

PROJECT DOCUMENT

Project title: *Establishing and operationalizing the SDG Partnership Platform in Kenya*

Overall Programme Title: The SDG Partnership Platform

Overall strategic objective of the Programme

SDG Partnership Platform successfully operating in Kenya and demonstrating how the power of partnerships can effectively translate the SDGs into action on the ground and thereby guide and accelerate impact, maximize investments, and optimize financial, intellectual and human resource utilization to enhance efficiencies; ultimately, driving collective impacts for people, planet, prosperity and peace, thus leaving no-one-behind.

Implementing Agencies: United Nations Kenya Resident Coordinators Office (UNRCO) through UNDP and UNFPA.

Short description of the overall Programme




Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be as much about the effectiveness of development co-operation as it will be about the scale and form that such co-operation takes. To optimize synergies, build on existing partnership platforms and facilitate scaling up of Public Private Partnership (PPP) flagship programs in Kenya, the UNRCO will initiate the establishment of the SDG Partnership Platform (the Platform) in partnership with the Government of Kenya, UNDP, UNFPA, and potentially other UN agencies (e.g. UNICEF and WHO) and stakeholders. The Platform will take leadership on overarching facilitation, coordination and demonstration of how PPPs can effectively translate the SDGs into action on the ground and thereby guide and accelerate impact, maximize investments and optimize resources utilization;

The Platform will focus on four key strategies:

1. Joint advocacy and policy dialogue to create an enabling environment that helps partnerships thrive.
2. Identify and broker large scale PPPs that align with the SDG themes reflected in the Kenya UNDAF Strategic Result Areas, and drive shared value creation.
3. Raise required investments for the PPPs under 2 above, through optimizing blended financing instruments and redirection of capital flows towards SDG implementation, engaging a wide range of stakeholders from public and private sector.
4. Facilitate monitoring and evaluation, learning and research to inform best and promising policy and practice for SDG partnerships.

Names and signatures of the Participating UN Organizations

Agreed by (signatures):

Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs):	
UNDP Name of Representative: <i>RC/RR, Siddharth Chatterjee</i>	
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1. Programme Summary

While Kenya made substantial progress toward meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), progress has been uneven across goals and within the country. Strides have been made in attaining universal primary education; reducing infant and child mortality and in the fight against HIV/AIDS. However, SDG progress must focus more on socio-economic equity of benefits in order to make sure that Kenya delivers on its SDG agenda leaving no-Kenyan-behind.

The Financing for Development Conference and its Addis Ababa Action Agenda provided a clear clarion call to ensure all stakeholders from diverse sectors including traditional and non-traditional donors (including private sector, philanthropy and civil society) are mobilized to converge on financing for SDG impacts.

The Agenda 2030 is an ambitious aspirations agenda requiring an estimated \$4 trillion annually with a significant gap especially in developing countries and requires “business unusual” innovative partnership approaches to financing. This is further underscored in lower MIC countries such as Kenya which are increasing becoming more bankable and debt worthy and less grant worthy from an ODA perspective. This highlights the need to move from SDG Funding to Financing with the important need to reduce aid dependence and expand blended financing options across a range of partners including impact investors, venture and traditional philanthropy, social bonds and innovative equity offerings. Facilitation of such financing partnerships would be a strategic role that the UN can play through innovative Platform structures that build wide stakeholder credibility in the framework of the UNDAF and in alignment with the Agenda 2030 principles and structures.

Hence to optimize synergies, build on existing partnership platforms and facilitate scaling up of PPP flagship programs in Kenya, the UNRCO will initiate the establishment of the SDG Partnership Platform (the Platform) in partnership with the Government of Kenya, UNDP, UNFPA and potentially other UN agencies (e.g. UNICEF and WHO) and stakeholders to leverage and complement ongoing and planned investments by the National and County Governments.

The Platform will create diverse SDG accelerator windows of which Primary Healthcare contributing to SDG 3 will be the first. Subsequently it will open up new windows to support thematic areas such as early childhood development, agriculture, and skills training and employment etc. The longer-term deliverables will be tailored to and delivered through these respective thematic accelerator windows which will be opened up under the Platform.

2. Project approach - *Establishing and operationalizing the SDG Partnership Platform in Kenya*

The Platform work will be delivered in phases and the first one is aiming at establishing and operationalizing the Platform which will enable to create a common fact-base for Platform members to jointly identify, design, plan, and implement bold transformative initiatives in pursuit of the Platform objectives.

2.1 Project deliverables and the results framework

The Platform through the different SDG accelerator windows will aim to contribute to the results of the following outcomes in Kenya:

1. Enhanced national and county governments’ capacities to steward increased partnerships for the SDGs
2. Increased financing unlocked for attainment of the SDGs
3. Increased Inclusive Private Sector Engagement to accelerate the attainment of the SDGs
4. Monitoring and Evaluation system and reporting processes established in alignment with SDG impact tracking under UNDAF.

5. **SDG Partnership research and learning agenda implemented informing design of best and promising policy and practice in Kenya, the region and globally**

More specifically, with the establishment and operationalizing of the SDG Partnership Platform in Kenya the following outputs are planned to be delivered in this project:

1. **Road map on implementation of the SDG Partnership Platform finalized** in collaboration with existing structures such as the SDG Secretariat at the MoDP, Treasury and relevant Ministries and the Council of Governors as well as other UN, NGO, Academia, and private sector stakeholders.
Related activities:
 - Consultation meeting to develop the roadmap
 - Drafting and final validation of the roadmap
2. **Final governance structure for the SDG Partnership Platform** with specific rules and procedures approved.
Related activities:
 - Consultation meeting to develop the governance structure for the Platform
 - Final approval of the Platform governance structure
3. **Final design of the Platform** endorsed by all the stakeholders; national and sub-national partners
Related activities:
 - Coordination of the inputs from the stakeholders to the final design
 - Final approval of the Platform design
4. **Official launch in Kenya** of the SDG Partnership Platform and roadmap in Kenya
Related activities:
 - Organize an event to present and officially launch the Platform
5. **SDG Partnership Platform in Kenya operational and efficiently coordinated**
Related activities:
 - Identify funding gaps and mobilize adequate talent, expertise, technology, financing, and partnerships for the various activities of the Initiative;
 - Oversee performance of the work plans and expenditure of the budget;
 - Prepare and present to the Steering Committee and Thematic Steering Committees an annual performance report on the Platform's activities as well as progress achieved related to all the projects under the Platform;
 - Facilitate the identification, development, approval, delivery, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and closeout of all projects under the Platform;
 - Facilitate due diligence screening of all potential Platform partners
 - Commission and provide oversight to the project work contracted to consultants, firms and partners
 - Ensure appropriate use of the Platform's resources and accountability of grant recipients;
 - Provide administrative assistance at Steering Committee and Thematic Steering Committee meetings;
 - Maintain the Platform's communications including marketing brochures, publications and its website.

While the Platform will gradually shift from establishment and operationalization (phase 1) to technical implementation (phase 2), the stakeholders and government leadership will be at helm, to guide and steer development forward for efficient, effective and accountably implementation of the deliverables.

During this project phase (phase 1) of the Platform a fully-fledged programme document with a clear theory of change (TOC), detailed results framework, the associated work plans with timeframes and planned inputs from the participating stakeholders will be finalised and endorsed by the relevant stakeholders, including the government.

The SDG3 Primary Healthcare Accelerator Window, however, will already be made operational as a proof-of-concept to inform further modelling and planning of overall Platform strategies and plans, and expansion to other accelerator windows.

2.2 Project management arrangements

The project will be managed by the Platform Secretariat that will be responsible for the overall management and coordination of the project activities. Moreover, the Platform Secretariat is responsible for the operational functioning of the Platform and provides external relations, resource mobilization, technical and administrative support to the Thematic Steering Committees and is responsible for the processes relating to the approval cycle of projects, programme monitoring, evaluation and reporting as well as risk management reporting.

The Platform Secretariat will consist of the following staff:

1. SDG Partnership Platform Advisor – RCO/UNDP
Role: Strategic leadership, oversight and coordination of the Platform
2. SDG Partnership Specialist – RCO/UNDP
Role: Technical support to the Platform Secretariat
3. Coordination and M&E Specialist – RCO/UNDP
Role: Programmatic and Coordination support to the Platform Secretariat
4. SDG Platform Associate– RCO/UNDP
Role: Admin support to the Platform Secretariat

The Secretariat will aim to achieve the specific deliverables and the related activities listed in the section 2.1. However, as has been described in the section 2.1, the Program will be further developed and coordinated with a close consultation and collaboration with existing structures such as the SDG Secretariat at the MoDP Treasury and relevant Ministries and the Council of Governors as well as other UN, NGO, Academia, and private sector stakeholders.

Annex 1 Establishment and Operationalizing the SDG Partnership Platform_Work plan and budget