

## 2021 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 can 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](mailto: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

\*Please select your location [drop down menu]:

\*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.

1. \*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 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.

2. 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.*

- Very closely aligned
- 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:

3. 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:*

4. 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.

5. All things considered, please indicate whether/how the relevance of the UN to your country’s development needs has changed in the past three years (since the launch of the repositioning of the UN development system in 2018):

- More relevant
- No change

- Less relevant
- Don't know

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

6. 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" 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:

7. The UN Common Country Analysis represents an overview of the country's development context. It is a living tool to identify on an ongoing basis actual and anticipated shifts in the national development landscape. Please assess the **Quality** of this analysis:

- Good quality
- Fair quality
- Poor quality
- Don't know
- Not applicable

Optional comments:

8. The UN Common Country Analysis represents an overview of the country's development context. It is a living tool to identify on an ongoing basis actual and anticipated shifts in the national development landscape. Please assess the

**Timeliness** of this analysis:

- Fully up-to-date
- Somewhat up-to-date
- Not up-to-date
- Don't know
- Not applicable

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):

	UN contribution over the past two years has been especially significant in (select the top five SDG areas):	UN assistance will be required in your country over the next two years in (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:*

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	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	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. 12]* 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 effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Not applicable– we did not seek any support	Don't know
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
- 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
- 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 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). The transition from the UNDAF to the Cooperation Framework is being done at the end of existing UNDAF cycles.*

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

*Optional comments:*

*The QCPR encourages the UN to strengthen joint programming processes at the country level, where appropriate. A **joint programme** is a set of activities contained in a common work plan and related budget, involving two or more UN agencies and (sub-) national partners*

24. Does the UN utilize joint programmes to conduct development activities in your country:

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

*Optional comments:*

*[Skip logic, if "Yes"]:* How would you assess the extent to which the UN development system engages in joint programmes in your country?

- The UN should make more use of joint programmes  
 The use of joint programmes is about right  
 The UN should make less use of joint programmes  
 Don't know

*Optional comments:* Please suggest in which areas more joint programmes could be used, if any.

25. 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.

26. The UN presence in your country is:

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

*Optional comments:*

27. 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
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

*Optional 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 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 is expected to lead the United Nations country teams' contributions to countries' implementation of the 2030 Agenda.*

28. 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:*

29. 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:*

30. 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				
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				

31. 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:*

32. 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:*

33. 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:*

34. 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			

*Comment box:* If you answered "difficult" to either/both, please elaborate:

### E. UN regional support

35. 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:*

36. 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
  - Not applicable

*Optional comments:*

37. How effective is the support received by your government from UN development system entities at the regional level?
- All entities provide effective support
  - Most entities provide effective support

- A few entities provide effective support
- 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

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

- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Somewhat ineffective
- 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:

39. 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 box)* Please provide an example or best practice of a UN agency using national systems.

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

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Not 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				

Optional comments:

41. 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	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable – we did not request support in this area	Don't know
Planning						
Management						
Monitoring & Evaluation						
Statistical capacities and data collection, analysis and management						
Data disaggregation						

*Optional comments:*

42. 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

*[Skip logic, if “disagree” or “strongly disagree”]:* Please indicate ways in which the UN can better support your country in this regard.

## 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.*

43. Please indicate which areas of activity apply in your location:

- Development action, including disaster risk reduction
- Humanitarian action
- Peacebuilding and sustaining peace

44. 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.

- Not applicable as only selected one area in previous question
- Very close collaboration
- Close collaboration
- Not close collaboration
- No collaboration at all
- Don't know

*Optional comments:*

45. 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:*

46. 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:*

47. Does the country have national mechanisms to coordinate development and peacebuilding efforts?

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

## H. Climate action

48. 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**

49. Did your Government receive a report from the UN Resident Coordinator on the results achieved by the UN country team as a whole in your country in the last 12 months? Reports are available online [here](#).

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Optional comments:

50. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about reports 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.*

51. 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
- 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

52. 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:

53. 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:*

*[Skip logic – if answered 'strongly agree' or 'agree' to previous question]* Please mention briefly the key contributing factors that have facilitated a clear division of labour among the activities of UN agencies in the country:

*[Skip logic – if answered 'disagree or 'strongly disagree' to previous question]* Please mention briefly any challenges to ensuring a clear division of labour among the activities of UN agencies in the country:

54. To reduce the workload on national partners, how important is it for the UN development system to take the following measures?

	Important	Not important	Don't know
Use of a Joint Workplan for the UNDAF/Cooperation Framework			
Receive an annual UN country team results report			
Ensuring that agency programming instruments are derived from the Cooperation Framework			
Coordinate capacity-building activities among UN agencies			
Evaluate programming jointly when working across the same thematic area			

UN agencies share office premises			
UN agencies share more services in areas such as procurement, human resources and information technology			

*Optional comments:* Please provide recommendations, if any, on how the UN can support national partners to cope with their workload.

55. 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

*Optional comments:*

*[Skip logic, if answered 'to a small extent' or 'not at all' to previous question]* Please explain briefly any key contributing factors that helped to prevent or minimise any competition among UN agencies in your country:

56. 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**

57. The UN contributed to building the capacity of the country to engage in partnerships:
- Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know

*Optional comments:*

58. 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:*

59. 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 organisations						
Indigenous peoples						
Other population groups (at risk of) being left behind						

*Optional comments:*

60. 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?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

61. 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.

62. 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:* Please mention any other type of assistance you would welcome from the United Nations system on South-South and triangular cooperation.

63. 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?

64. 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

65. 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

*Optional comments:*

*[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 presence and collaboration

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

66. 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)	Southern partners	Thematic or alliance-based partners (e.g. The Global Fund)
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:*

67. 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 Fund)
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						
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*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?

68. To what extent has the collaboration between International Financial Institutions and the UN in your country improved over the past four years:

- 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

69. 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:*

70. Regarding your country's COVID-19 socio-economic response, how effective has the UN development system's support been in PLANNING a response across the following areas:

Pillars of the UN COVID-19 socio-economic response framework	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know	Not applicable
Health First: Protecting Health Services and Systems during the Crisis						
Protecting People: Social Protection and Basic Services						
Economic Response and Recovery: Protecting Jobs, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, and Informal Sector Workers						
Macroeconomic Response and Multilateral Collaboration						
Social Cohesion and Community Resilience						

*Optional comments:*

71. Regarding your country's COVID-19 socio-economic response, how effective has the UN development system's support been in IMPLEMENTING a response across the following areas:

Pillars of the UN COVID-19 socio-economic response framework	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know	Not applicable
Health First: Protecting Health Services and Systems during the Crisis						
Protecting People: Social Protection and Basic Services						
Economic Response and Recovery: Protecting Jobs, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, and Informal Sector Workers						
Macroeconomic Response and Multilateral Collaboration						
Social Cohesion and Community Resilience						

*Optional comments:*

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

Nature of UN response	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not 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:*





Foreign Affairs								
Defense								
Immigration								
Health/ Disease Control								
Justice								
Education/Culture								
Agriculture								
Labor								
Environment/ Climate Change								
Other								

*Optional comments:* If multiple ministries or departments were selected above, please describe briefly how coordination is ensured:

[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.]

5. Does your government have any plans to increase, by 2023, 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
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:

6. 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).
7. 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)

8. Please briefly specify the 1 or 2 most important things the UN could do or improve on that would help incentive your Government to contribute more core and/or loosely earmarked resources?
9. Approximately, what proportion of your core and non-core contributions to the UN development system constitute part of a multi-year agreement?

Type of Multiyear commitment	Over 75%	51-75%	25-50%	Under 25%
Core				
Non-core				

10. 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)

11. What considerations or evidence does your government use to inform and determine aid allocations across different UN entities?
12. 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
  - No change
  - There are fewer cases of competition for donor funding
  - Don't know

*Optional comments:*

13. 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
  - No change at all
  - There are a fewer number of cases of overlap/duplication among UN entity activities
  - Don't know

*Optional comments:*

*[Skip-logic: If "great number" or "no change" was selected in one or both of the previous two questions]* Which of the following statements reflect your government's experience?

- 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:*

14. 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 important	Moderately important	Not important	Don't 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.*

**Note:** Included in the hybrid model for funding the resident coordinator system is a 1 per cent coordination levy on tightly earmarked third-party non-core contributions to United Nations development-related activities.

15. 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.

*Optional comments:*

- 16. 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.
- 17. Please briefly describe any barriers your Government has with regards to paying the 1% coordination levy at source.
- 18. Please add any other comments you would like to share on the funding of the Resident Coordinator system.

**D. UNDS repositioning**

- 19. In the past year, has the focus on common results **among UN agencies** improved (i.e. results achieved from UN entities working together)?
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know

*Optional comments:*

- 20. In the past year, has the focus on common results among entities of the UN development system **at the country level** improved?
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know

*Optional comments:*

- 21. 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:*

22. 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					
Scaledup collective action that supports the SDGs					
Leveraged the comparative advantages of individual UN entities					

*Optional comments:*

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

	Important	Somewhat important	Not 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:

24. All things considered, how effective do you perceive the UN development system to be in carrying-out the following functions **relative to other development partners**:

	Above average	Average	Below average	Don't know
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:

25. Please briefly describe measures your Government has taken towards harmonization of reporting and visibility requirements (across ministries, departments, etc. in your Government) for earmarked contributions at the country level, in line with commitments in the Funding Compact.

### E. Reporting on results

26. 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:

27. 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:*

28. 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 (2021 edition [here](#)) and its accompanying Monitoring and Reporting Framework (updated version [here](#)) 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

29. 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:*

30. With regards to providing earmarked funding to UN development activities that target a specific country, to what extent do the following factors influence your Government's decision on what activities to fund:

	Every time or almost every time	Sometimes	Almost never or never	Don't know
Consultations with the Resident Coordinator and/or the UN country team				
The needs and priorities outlined in the Cooperation Framework/UNDAF				
The target country's National Development Plan				
Existing government strategies/policies on ODA allocation criteria				

*Comment box:* Please indicate other significant factors, if any:

(Final question): Please provide below comments on any aspect of the survey. Also, if you would like to receive follow-up communication on any issue you have raised in the survey, kindly provide your contact details along with brief mention of the issue: