Stakeholder Forum on inter-agency pooled funding

13 December 2023
Welcome and opening remarks

Context: overview and recent highlights in UN Pooled Funds

A conversation with UN Resident Coordinators and Global MPTFs

Wrap-up, next forum and final remarks
Pooled funding 2023 – Context
Connecting the dots…

- **SDG Summit**: need for accelerated funding and financing instruments for SDG achievement.
- **Quality funding**: more flexible, predictable funding, and enhancement of "core-like" resources such as inter-agency pooled funds.
- **UN joint work**: UN pooled funds proven to be essential for effective UN development system coordination and collaboration.
- **Our Common Agenda**: multilateral approach needed for recovery from global pandemic and development crisis.
- **Anticipated 2024 Funding Compact**: opportunity to optimize UN financing mechanisms
- **Midpoint in SDG timeline**: offers unprecedented opportunity to maximize power of UN pooled funding for sustainable development, resilience, and recovery.
Funding Compact:
Pooled fund targets show mixed results

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<th>Baseline</th>
<th>Target</th>
<th>Latest value</th>
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<td>Percentage of non-core resources for development-related activities channeled through inter-agency pooled funds</td>
<td>5% (2017)</td>
<td>10% (2023)</td>
<td>(2021)</td>
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<td>Number of Member State contributors to development-related inter-agency pooled funds</td>
<td>59 (2017)</td>
<td>100 (2021)</td>
<td>44 (2022)</td>
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<td>Common management features across all inter-agency pooled funds</td>
<td>No (2018)</td>
<td>Yes (2021)</td>
<td>In progress (71% of dev related MPTF and 54% of JPs) (2021)</td>
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Target achieved in overall 2021 proportion of pooled funds but decrease of contributions in 2022, 2023.

Other targets more mixed.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/233 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR). (Report of the Secretary-General, 2023), MPTFO Gateway for 2022 figures on selected funds and UN Pooled Funds Database."
Deposits to UN inter-agency pooled funds, 2015-2022
Development pooled funds decreased after a growth trajectory

Important growth to 3.3 US$ billion in 2022, second highest ever.

Pooled funds were in 2021 12.3% of earmarked development funding.

Development-related pooled funding decreased in 2022 (from 1.62B to 1.28B).
Deposits to MPTF Office pooled funds, 2015-2022

Contributions to MPTF Office-administered pooled funds show similar trends to UN pooled funding overall trends.

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Overall growth trend in development, peace and especially climate funds – with 2022 showing a decrease
Thanks to Contributors!

Thank you Contributors to MPTF Office administered pooled funds*

*Contributors from January 2022 through November 2023
Different portfolio mix for top contributors, across thematic areas - representing 92% of total UN inter-agency pooled funding in 2022.

Figure 2: Deposits to UN inter-agency pooled funds from the top fifteen contributors, 2022 (US$ million)

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<td>Switzerland - custodian of recovered funds</td>
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Fast Facts and Recent Trends
A summary of MPTF Office recent trends

1. Worldwide impact
+125 programme countries received resources for implementation to respond to development, climate, emergency, security and peacebuilding challenges.

2. Greener recovery
US $1.43 billion invested in climate and environment funds that cover forestation, biodiversity, green economy and climate security since 2016.

3. Nexus financing
Bridging finance across the humanitarian-development nexus.

4. Gender equality is non-negotiable
Gender markers were introduced and integrated in the new MPTF Office fund management platform.

5. Diversifying resources
21 contributors from the private sector, foundations and civil society helped expand stakeholder networks and widen the contribution base in 2022.

6. Advancing UN Reform
More than 50 UN organizations collaborated across UN Country teams/UN humanitarian teams and RCs/HCs on pooled funds all over the world.

7. Expanding portfolio
+30 new financial instruments were designed and established in the last two years promote joint action on sustainable infrastructure, decarbonization, biodiversity, resilience and recovery.

8. Investing in quality
All pooled funds administered by the MPTF Office incorporate quality management features as per the Funding Compact commitments.

9. Expanding civil society engagement
Over 70 non-UN entities were directly involved in implementing programmes covering multi-sector issues following rigorous due diligence processes in 2022. A substantial number of these projects were launched in peacebuilding settings or cater to providing climate and environment finance solutions.

10. Supporting broad coalitions of partners
Over 300 partners, contributors, programme countries and UN and non-UN organisations engaged directly in pooled funding.
Trends in 2023

• Expanded interest of UNCTs launching UN country-level pooled funds (Tunisia, Cote d’Ivoire, India, Iran, PNG, Ukraine, Mali, Madagascar...).

• Repositioned strategies for SDG Acceleration (Joint SDG Fund).

• New specialized global funds (i.e. technology and digitalization, IDPs).

• Increase in Joint Programmes - new UNSDG JP guidance note (2022).

• Increased demand for engagement of IFIs and MDBs in MPTFs (particularly climate portfolio).

• Performance-based payments incorporated in several funds, such as Elsie and CAFI.

• Expansion of innovative and blended financing instruments and leverage of additional sources of financing.
Accountability + Innovation

ACCOUNTABILITY

• Tried and tested fiduciary standards
• Established accountability and oversight (AA and PUNOs)
• Clear delimitation of roles among governance, administration and implementation
• Standardized UNSDG standards reduce negotiations costs
• Efficient, standardized and transparent cost structure
• Real-time information and highest transparency standards – MPTFO Gateway

INNOVATION

• Expanding opportunities of UN joint work in a widening spectrum of issues
• Deepening and strengthening multi-stakeholder collaboration (UN Member States, UN entities, MDBs, NGOs, private sector)
• Leveraging and unlocking additional SDG financing
Innovative finance innovations in inter-agency pooled funds

1. **Innovating with Grants**
   - Technical assistance for innovative models
   - De-risking facility design
   - Supporting the markets / Promote investments
   (Regional Private Sector Facility)

2. **Innovating with Participating Organizations to expand tools**
   - UN Organizations
   - MDBs & other type of NUNOs

3. **Blended Finance models**
   - Global Fund for Coral Reefs
Pooled funding 2024 and beyond
Forward-looking opportunities

• **Broadening coalitions**: bringing the UN, IFIs and other partners together.

• **Engaging global instruments**: addressing the SDG financing gap at global level (Joint SDG Fund, PBF, Migration MPTF and specialized global funds).

• **Expanding country-level instruments**: expanded reach and investment in country-level pooled funds.

• **New funding compact dialogues**: opportunity to scale-up ambition.

• **New UN policy frameworks**: guidelines, joint programming guidance, monitoring of quality features.

• **Optimizing Evaluations**: opportunity to enhance visibility of evaluations of inter-agency pooled funding results, more joint evaluations.
Thank-you

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UN entities with highest revenue through inter-agency pooled funds, 2022
Increasing participation by UN entities

Figure 3: Top 10 implementing UN entities receiving revenue through a) all inter-agency pooled funds and b) only climate, development, and peace-related UN inter-agency pooled funds, 2022 (US$ million)

In 2022, $2.5 billion were transferred to participating UN organizations from UN inter-agency pooled funds.

$410 million was transferred from MPTF Office to OCHA (UN Secretariat) as fund administrator of 6 country-based humanitarian funds.
Understanding country-level instruments
What pooled funding instruments do partners have available at country level?

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<td>MPTF Office</td>
<td>Steering Committee Co-Chair by RC and National Government</td>
<td>Mostly UN agencies through UN joint programmes</td>
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<td>OCHA/MPTF Office</td>
<td>Human Coordinator</td>
<td>Mostly NGOs (through Managing Agent by UN) and UN entities (single agency projects)</td>
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<td>Programmatic focus: Joint Programme Document and Work Plan</td>
<td>Administrative Agent (MPTF Office or other UN entity, usually convening agency)</td>
<td>Joint Programme Steering Committee with UN entities and donors</td>
<td>UN entities through a UN joint programme</td>
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New opportunities for pooled funding
Funds established in 2023 and funds in pipeline

Pooled funds established in 2023

Global Funds
- Digital Cooperation Fund
- Leave No One Behind - The Internal Displacement Solutions Fund
- The Nature Facility
- UN Global Pulse Network

Country-level pooled funds
- Fonds Fiduciaire Multi-donateurs pour le Développement Durable en Tunisie
- Fonds multipartenaires Cote d’Ivoire
- India MPTF
- Iran One UN Impact Fund
- PNG Country Fund Phase II
- Ukraine Community Recovery Fund

Standalone Joint Programmes
- Reintegration through Integrated Support and Empowerment (RISE)
- Spotlight 2.0 High-Impact Programme for Violence Elimination by 2030 (HIVE Programme)
- Spotlight 2.0 Joint Programme in Uganda Gender for Development Uganda
- Spotlight 2.0 Joint Programme in Ecuador
- Somaliland Rule of Law 2.0 JP
- Ukraine - Conflict Related Sexual Violence
- Joint Programme Green infrastructure for Health and Education in Sao Tome
- JP DRR for Sustainable Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Phase II
- JP OPT Sawasya III

Pooled funds in the pipeline (expected for 2024)
- Empowering Change
- Greening Education MPTF
- JP Serbia Ending Violence
- Madagascar Fonds Commun Levier ODD
- Malawi SDG Fund II
- Mali Stabilization and Resilience Trust Fund
- SPECA Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- JP Libya Strengthening Economic Recovery and Durable Solutions