.

Results-Based Management (RBM) is a management strategy by which all actors, contributing directly or indirectly to achieving a set of results, ensure that their processes, products and services contribute to the achievement of desired results (outputs, outcomes and higher level goals or impact). The actors in turn use information and evidence on actual results to inform decision making on the design, resources and delivery of programmes and activities as well as for accountability and reporting.

50. Does your Government have a national results-based management (RBM) system?

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- □ Don't know

**Optional comments:** 

[Skip logic, if 'yes' to previous question] To what extent has the UN country team discussed with your Government how results achieved by UN development assistance in your country are defined, measured and reported on, with a view to ensuring compatibility between the national and UN results-based management systems?

- □ To a large extent
- □ To a medium extent
- □ To a small extent
- $\hfill\square$  Not at all
- Don't know

**Optional comments:** 

*[Skip logic, if Gov't has national RBM system]* Has your country requested support from the UN country team in strengthening national RBM systems?

- □ Yes, and support was received from the UNCT to strengthen national RBM systems
- □ Yes, however support has not yet been received from the UNCT to strengthen national RBM systems
- 🗆 No
- Don't know

**Optional comments:** 

## J. Efficiency and Resources Use/Mobilization

- 51. All things considered, how efficient is the UN in providing its support to your country?
  - □ Very efficient
  - □ Somewhat efficient
  - □ Somewhat inefficient
  - $\Box$  Very inefficient
  - Don't know

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

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

Optional comments:

- 53. As far as you know, to what extent do UN agencies in your country compete with each other for donor funding?
  - □ To a large extent
  - □ To a medium extent
  - □ To a small extent
  - □ Not at all
  - □ Don't know

- 54. In your opinion, has there been an effort by UN entities in your country to ensure more collaborative and coherent approaches to resource mobilization for UN-supported programmes or projects?
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - Don't know

**Optional comments:** 

### **K.** Partnerships

- 55. 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:* 

#### 56. The United Nations country team engages meaningfully with:

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Don't	Not
	agree		_	disagree	know	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 organisations						
Indigenous peoples						
Other population groups (at risk						
of) being left behind						

**Optional comments:** 

57. 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

NoDon't knowOptional comments:

*[Skip logic if 'Yes' to question above]* Is there a dedicated entity in your country responsible for South-South and triangular cooperation?

□ Yes

□ No

- Don't know
- 58. Has your country requested support from the UN on South-South or triangular cooperation?

☐ Yes

□ No

Don't know

[Skip-logic, if 'Yes'] Has the UN supported that request for support in the past year?

□ 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.

- 59. Has your country received support from the UN development system to map, evaluate and document the following development solutions from countries of the Global South, including through evidence-based research in the past year (please select all that apply)?
  - □ Science, Technology and Innovation solutions
  - □ Other sustainable development solutions (Please specify in comments below):

Optional comments:

- 60. 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?
  - $\Box$  Yes
  - $\square$  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?

- 61. 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.

## L. National Development/SDGs Financing Strategy

- 62. Has your country developed a mapping or framework that presents an overall view of the SDG financing requirements in your country?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No
  - Don't know

*[Skip logic, if 'Yes' to previous question]* Is the financing strategy 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:** 

#### M. Development partners collaboration

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

63. 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 institutions	Other multilateral & regional institutions	OECD/DAC partners (traditional bilateral donors)	Souther n partners	Thematic or alliance- based partners (e.g. The Global Fund)	Not applicable
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				

64. 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	International	Other	OECD/DAC	Souther	Thematic or	Not
	development system entities	financing institutions	multilateral and regional institutions	partners (traditional bilateral donors)	n partners	alliance- based partners (e.g. The Global Fund)	applicable
Is impartial							
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?

65. 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:* 

#### N. Response to COVID-19

- 66. The Resident Coordinator has ensured a coherent UN response to the COVID-19 pandemic (across the health, humanitarian, socio-economic responses).
  - □ Strongly agree
  - □ Agree
  - □ Disagree
  - □ Strongly disagree
  - Don't know

Optional comments:

#### 67. Has the COVID-19 socio-economic response of the UN development system been:

				· · · ·		
Nature of UN	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Don't	Not
response	agree			disagree	know	applicable
Comprehensive						
Targeted towards						
at-risk groups						
Timely						
Effective						
Sufficiently						
coherent with the						
Cooperation						
Framework/UNDAF						
Sufficiently						
coherent with the						
humanitarian						
response (if						
applicable)						

Optional comments:

## **Part II: Questions for Contributors**

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]

This is Part II of the survey of Governments on UN development system operational activities for development. Some questions in this part 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. Contributor profile

- 1. Please specify the government institution or Ministry of the primary respondent to this part of the survey: [Drop down list]
  - □ Foreign Affairs
  - Economic Affairs
  - □ Finance
  - □ Trade
  - □ Development planning
  - □ International cooperation agency or similar
  - □ Other, please specify:

#### **B.** Profile of aid allocations

- 2. 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 comments below.
  - □ No

**Optional comments:** 

[Note:

- *Inter-agency pooled funds* are pooled contributions to multiple-UN entity funding mechanisms, not earmarked for a specific UN entity.
- **Thematic funds** are single-entity funding mechanisms consisting of co-mingled contributions to support high-level outcomes within the entity's strategic plan.
- Joint programmes are a set of activities contained in a joint work plan 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. Does your government have any plans to increase, by 2024, 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
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Unrestricted (voluntary, core) contributions to individual UN entities		
UN inter-agency pooled funds		
Joint programmes		
Thematic funds		
Other loosely earmarked funding modalities		

*(Optional comment box)* Where you responded "yes", please briefly describe these plans, including the scale and timeline:

- 4. Please briefly outline any 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 funding modalities (such as those listed in the table in the previous question).
- 5. Please choose the option below that *best describes* the position of your Government in regard to earmarked contributions to the UN development system.
  - □ No earmarked contributions are made to the UNDS
  - □ 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) exist for your country to implement/increase multi-year contributions to the UN development system?
  - □ Legislation requires annual budget approval for overseas development assistance including to the UN
  - □ Ministry policy prohibits or limits multi-year funding agreements
  - □ No legislative or policy barriers exist to increasing multi-year contributions
  - □ Other (please specify in comments)

*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?
  - □ There are a greater number of cases of competition for donor funding
  - $\Box$  No change
  - □ 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

[Skip-logic: If "greater number" or "no change" was selected in the previous question] Which of the following statements reflect your government's experience (please select all that apply)?

- □ Entity mandates overlap
- □ Programme country/ies has requested the active participation of one or more entities that do not normally lead on the activity
- □ Multilateral development partner has funded the active participation of one or more entities that do not normally lead on the activity
- □ Entities in some countries are unwilling to work together
- □ The Resident Coordinator has had insufficient leadership or authority to prevent overlap or duplication
- □ Other (please specify below):

**Optional comments:** 

9. 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	Not	Don't
	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				
The quality of the entity's reporting on results				
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				

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

#### C. 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.

<u>Note</u>: Included in the hybrid model for funding the resident coordinator system are voluntary contributions and a 1 percent coordination levy on tightly earmarked third-party non-core contributions to United Nations development-related activities.

- 10. 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.

- 11. 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.
- 12. Please briefly describe any barriers your Government has with regards to paying the 1% coordination levy <u>at source</u>.
- 13. Please add any other comments you would like to share on the funding of the Resident Coordinator system.

## **D. UNDS repositioning**

- 14. 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:** 

#### 15. Since 2019, the new Resident Coordinator system:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Improved coherence in UN activities/ reducing duplication of efforts					
Scaled-up collective action that supports the SDGs					
Leveraged the comparative advantages of individual UN entities					

**Optional comments:** 

16. 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 and service delivery			
Support functions (such as operations or management)			

Other (please specify below)		
Optional comments:		

#### E. Reporting on results

17. 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				
Resources earmarked towards joint programmes and inter-agency pooled funds				
Resources earmarked to individual UN entities and specific projects				

Optional comments:

- 18. In general, how would you rate the accessibility of the UN development system's reporting on results?
  - □ Very good
  - □ Good
  - □ Fair
  - □ Poor
  - Don't know

Optional comments:

- 19. Does the annual Secretary-General report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (2022 edition <u>here</u>) and its accompanying Monitoring and Reporting Framework (updated version <u>here</u>) affect your Government's decision on your voluntary financial contributions to the UN development system?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No

*Comment box:* If YES, please specify which elements/sections of the report and/or framework are most relevant for your decision-making.

#### F. Funding prioritization

- 20. Which of the following groups of countries does your government prioritize the most when deciding on your contributions to the United Nations development system (select **UP TO TWO** groups)?
  - □ Least developed countries
  - □ Landlocked developing countries
  - □ Small island developing States
  - □ African countries
  - □ Countries in conflict and post-conflict situations
  - □ Middle-income countries
  - □ Other (please specify in comments)

□ None

**Optional comments:** 

#### **G.** Final remarks

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