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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".
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
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

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

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

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

[List of countries represented by flags]
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

Portfolio growth across humanitarian, development, peace and climate funds
Map of SDG country-level pooled funds

Relatively few funds but continued growth

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

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

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.
Pooled funding related recommendations

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
## Transaction costs profile for an average fund
(15 contributors, 15 organizations and 25 programmes)

Legal agreements to be signed and reports to be provided

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

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<td>Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)</td>
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<td>Sudan (the)</td>
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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.

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

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

**Some key results 2020-2021**

- 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
- 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 regional peace processes
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

- 705,405 people reached through social behavior change communications campaign on GBV
- 125,000 Afghan National Police and General Directorate personnel received monthly salaries
- 15,153 patients screened for COVID-19 at five (newly established) regional hospitals
**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**
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

Some key results 2021

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