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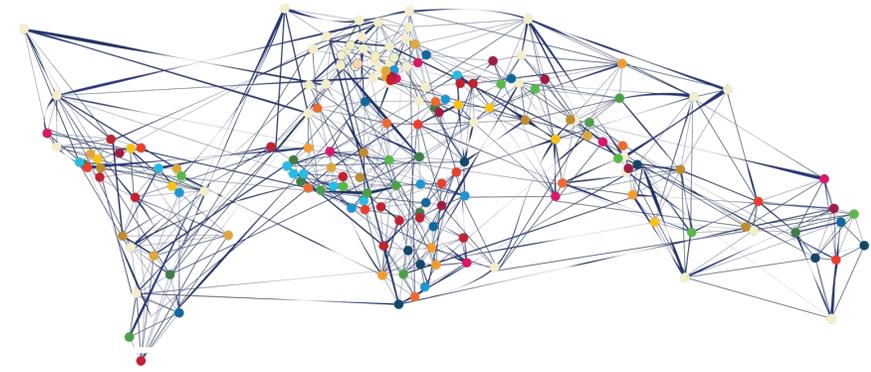
Multi-Stakeholder Forum on pooled funding

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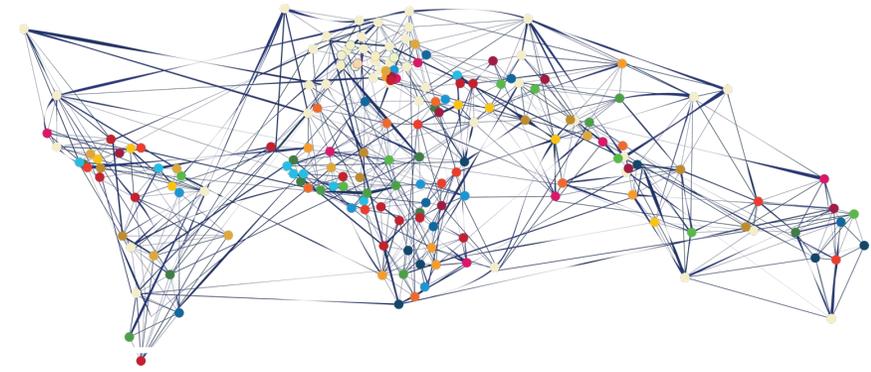
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“The indivisible and interconnected nature of the Sustainable Development Goals has reinforced the imperative for more flexible and predictable funding. While this involves bringing a better balance between core and non-core funding, it also underscores the need to enhance “core-like” resources, such as contributions to inter-agency pooled funds. Inter-agency pooled funds help strengthen coordination and collaboration across entities of the United Nations development system”.



António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, Report on the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2019 © U.S. Mission Photo by Eric Bridiers

Funding Compact: Inter-agency Pooled Funds targets



Member States Commitments

- **10%** of non-core resources for development related activities channeled through interagency pooled funds. **(11.7% in 2020)**
- **\$290 million** annual capitalization of the Joint Fund for Agenda 2030 **(\$78 million in 2021)**
- **\$500 million** annual contribution to the Peacebuilding Fund **(\$192 million in 2021)**
- **100** Member States contributing to development related inter-agency pooled funds **(50+ in 2021)**

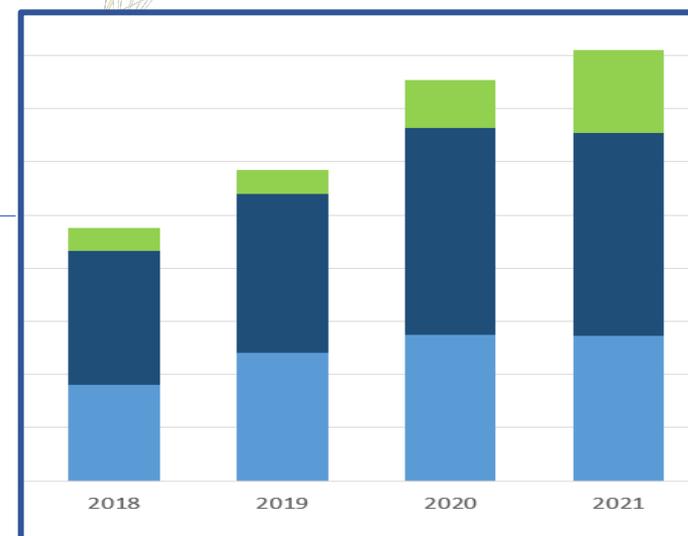
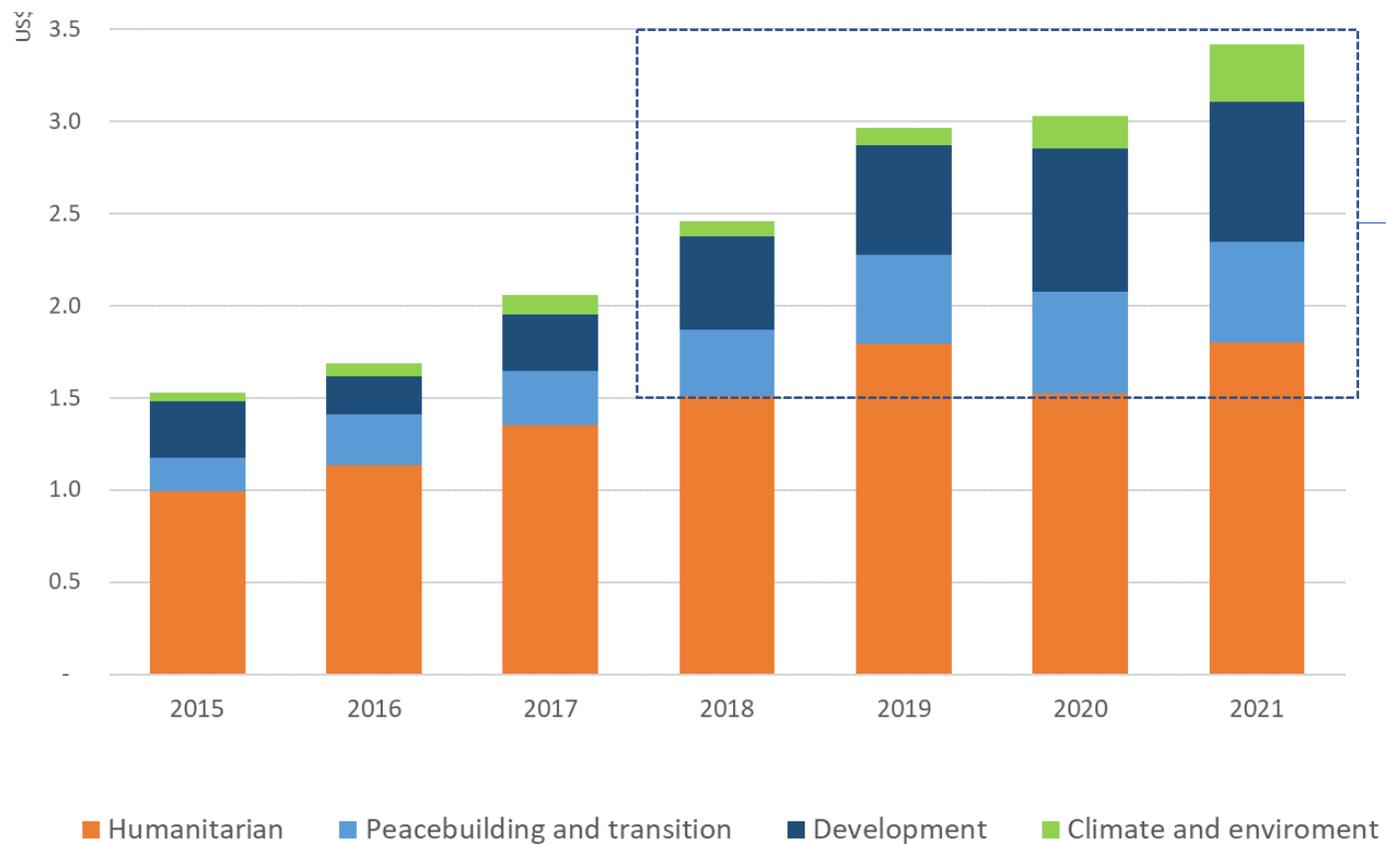
UN entities commitments

- **75%** of UNSDG entities reporting at least **15%** of development related activities on joint activities **(32% in 2021)**
- **100%** of inter-agency pooled funds posting evaluation reports on the UNEG website **(100% in 2021)**
 - **Specific mention of individual contributors** in all results reporting by pooled funds administrators **(MPTFO 100%)**
 - **Common management features** across all inter-agency pooled funds* **(71% MPTFs, 54% Joint Programmes)**

**Common management features: well-articulated strategy, including innovation features where relevant, clear theories of change, solid Results-Based Management systems, well-functioning governance bodies supported by effective secretariats, quality assurance on issues of United Nations norms and values; risk management systems and strategies; operational effectiveness/reporting/visibility/transparency standards; and planning and funding for joint and system wide evaluations that meet UNEG norms and standards.*

Deposits to UN inter-agency pooled funds, 2015-2021

Growth triggered by development pooled funds



Important growth to 3.4 US\$ billion in 2021, highest ever

Recent growth in climate and development funding

Pooled funds were in 2020 11.7% of earmarked development funding

Development



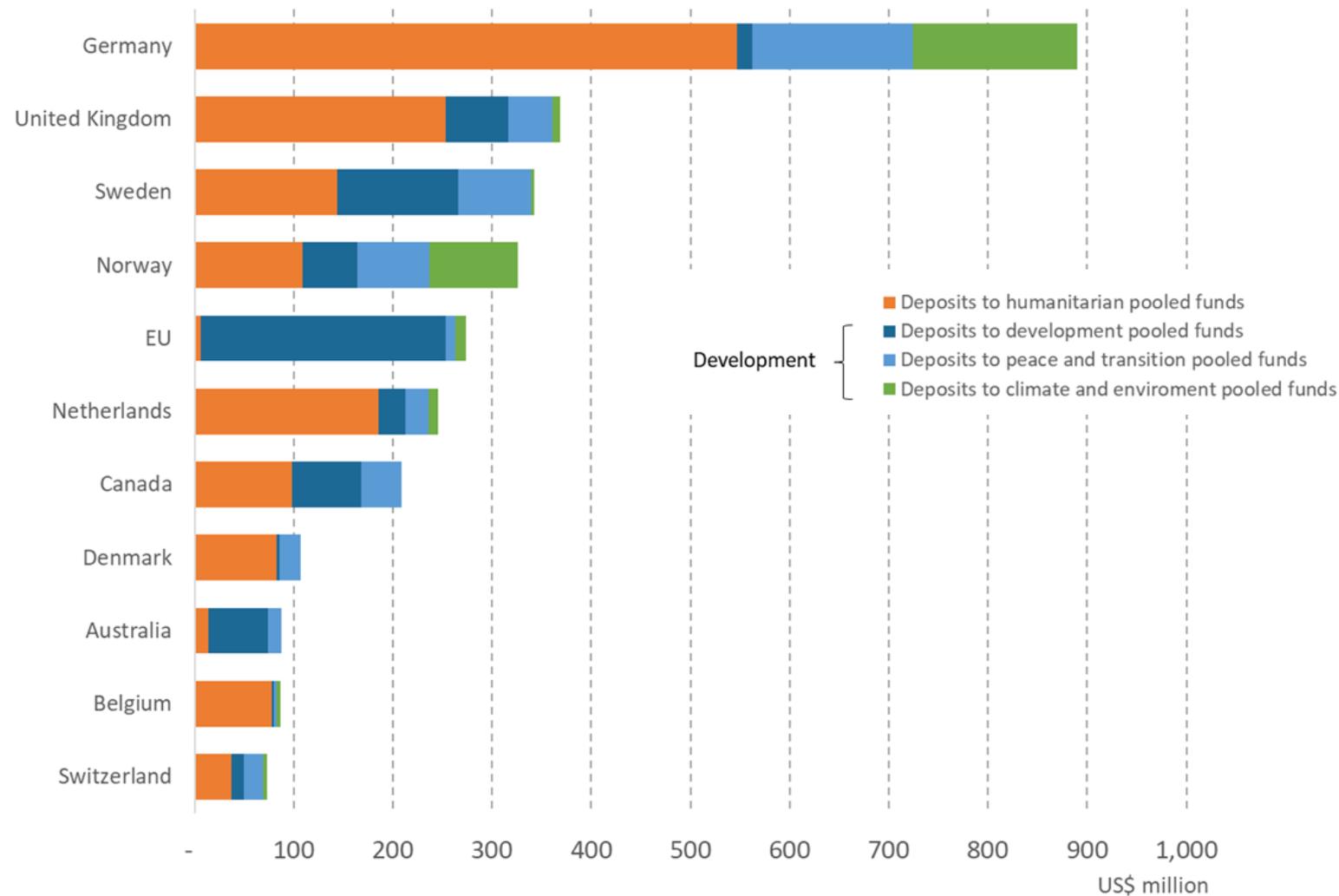
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Top 12 contributors to inter-agency pooled funds, and share of their total earmarked contributions to the UN, 2021

More countries contributing >10% of earmarked to pooled funds

STATUS POOLED FUNDS

23 countries contributed 10% or more of their total earmarked funding to the UN through inter-agency pooled funds in 2020, including the 11 largest MS contributors



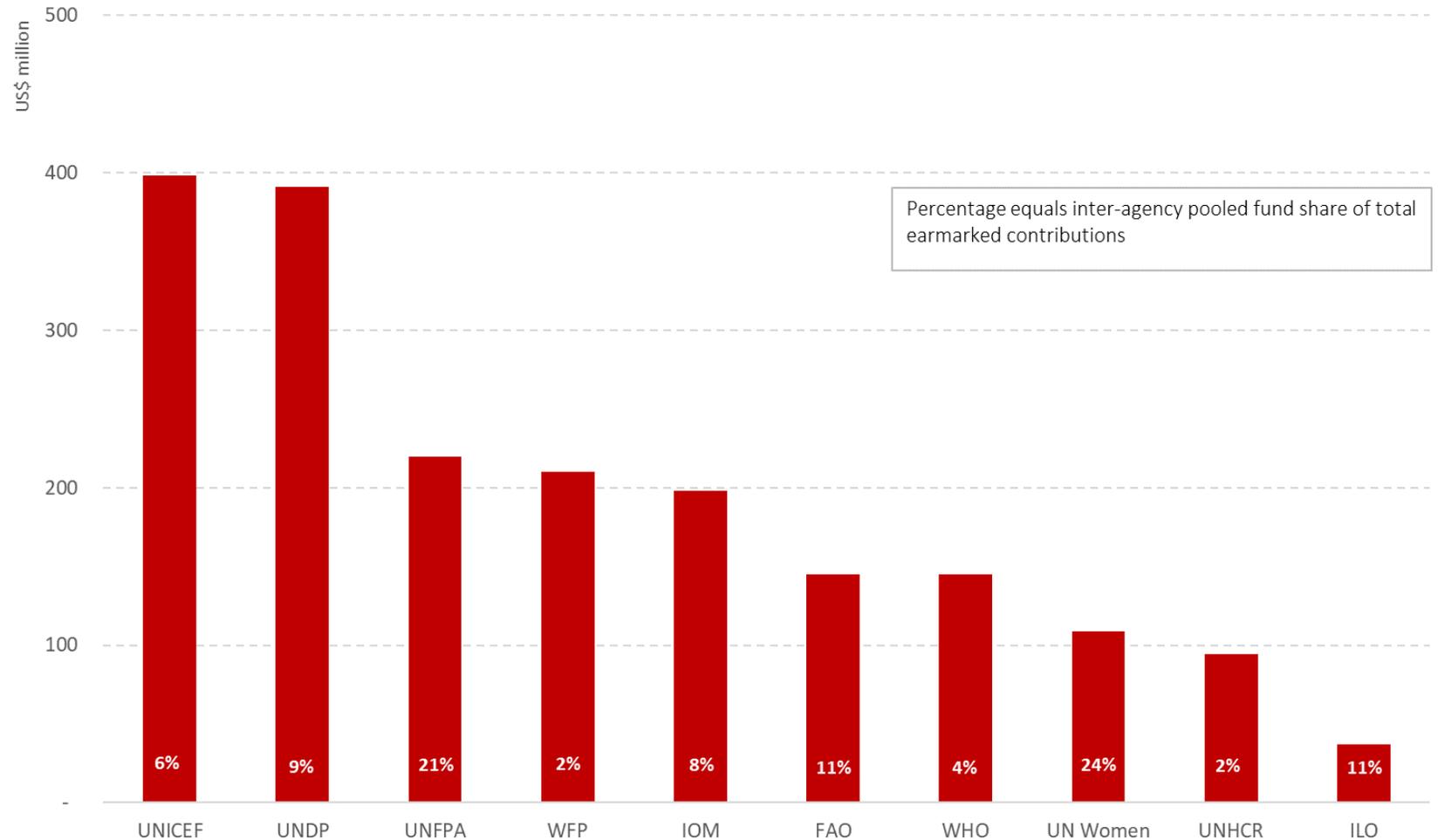
UN entities with highest revenue through inter-agency pooled funds, 2021

Increasing participation by UN entities



STATUS POOLED FUNDS

Some UN entities are already reaching **10% or more** (UN WOMEN, **24%**, UNFPA, **21%**, FAO and ILO, **11%**) of earmarked contributions.



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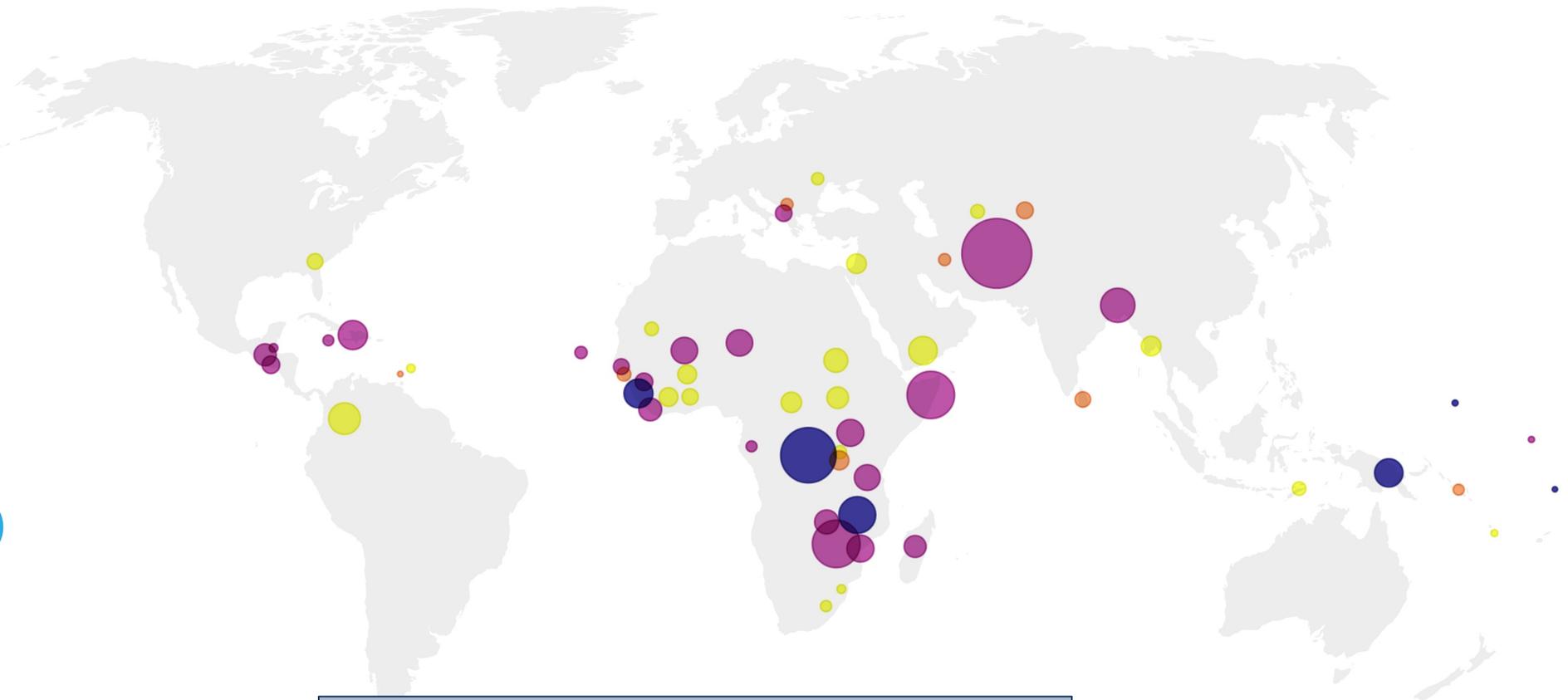
Countries with 10% or more of earmarked development related expenditure from UN inter-agency pooled funds, 2020

More countries with a higher share of pooled funding

share of development related expenditures through UN pooled funds

■ < 15% ■ 15–20% ■ 20–50% ■ ≥ 50%

37 countries with 15% or more of earmarked development expenditure through inter-agency pooled funds (28 in 2018)



[Link to interactive data visualization](#)



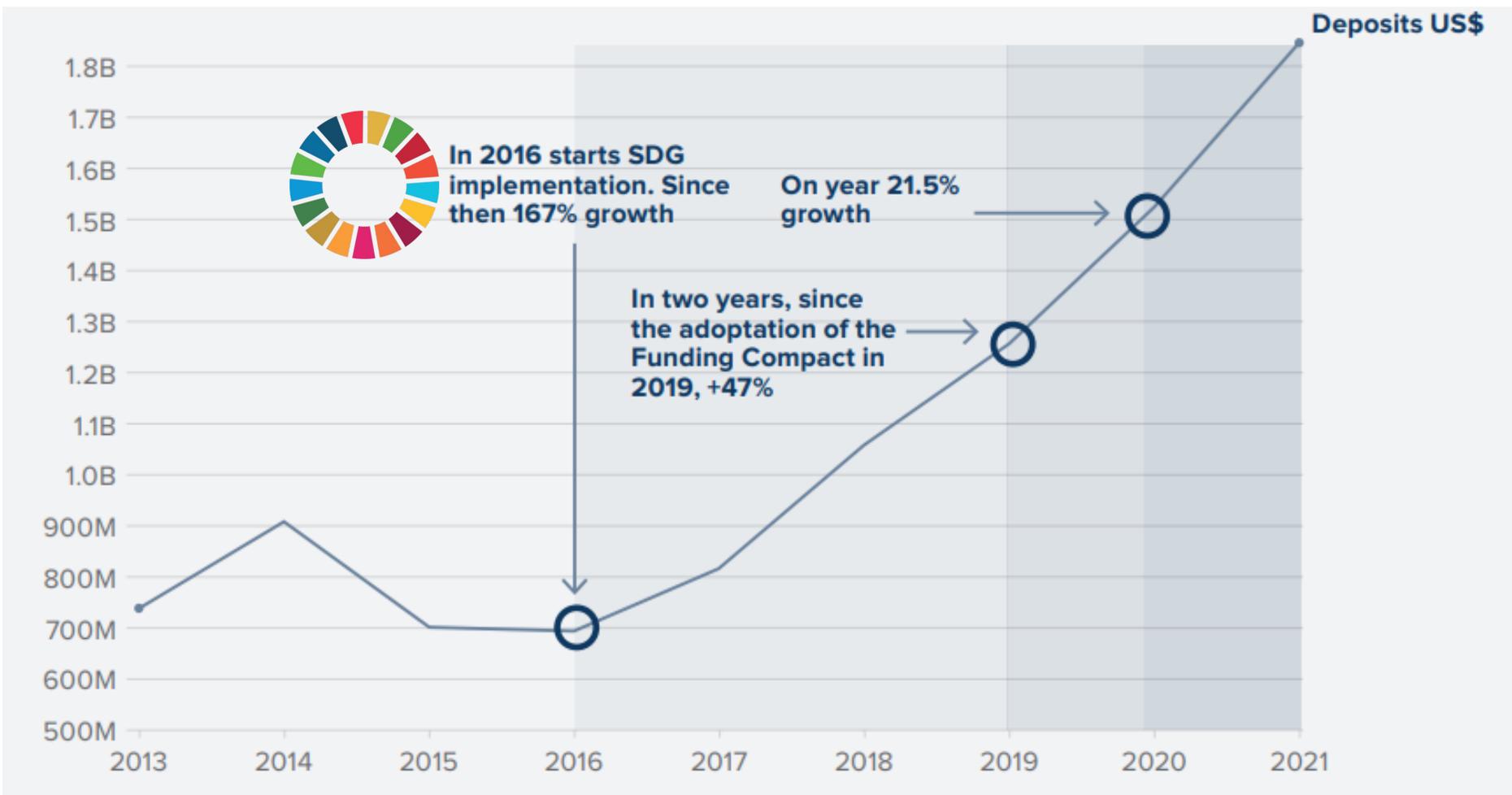
Deposits to MPTFO Pooled Funds, 2013-2021

Growth triggered by SDGs, UN Reform, Funding Compact



Contributions 2013-2021 and % rates

Growth is aligned with key policy developments: SDGs, Funding Compact and UN Reform overall



Contributors 2021

Increase to 54 countries contributing in 2021 (34 in 2019)

Thank you 2021 Contributors to MPTF Office administered pooled funds



Albania



Argentina



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Canada



Croatia



Cyprus



Czechia



Denmark



Egypt



Estonia



European Union



Finland



France



Germany



Greece



Guyana



Hungary



Iceland



India



Indonesia



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Netherlands



New Zealand



Norway



Pakistan



Philippines



Poland



Portugal



Republic of Korea



Romania



Russian Federation



Slovakia



Spain



St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Sweden



Switzerland



Thailand



Turkey



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Uzbekistan



Foundations



Private Sector

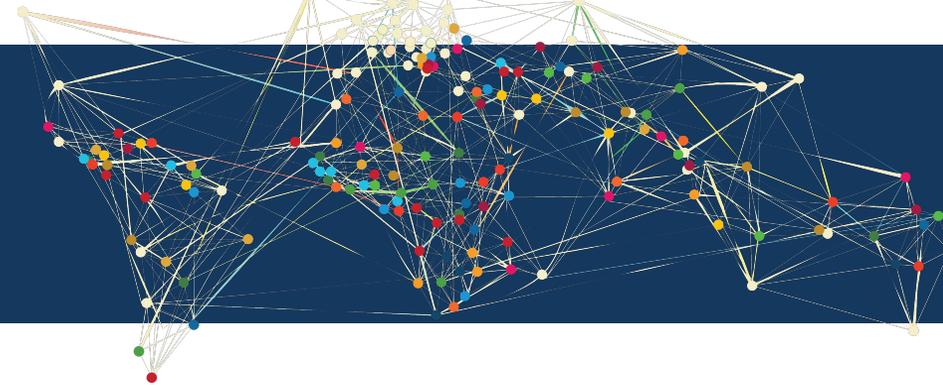


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Progress in funding diversification

Progress towards widening donor base



54 Member States, plus the EU

**(38 in 2019;
49 in 2020)**



25 Non-OECD DAC countries (1 country for in country funds)

**(13+1 in 2019;
19+2 in 2020)**



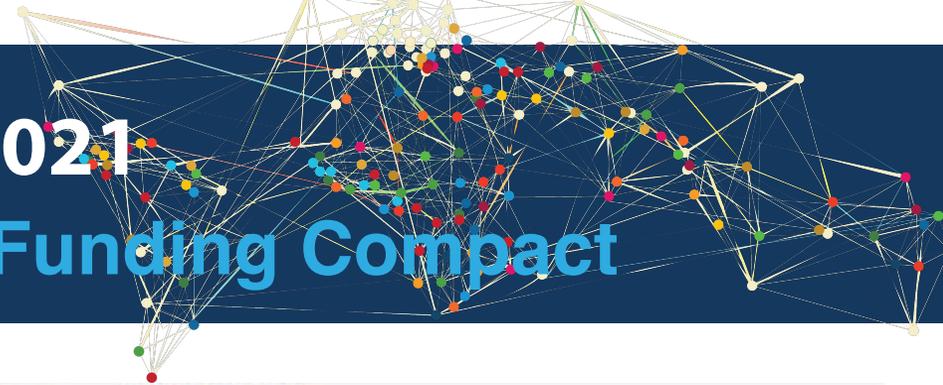
**Doubled private sector contributions
11.6 M**

**(4M in 2019;
5.7M in 2020)**



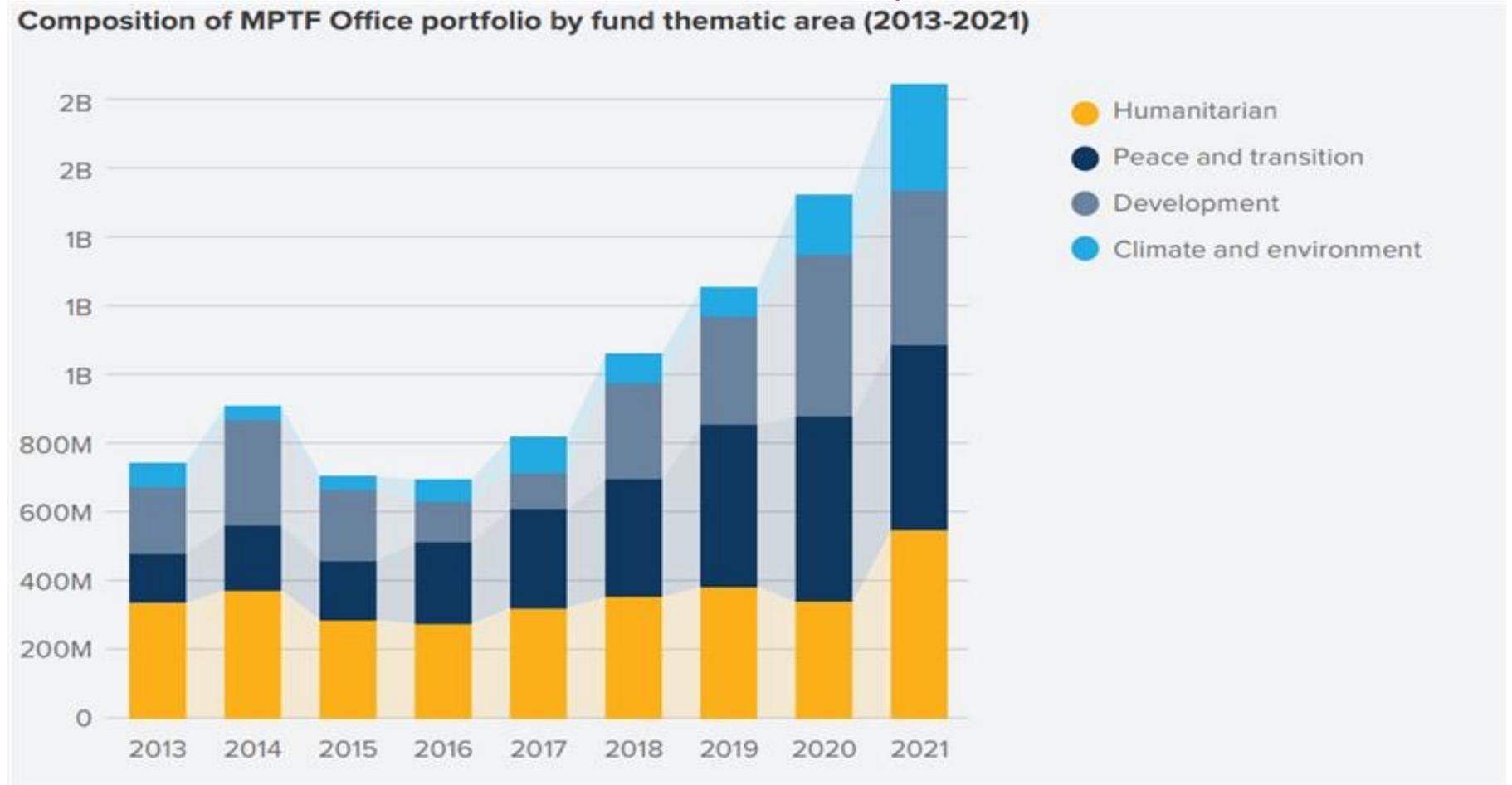
MPTFO Portfolio composition, 2013-2021

Growth triggered by SDGs, UN Reform, Funding Compact



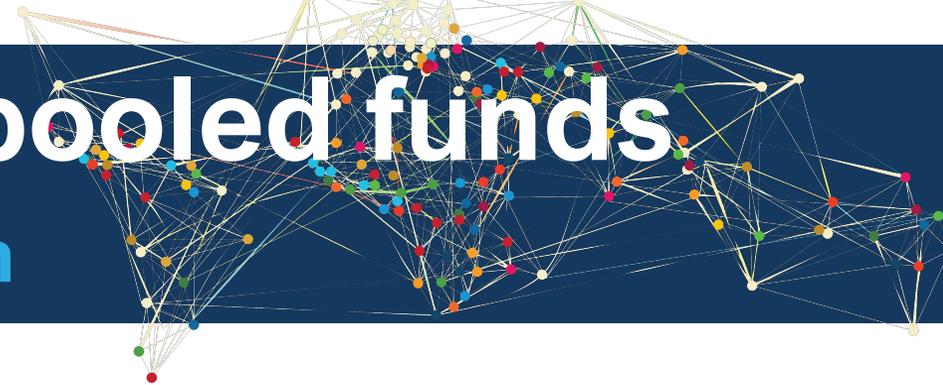
BALANCED PORTFOLIO

Portfolio growth across humanitarian, development, peace and climate funds



Map of SDG country-level pooled funds

Relatively few funds but continued growth

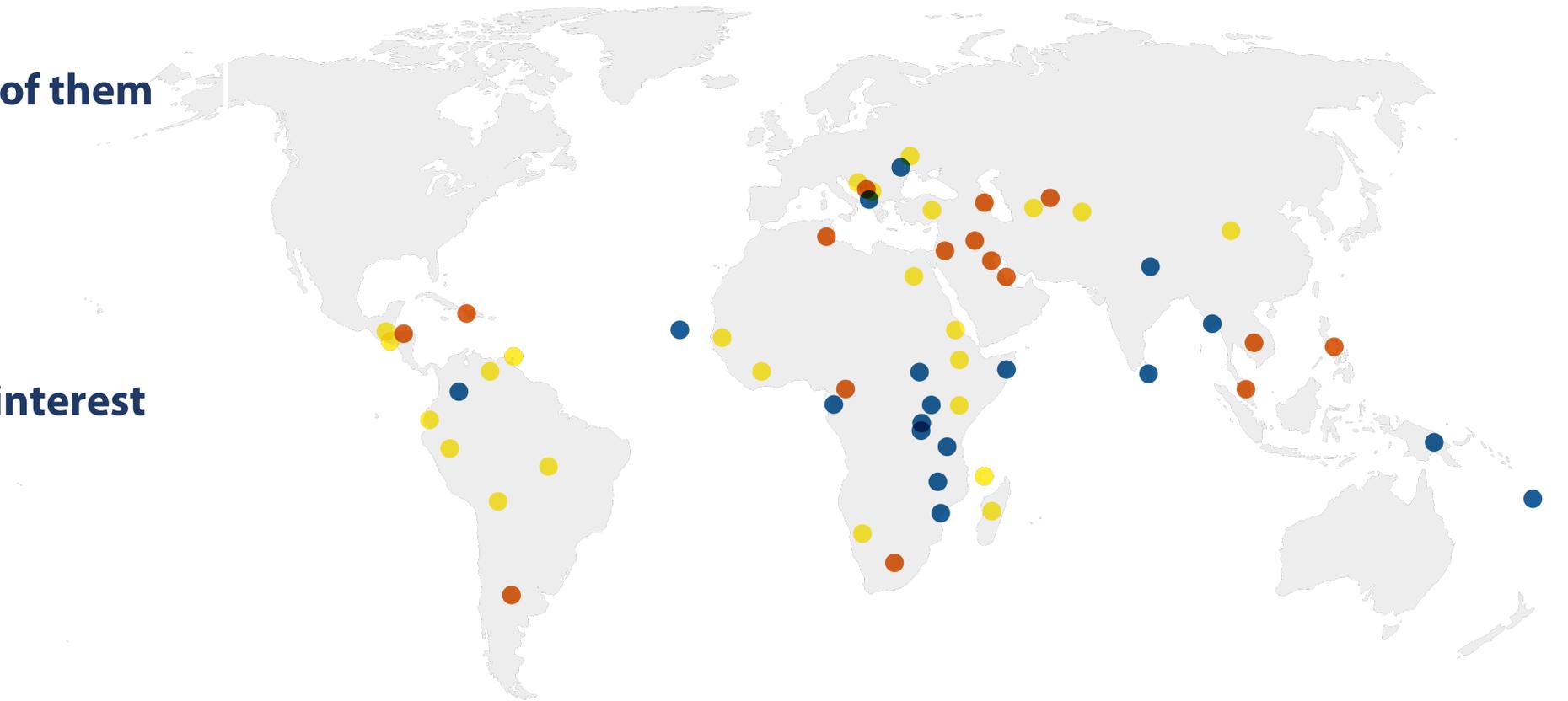


■ Existing fund ■ In design ■ With expression of interest

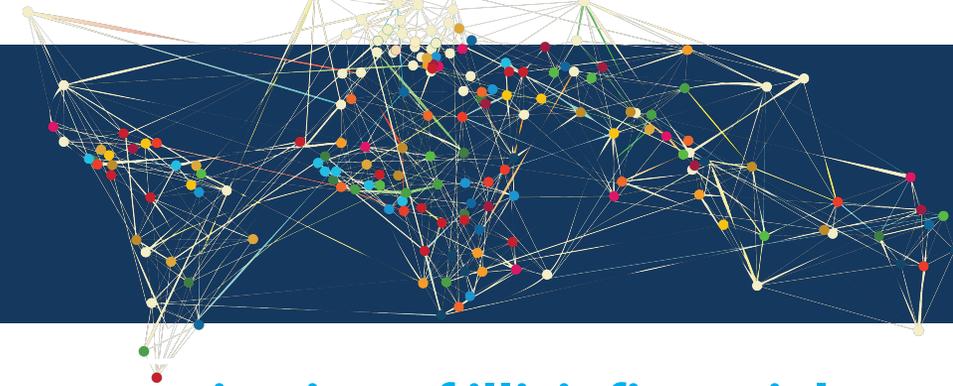
22 existing funds, one of them regional (Pacific)

17 in design

25 with expression of interest



New Funding streams



- Pooled funds as tools for a **development approach on restitution of illicit financial flows** (Equatorial Guinea MPTF, Uzbekistan Vision 2030 Fund)
- Pooled funds as partnership platforms bringing together UN, bilateral, multilateral, with **private sector as contributor** (Road Safety Trust Fund, Kenya SDG Partnership Platform MPTF)
- **Pooled funds leveraging private investment for SDG acceleration at scale** (Global Fund for Coral Reefs; Joint SDG Fund)



Common Management Features across pooled funds

***Common management features:** well-articulated strategy, including innovation features where relevant, clear theories of change, solid Results-Based Management systems, well-functioning governance bodies supported by effective secretariats, quality assurance on issues of United Nations norms and values; risk management systems and strategies; operational effectiveness/reporting/visibility/transparency standards; and planning and funding for joint and system wide evaluations that meet UNEG norms and standards.



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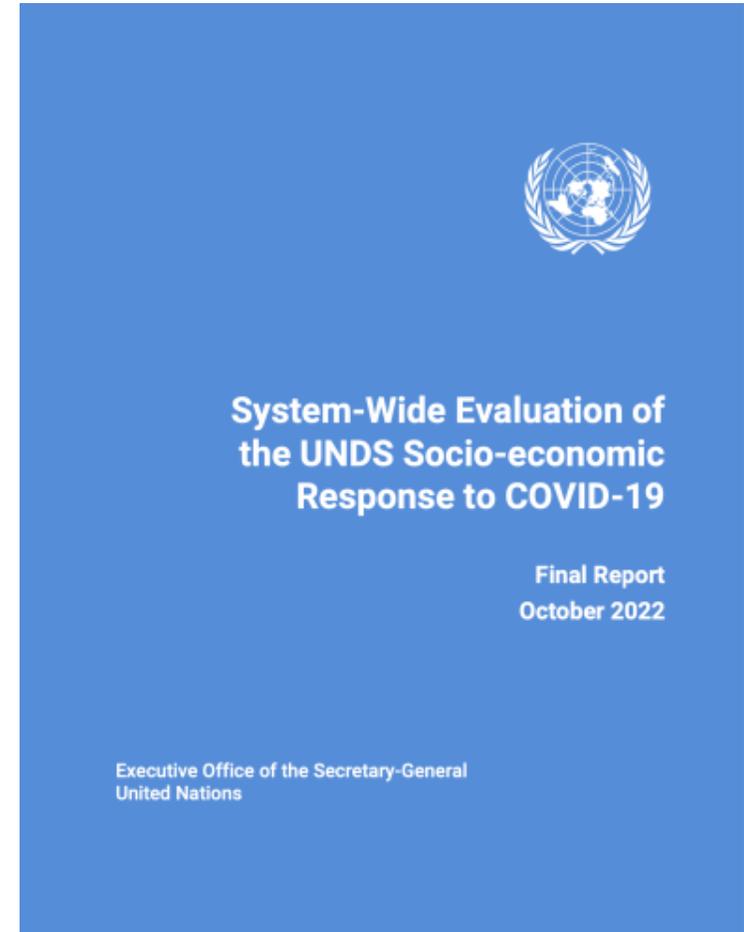
Featured fundings and lessons learned

POSITIVE ASPECTS

- Funds reviewed (COVID-19 MPTF, JSDGF and Spotlight) demonstrated the **overall utility of pooled funding mechanisms in supporting a more cohesive response.**
- Valued by participating organizations as a mechanism for engaging in **innovative programming.**
- Facilitated **new partnerships among UNCT entities** which may have lasting impacts on collaboration.
- **Influence and leverage** much larger investments by bilateral development partners and development banks.

CHALLENGING ASPECTS

- **Limited resources available** resulted in limited visibility.
- **Project allocations remain small** in relation to the level of effort required to successfully propose, implement and report on joint programmes.
- Development partners haven't fully met **Funding Compact commitments.**
- Pooled funds use is often **not commensurate** with the resulting financial resources.



System-Wide Evaluation of UNDS socio-economic response to COVID-19

Pooled funding related recommendations



System-Wide Evaluation of the UNDS Socio-economic Response to COVID-19

Final Report
October 2022

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3. Strengthen potential and impact of pooled funds for SDG acceleration and development emergency response

- Work with MS to align pooled fund contributions with Funding Compact
- Ensure streamlined procedures/formats across global thematic funds to decrease administrative and other burdens on UNCTs/
- Help UNCTs to strategically access and employ pooled funds.
- Facilitate funding to country-specific pooled funds at responding development emergencies and accelerating progress to SDGs.

6. Participation and contribution of UNCT entities without physical presence at country level in pooled funds and other forms joint programming

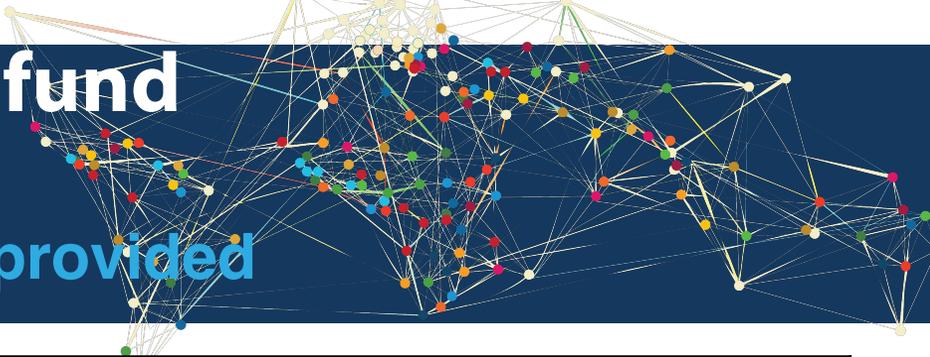


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Transaction costs profile for an average fund

(15 contributors, 15 organizations and 25 programmes)

Legal agreements to be signed and reports to be provided



	SAMPLE FUND	Using bilateral project funding funds
Agreements Donors – Agencies (SAAs)	15 (one per contributor with trustee)	225 (One per each participating agency if signed at the global level – 15x15) or 1125 (one per contributor, per agency involved in each project if signed at the project level – 25 programmes x 3 PUNOs x 15 contributors)
Agreements Agencies – Agencies (MOUs)	15 (one per participating organization with trustee)	75 (One per each of the 25 projects with 3 entities averages)
Reports to Donors	1 annual report	25 reports, one per programme
Monitoring costs	One platform with all information	15 platforms that contributors will need to use for monitoring financials



COP-27 announcements



Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure launched the US\$ 50 million Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund (IRAF) supported by India, UK, Australia and EU

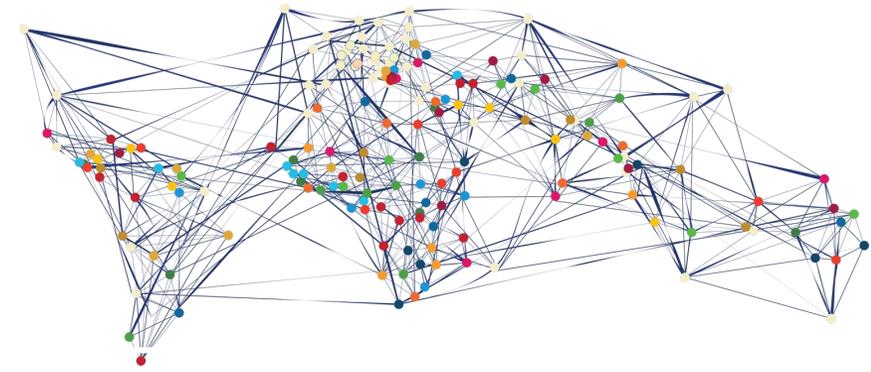
Amazon Multi-Partner Trust Fund to be launched with the purpose of strengthening its capacity to face the triple planetary crisis, mitigating its participation in the causes and reducing the adverse environmental, social and economic effects on its territory.

Central African Forest Initiative announcement at World Leaders Summit

- Project to support private sector investment in the Congo Basin by the creation of an investment tranche in the Dutch investment fund & Green Fund, at least USD 120 million in commitments
- Forest performance bonds in Central Africa developed in cooperation with the Green Climate Fund development



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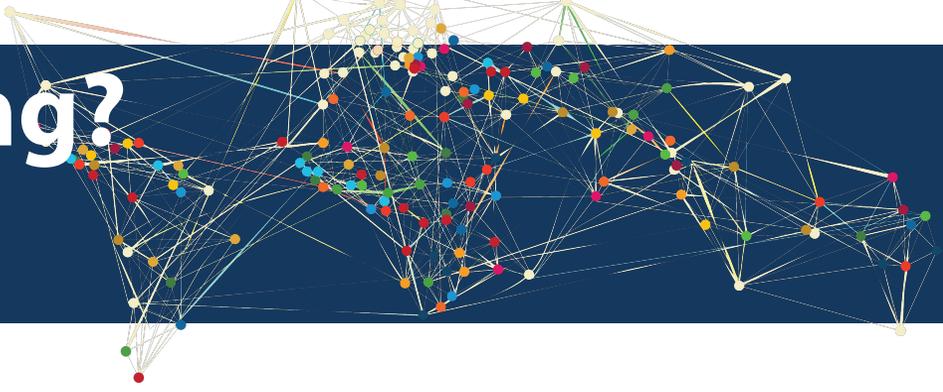
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Why inter-agency pooled funding?



Excerpt from the ECOSOC Session (May 2022):

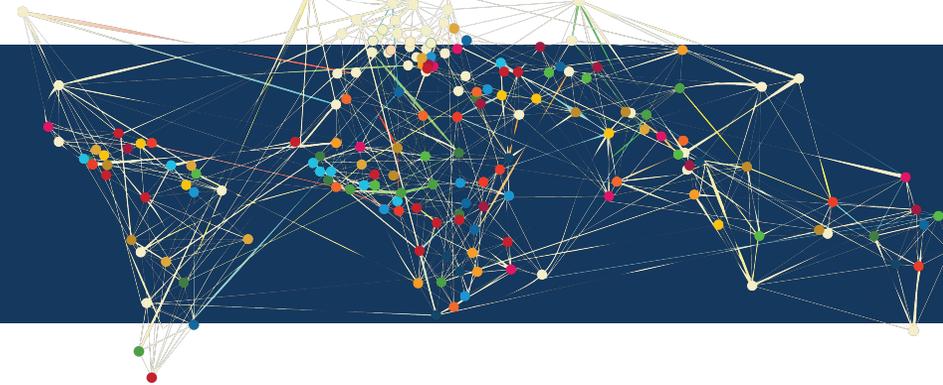
“We need full delivery on the Funding Compact commitments. In order to achieve this, we need all partners to **align** their funding, so that we can provide integrated support to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. This includes **pooling humanitarian and development funding.**”

António Guterres



Integration and nexus

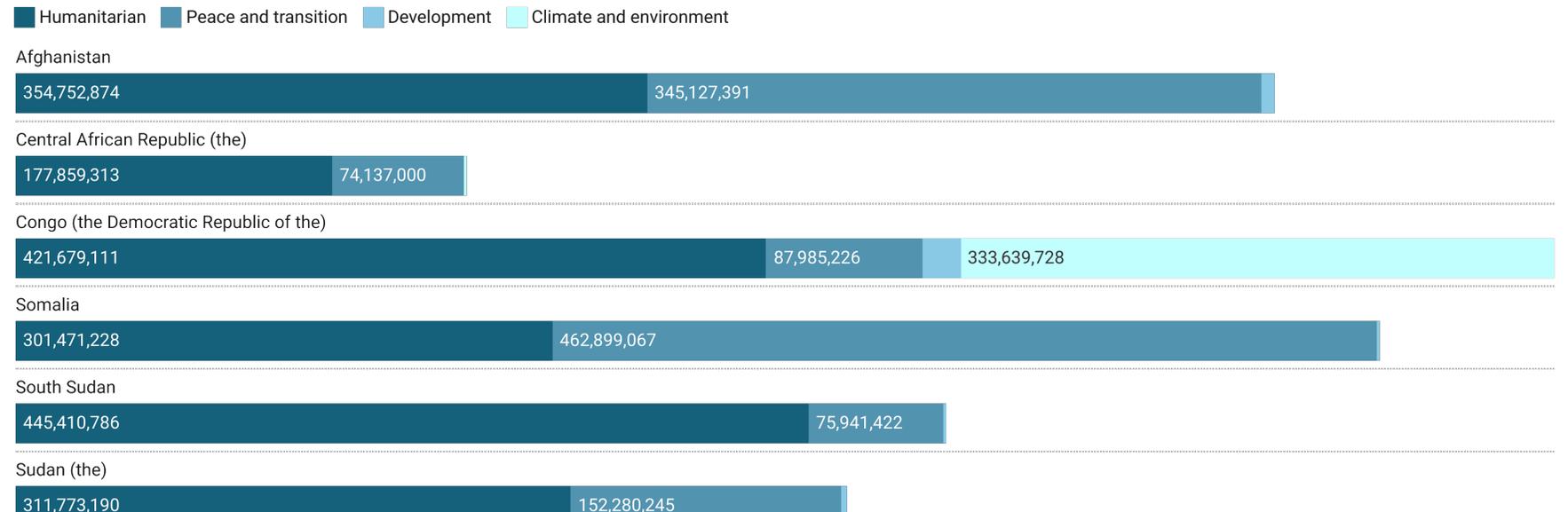
Pooled funds as tools for the integration agenda



Opportunities for RCOs and UNCTs to design, implement and monitor joint funding across the triple nexus

Transfers from MPTF Office administered trust funds across the nexus to selected countries

This graph represents total transfers for the period 2016 to 2021 to selected countries through pooled funds, showing how resources are available to UN country teams with a key role of RCs/HCs in coordinating joint action



MPTF Office HDP Nexus Funds

Some examples

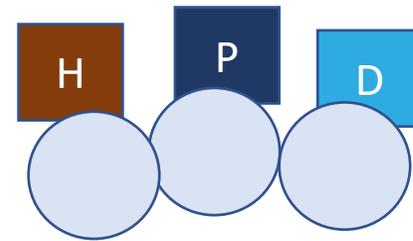
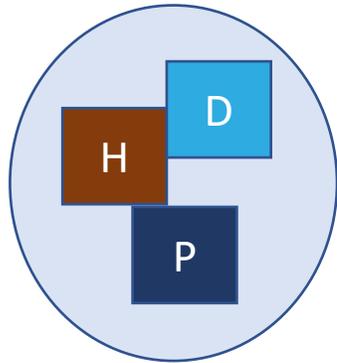
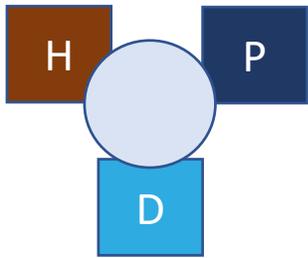
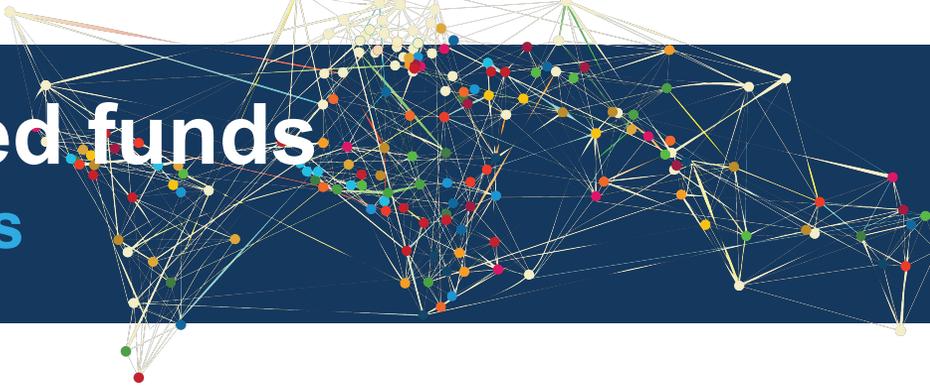


- Afghanistan Special Trust Fund
- Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund
- South Sudan MPTF for Reconciliation, Stabilization, Resilience
- TF for Sustaining peace in Colombia
- Women's Peace and Humanitarian TF
- Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Prevention MPTF
- Complex Risk Analytics Fund – CRAF'd



Trends in demands for nexus pooled funds

Three models emerging from country demands



1 Funds positioned at the intersection of nexus

2 Funds sequencing and layering programmes across the nexus

3 Bridging funds' interventions across the nexus, including global funds

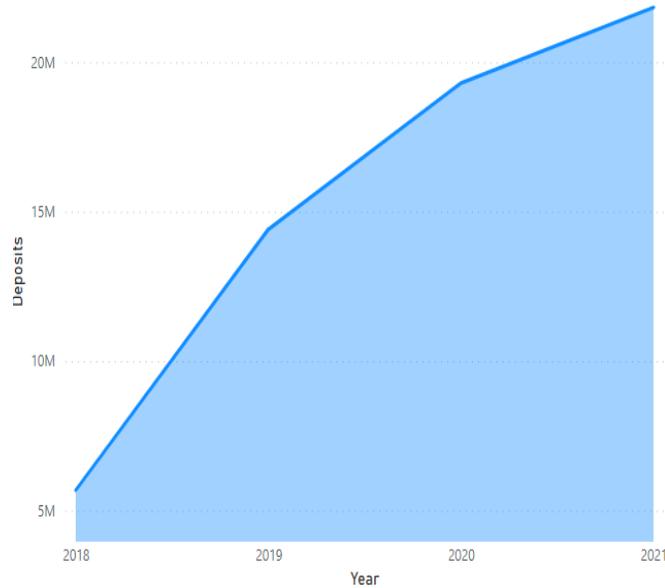


South Sudan Reconciliation, Stabilization, Resilience Trust Fund

Objective: pioneering an innovative whole-of-system approach in implementing reconciliation, stabilization, and resilience efforts that, together, build peace and stability in South Sudan.

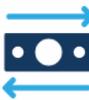


Participating Organizations: WFP, FAO, IOM, UNMISS, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, civil society organizations



- Total capitalization US\$ **61M** (2018-2021)
- **6** Member States contributing
- Norway largest contributor (US\$ 19M)

Some key results 2020-2021

 Multiple improvements to local infrastructure and buildings	 880 people accessed secondary or adult learning opportunities	 300 young people participated in sessions on conflict prevention	 10 national forums facilitated in support of national peace processes
 730 people improved condition of 60km of roads and two bridges via cash-for-work program	 1,565 women and youth trained in entrepreneurship and financing processes	 775 local justice and social activists trained in GBV prevention and response	

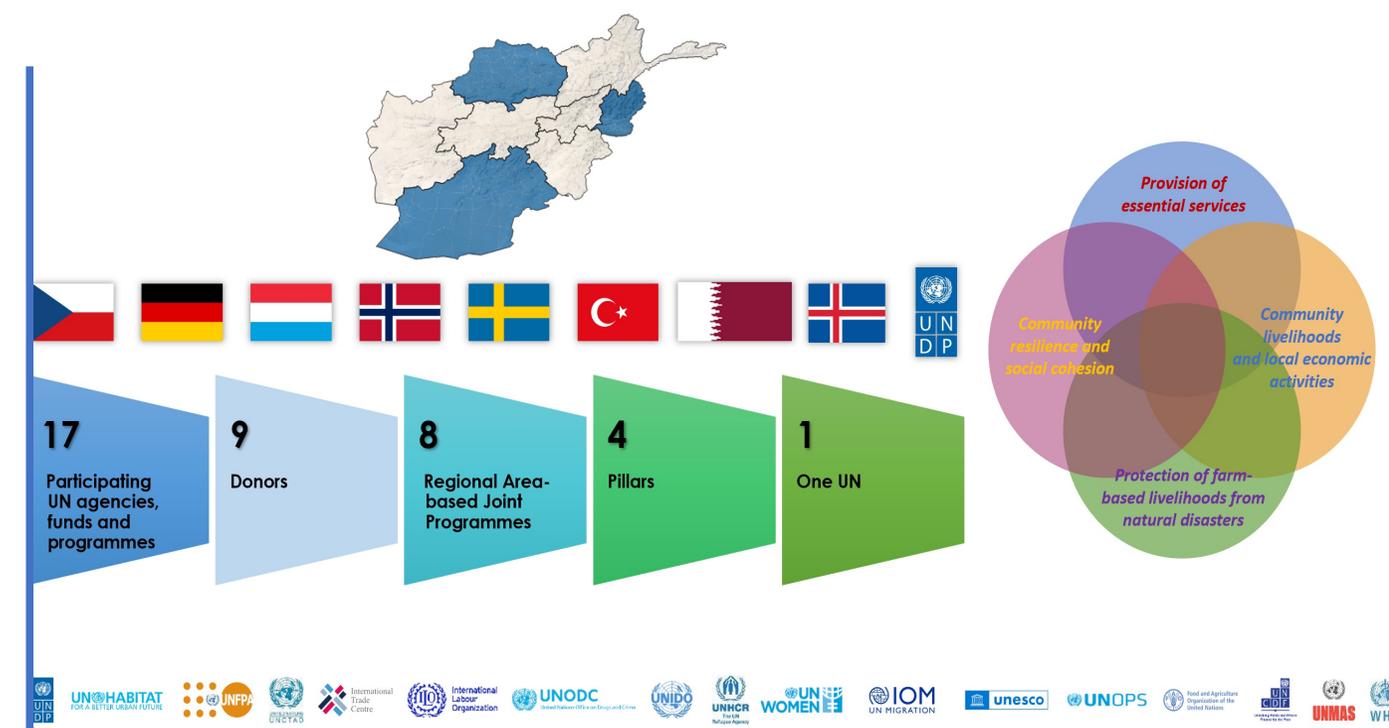


Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan

Objective: Established in Oct 2021 to address basic human needs in Afghanistan in a coordinated manner, through the ABADEI (Area-based Approach for Development Emergency Initiatives) Strategy. The Fund **assists the vulnerable communities of Afghanistan**, in line with the UN reform agenda, working in an integrated manner to create value chains, to deliver as one.

Participating Organizations: UNDP, IOM, UNHCR, UNFPA, FAO, UNESCO, ILO, UNOPS, UN WOMEN, UNODC, UNCTAD, UN-Habitat, WHO, UNCDF, UNIDO, ITC, and UNMAS

Some results in 2022



- Total capitalization US\$ 126M (2021-present); new pledges: US\$ 35M
- Three regional programmes funded (Northern, Southern, and Eastern regions)
- 8 Member States contributing



Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund

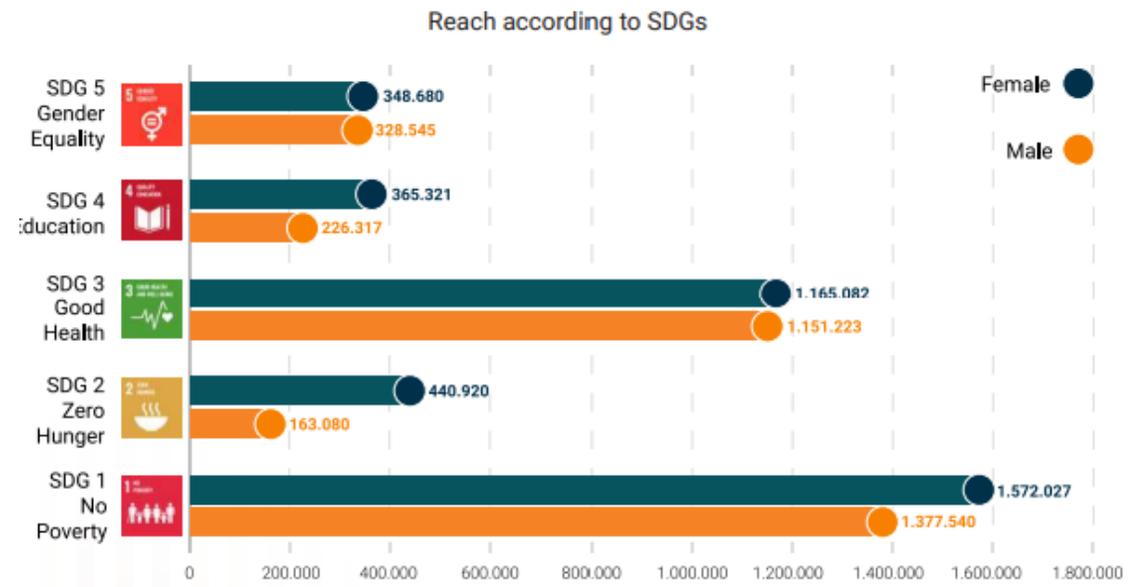
Objective: Tackling strategic challenges for SDG achievement in Malawi. The Fund supports the coherent resource mobilization, allocation and disbursement of financing to under-funded and cross-sector areas.



- Total capitalization US\$ **76M** (2018-2021)
- **7** Member States contributing
- The UK largest contributor (US\$ 57M)

Participating Organizations: FAO, IOM, UN Women, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, WFP, WHO

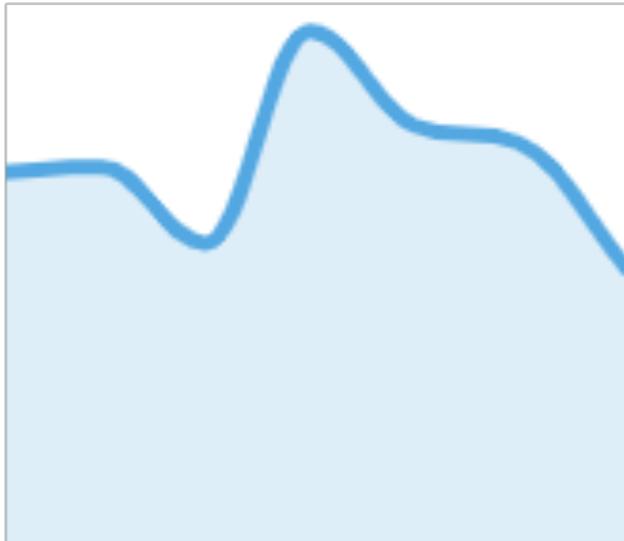
Overall results 2021



Somalia Multi-Window Trust Fund

Objective: Address priorities in line with Somalia's Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals. Fund programmes focus on immediate delivery, building local resilience, and capacity development.

Participating Organizations: FAO, ILO, IOM, UN Women, UNCDF, UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, UNHABITAT, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, WFP, Gov of Somalia



- Total capitalization **\$408 M** 2018-2021
- **11** Member States contributing
- Sweden largest contributor (US\$ 124 M)

Some key results 2021



12,958

people with expanded access to justice



10,000

women participated in national survey on gender parity and women's rights



15,870

households using environmentally sustainable sources of energy



63,444

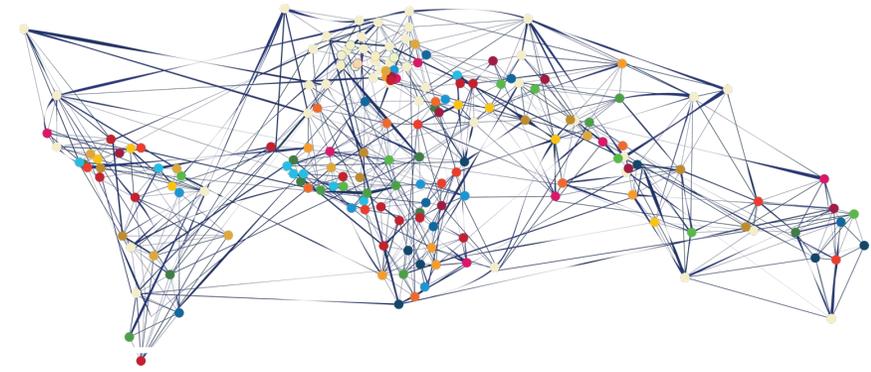
women received family planning and counselling services



100+

prisoners enrolled in basic education programmes

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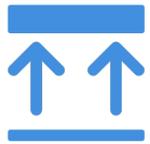
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Why a new MPTF Office Gateway?



Transparency, results and partnerships



Respond to demand in growth of pooled funding



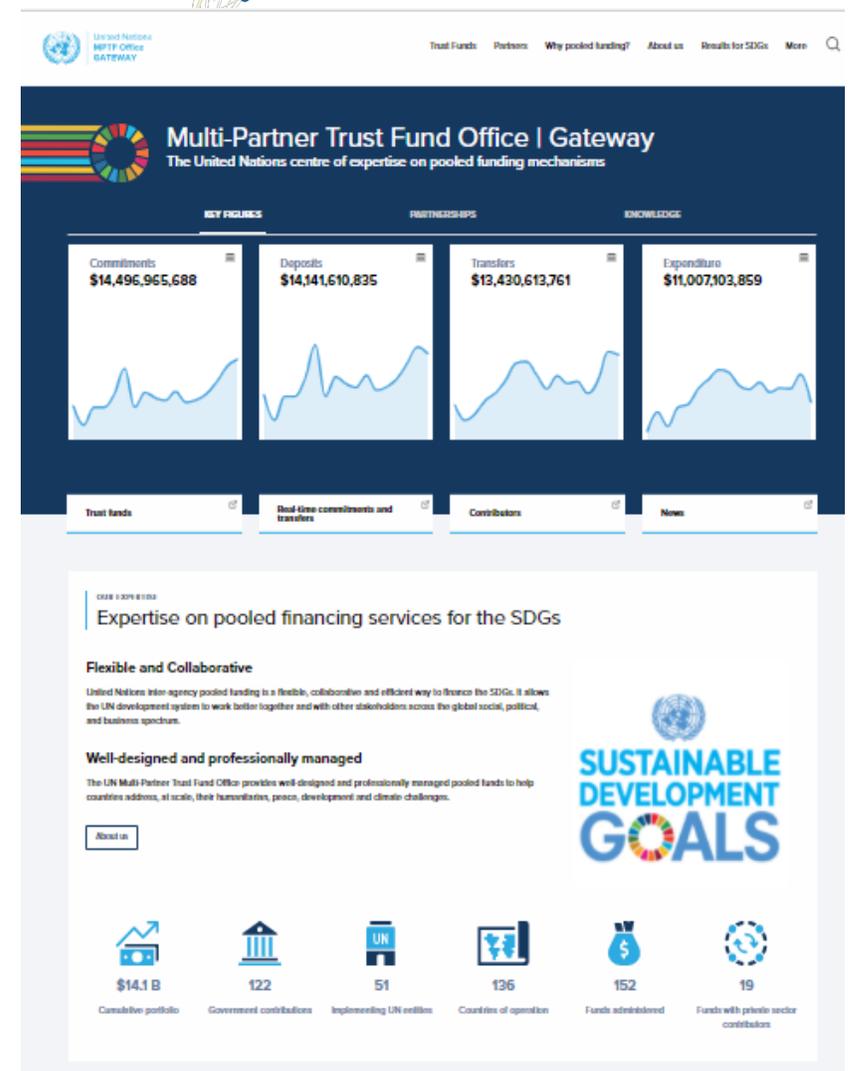
Simplifying inter-agency pooled fund management



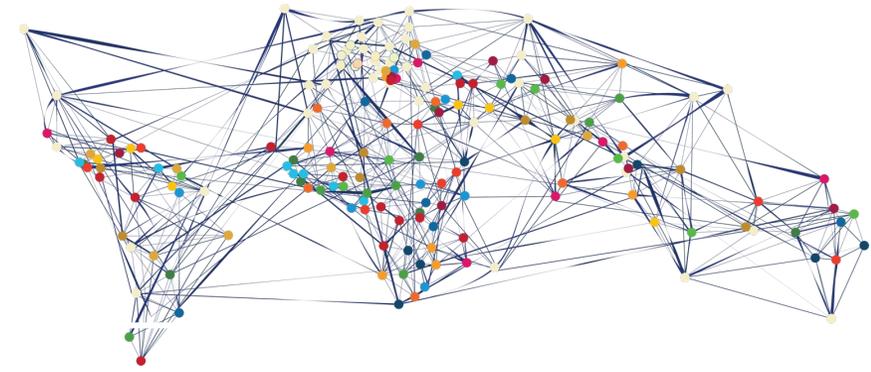
Incorporating quality management features



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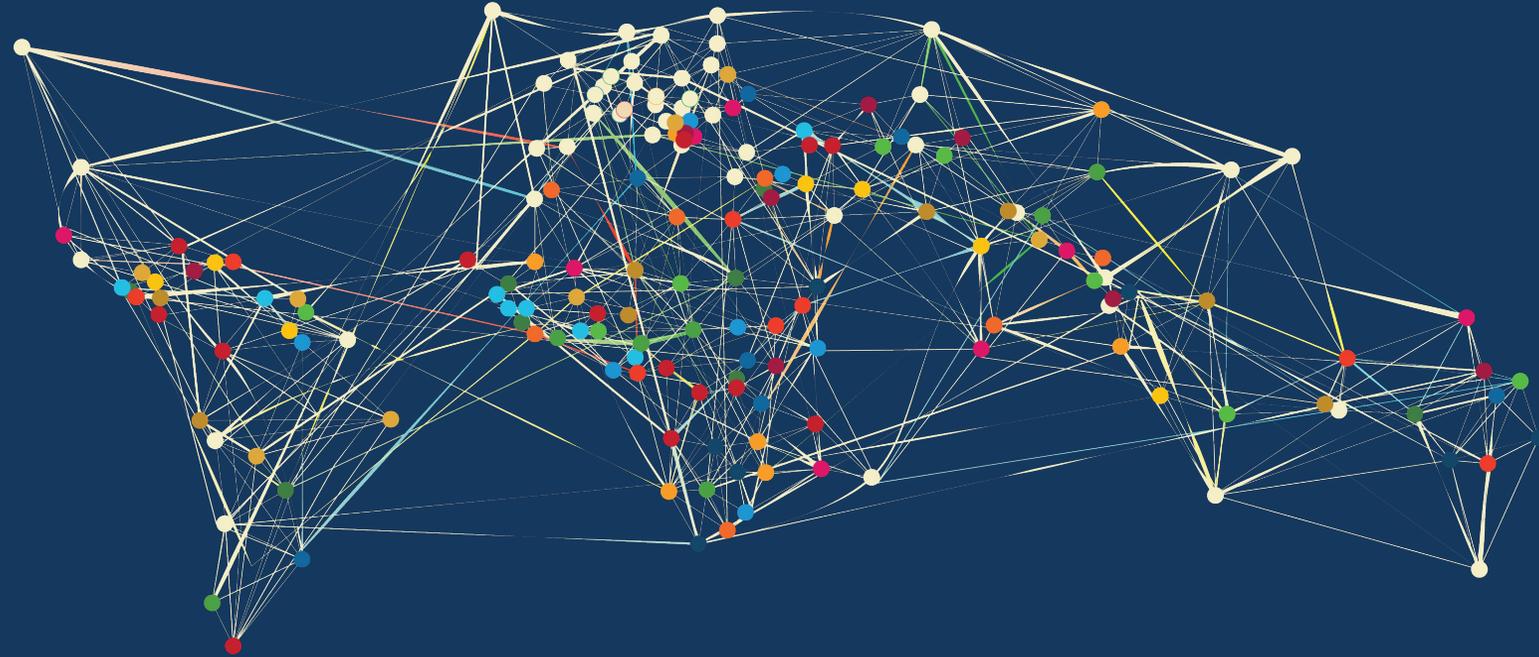
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