

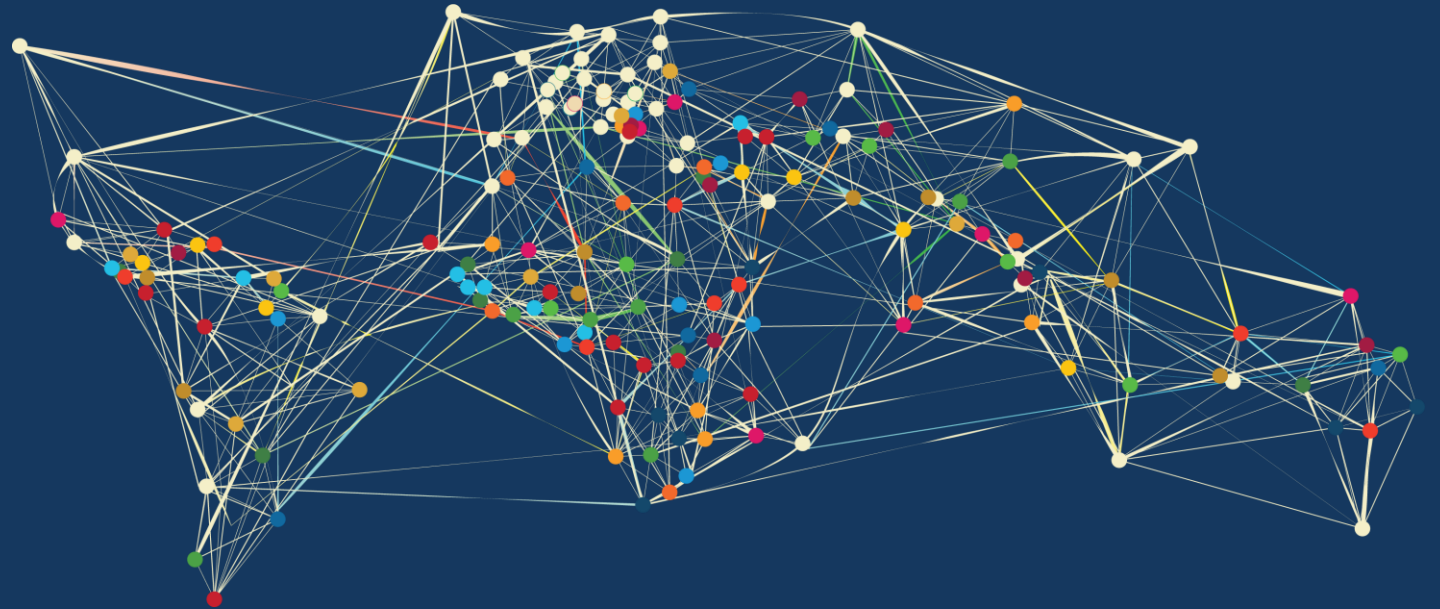


Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office

The United Nations center of expertise on pooled funding mechanisms

Pooled funding milestones, trends and MPTFO 2023 Annual Report

Stakeholder Forum
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Presentation Outline



- **UN Inter-Agency Pooled funding trends**
- **Key features & standards**
- **MPTFO portfolio: 2023 Annual Report**
- **Looking Forward 2024 +**



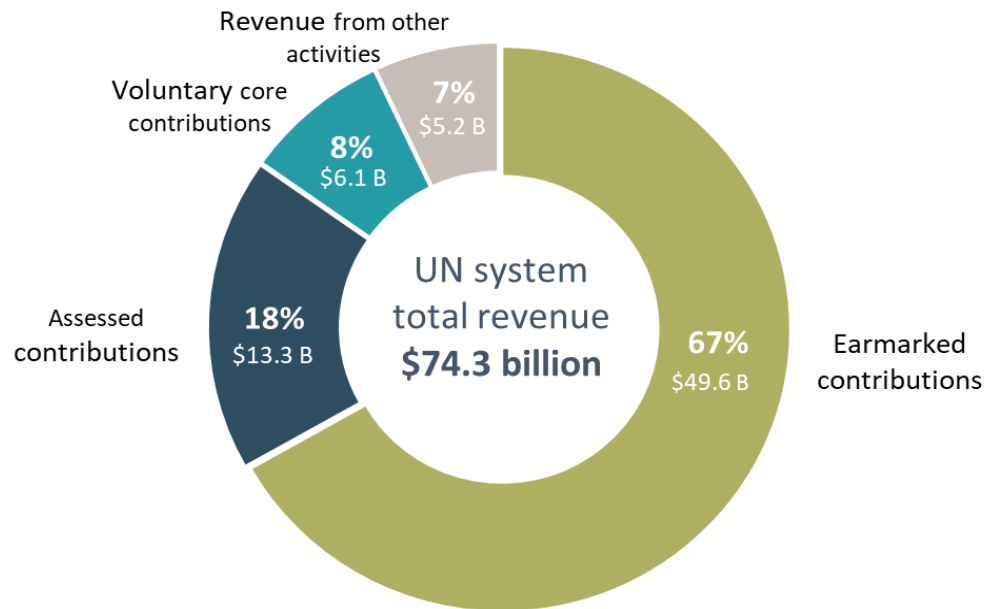
UN system funding and financing instruments

Inter-agency pooled funds promote flexibility and collaboration

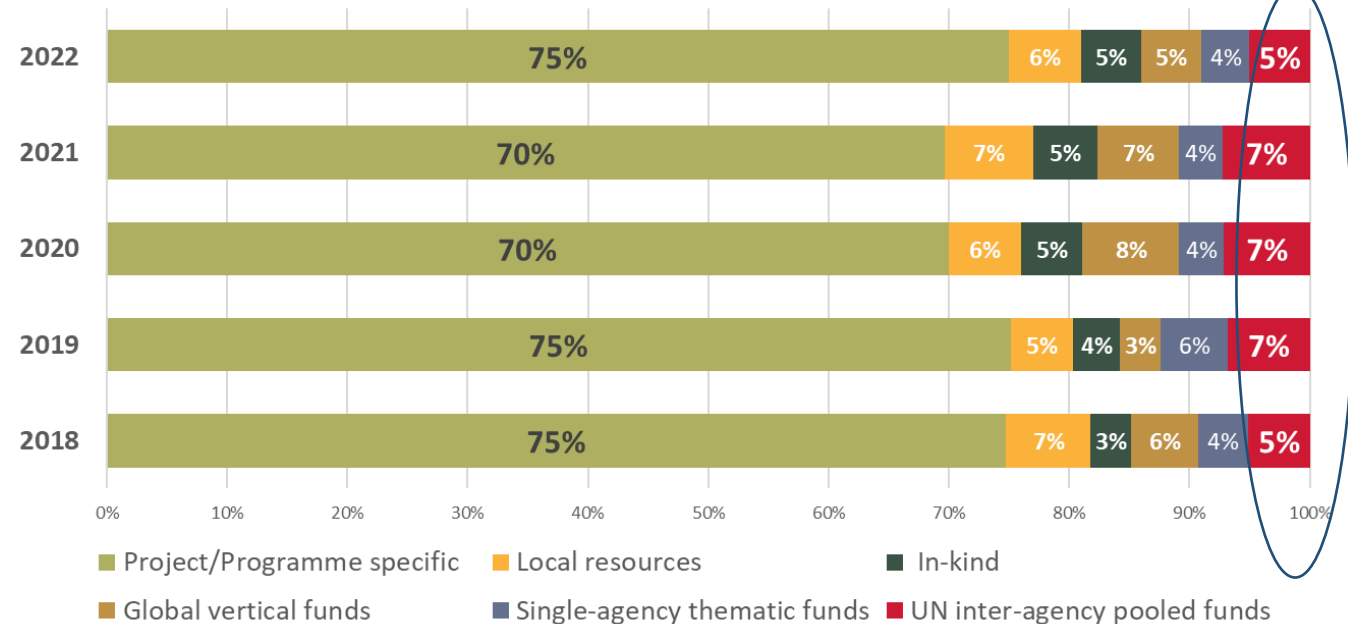


UN funding is highly earmarked and fragmented.

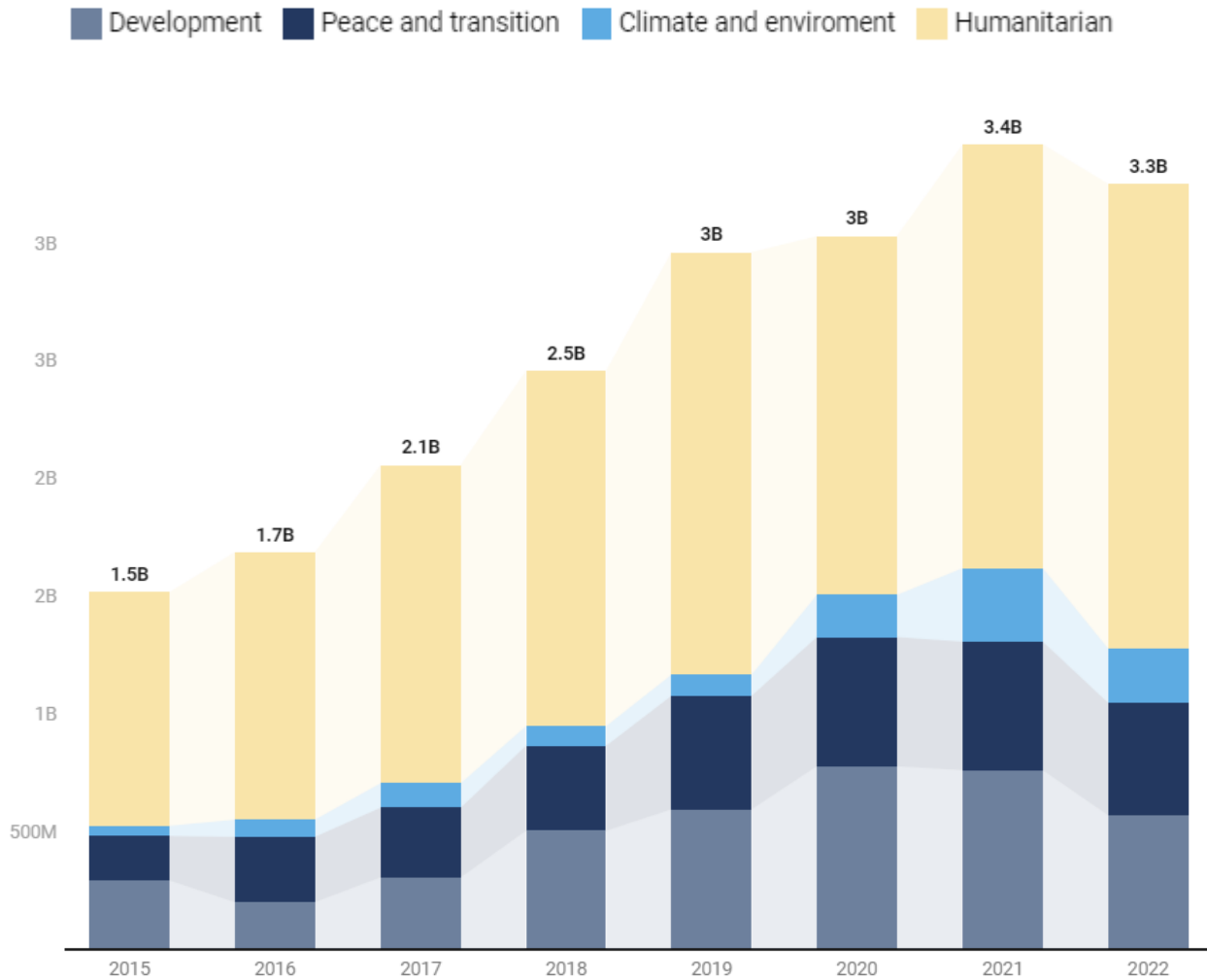
Total UN revenue by financing instrument 2022



Earmarked contributions to the UN 2018-2022



Trends in UN inter-agency pooled fund deposits by thematic area, 2016 - 2022



- Important growth to **3.3 US\$ billion in 2022**, second highest ever.
- 8.9% of all earmarked resources for **development-related assistance** was channeled through inter-agency pooled funds in 2022.
- **Climate and environment** funds have grown from a modest US\$ 43 million in 2015 to **US\$ 231 million in 2022**.

UN Inter-agency pooled funds

Standards & Characteristics



Delivered through established **UNSDG standards**, legal frameworks, roles, systems.

Pooled funds have 3 Characteristics:

- **Fund design and administration:** designed to support a clearly defined programmatic purpose and results framework through contributions.
- **Joint Governance/Fund operations:** Decisions on project / programmatic allocations are made by a UN-led governance mechanism.
- **Fund implementation:** Fund implementation is (fully or largely) entrusted to UN entities that assume the programmatic and financial accountability for the resources received



Distinct functions and accountabilities

Flexible non-core funding to the UN system for joint action



Fund design and administration

(Administrative Agent)

Fund allocations and operations - Governance
(Steering Committee – Member States, UN and other stakeholders)

Fund implementation
(Multiple organizations - UN entities, governments and NGOs)

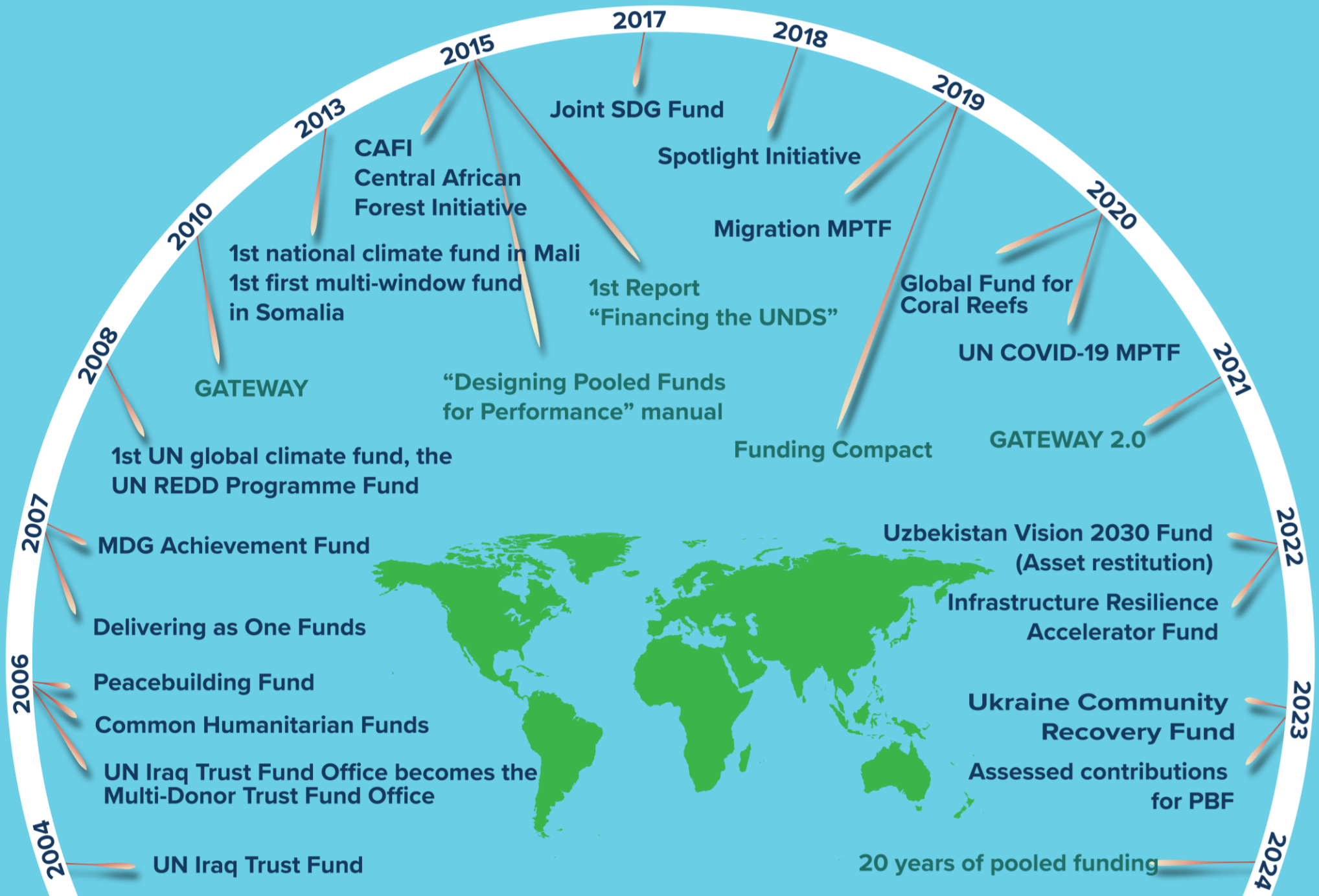
Administrative Agent (Trustee): Sign/maintain MoUs and SAAs/Contribution agreements per **UN standards/Protocols**; receive and administer donor funds; timely disbursements; consolidate financial statements and reports; provide final reporting. Administrative Agent role firewalled from participating organizations who implement the approved programmes. Fund design support.

Steering Committee. Inclusive composition (UN, Government, contributors, private sector and civil society). Provide **overall guidance and direction and takes allocation decisions.**

Fund Secretariat. Operational body of the Fund, responsible of **programmatic coordination and monitoring.** Different hosting arrangements.

Participating Organizations. UN Entities assume **full programmatic and financial accountability** using own regulations, directives and procedures (**e.g. on audits**). Diverse implementing partners engaged by PUNOS: Government, NGOs.

20 years of MPTFO administered pooled funds
 Diversification, standards and innovation



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Key Trends in 2023

- A robust portfolio that emphasizes **climate, development, and peace funds**.
- **Strong investments** in quality standards, knowledge management, and innovation.
- Expanding a coalition of **multi-stakeholder partnerships**.
- **Operational efficiency and effectiveness** across the MPTF Office portfolio.



Global Fund for Coral Reefs in the Philippines added 25 marine protected areas covering 300 hectares of vital coral reef ecosystem. Photo by GFCR.

Highlights and Achievements in 2023

Providing high-quality services to the UN System



>US\$19 billion

cumulative portfolio



>107

programme countries received resources



19

new pooled financial instruments in 2023



73 contributors

including Member States, private sector, foundations, and civil society



\$1B & **>\$1B**

in deposits

in transfers



>50

UN organizations and a growing number of non-UN entities



US\$234 million

invested in climate and environment funds

- **A diversified, innovative, well-balanced fund portfolio.**
- **Greater emphasis on climate, development and transition financing**
- **Bridging finance across the humanitarian-peace-development nexus and across sectors.**

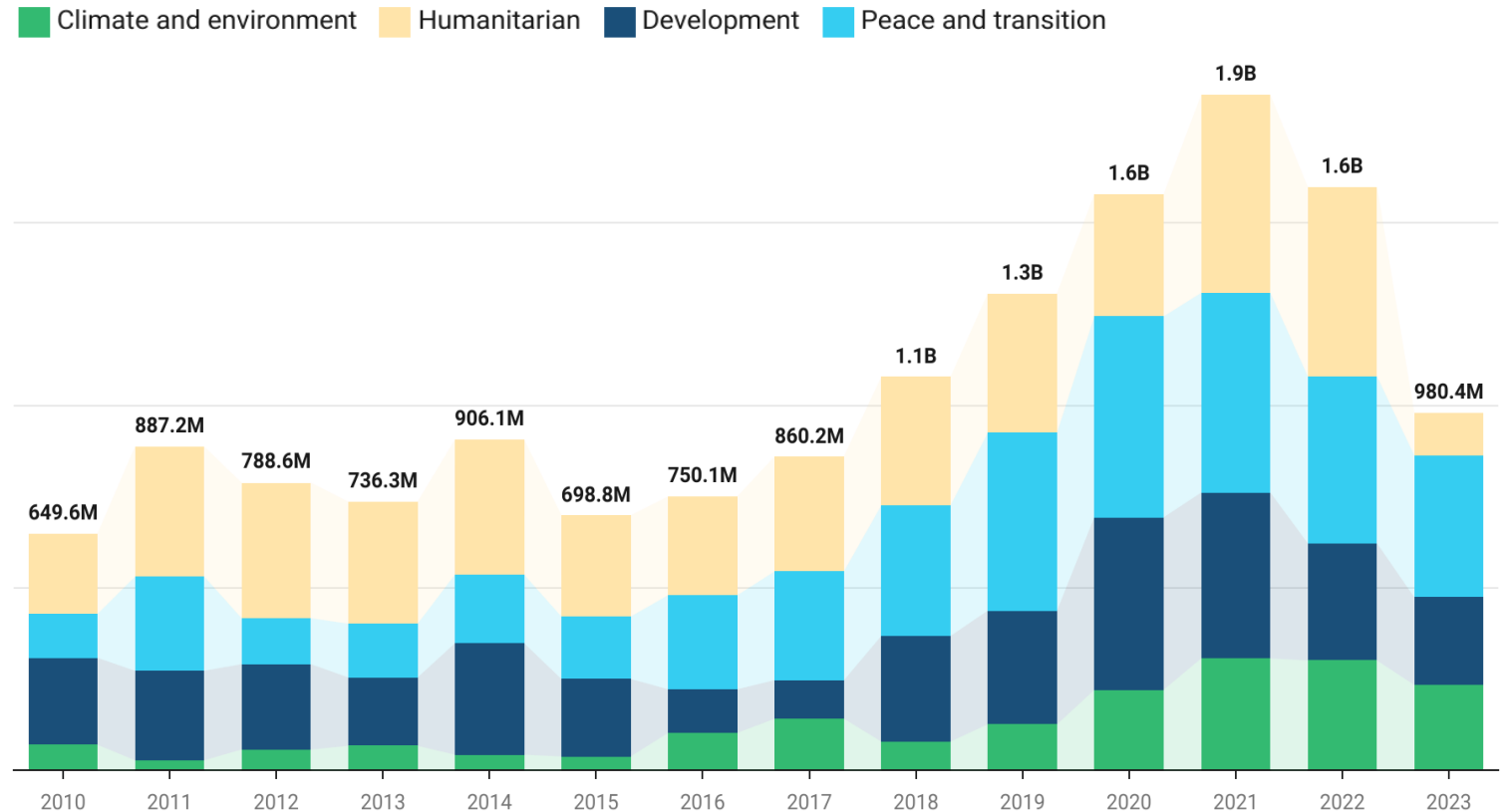


MPTF Office portfolio since 2010

Growth, diversity and recent contractions

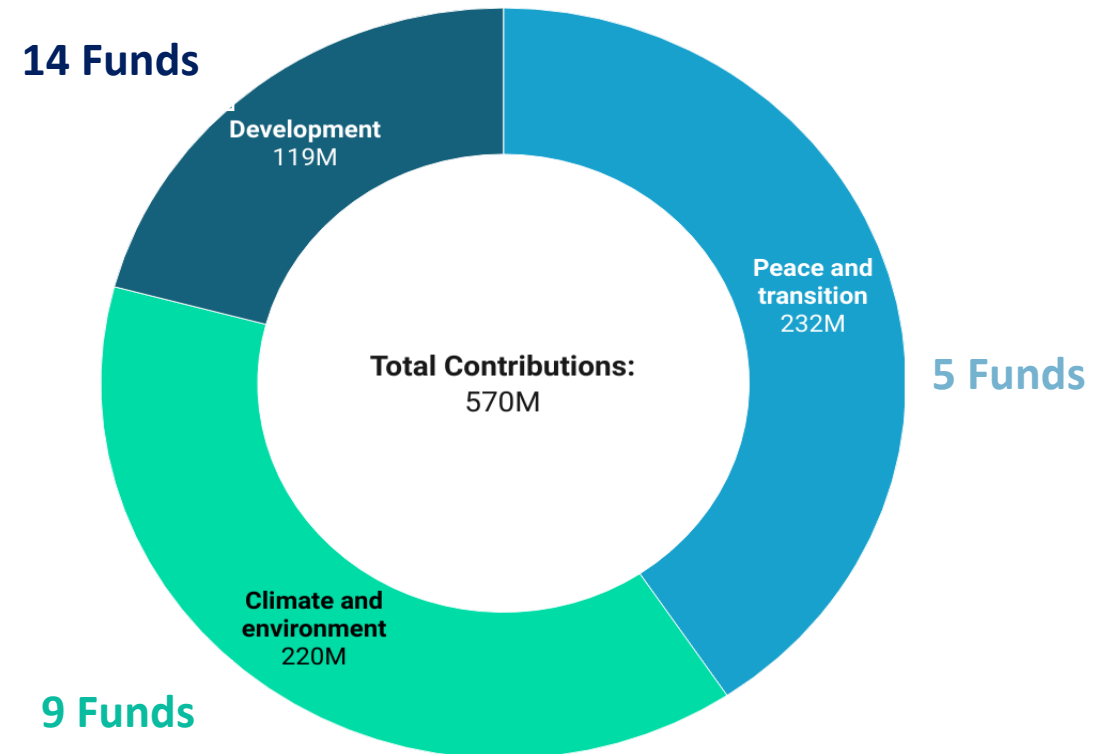


- A portfolio mix including humanitarian, development, environment, and peacebuilding.
- Significant increase in the portfolio from 2015 with a peak in 2021.
- Reduction in contributions in 2023 largely due to humanitarian CBPF changes.



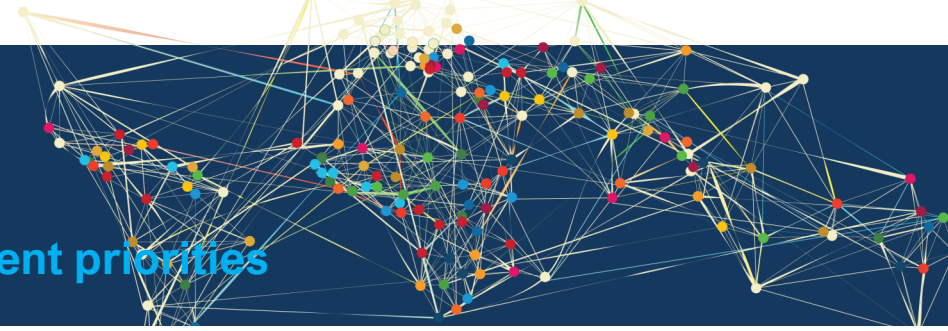
Contributions to global and regional multi-partner trust funds **Increase in share of global funds in 2023**

- In 2023, MPTFO portfolio was administering **26 global and 2 regional funds**.
- **Top 5 global funds:**
 - Peacebuilding Fund
 - Central African Forest Initiative
 - Joint SDG Fund
 - Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund.
 - Global Fund for Coral Reefs
- Contributions to global and regional funds reached **US\$ 570 million, 6.9% increase from 2022**
- Contributors to global funds increased from **62 to 73 in 2023**.



Country level multi-partner trust funds, 2023

Supporting joint action aligned with UNSDCF, HRP and national development priorities



- **Top 5 country-level funds**
 - Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund
 - Sudan Humanitarian Fund
 - Somalia Joint Fund
 - Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan
 - Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund
- **In 2023, MPTFO received contributions for 29 country level pooled funds**
 - 17 development funds
 - 6 humanitarian funds
 - 6 peace and transition funds.
- **Contributions to country-level pooled funds reached U\$ 312 million in 2023, proportionately less than 2022.**

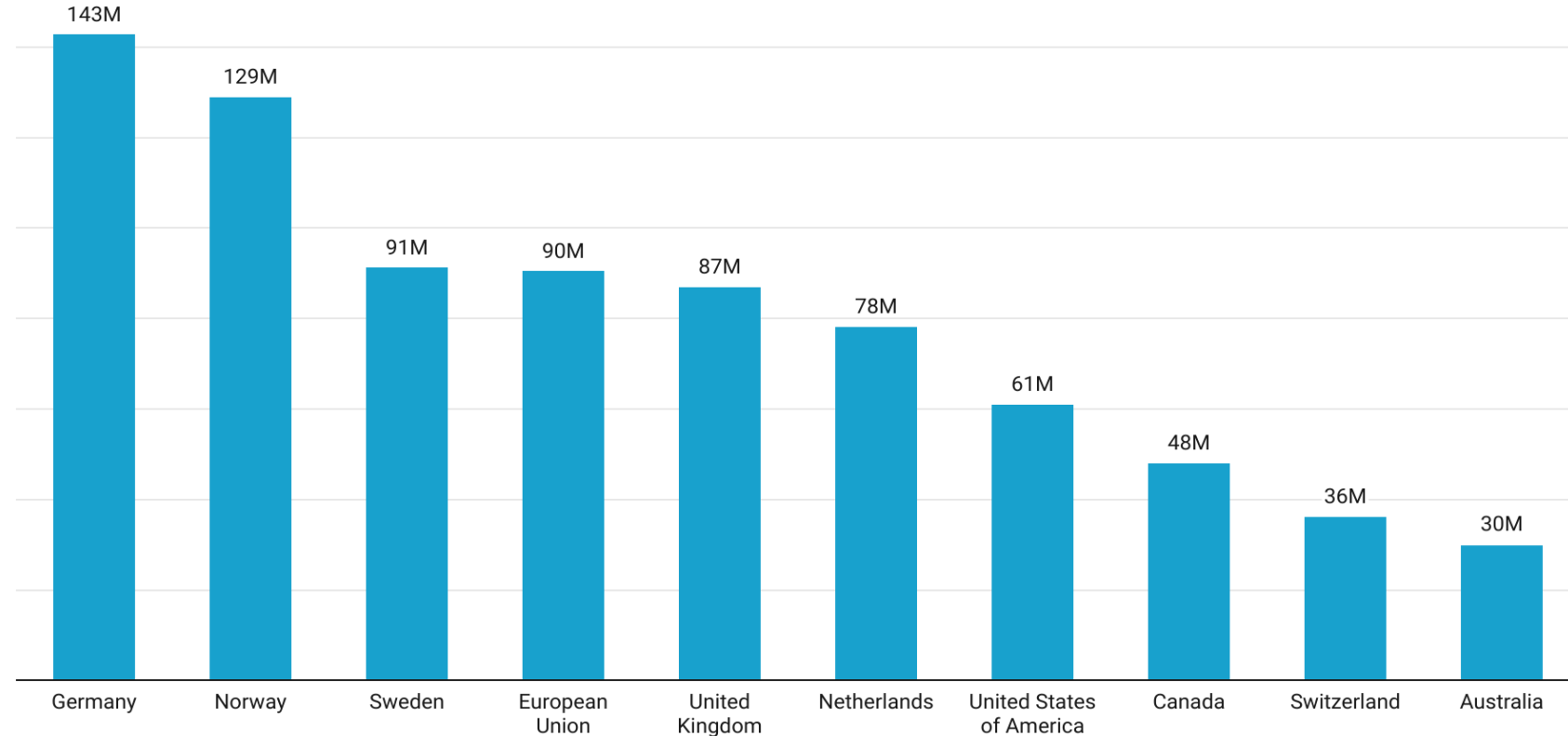


Top 10 contributors, 2023

Partnerships for strategic, flexible and inclusive approach to pooled financing



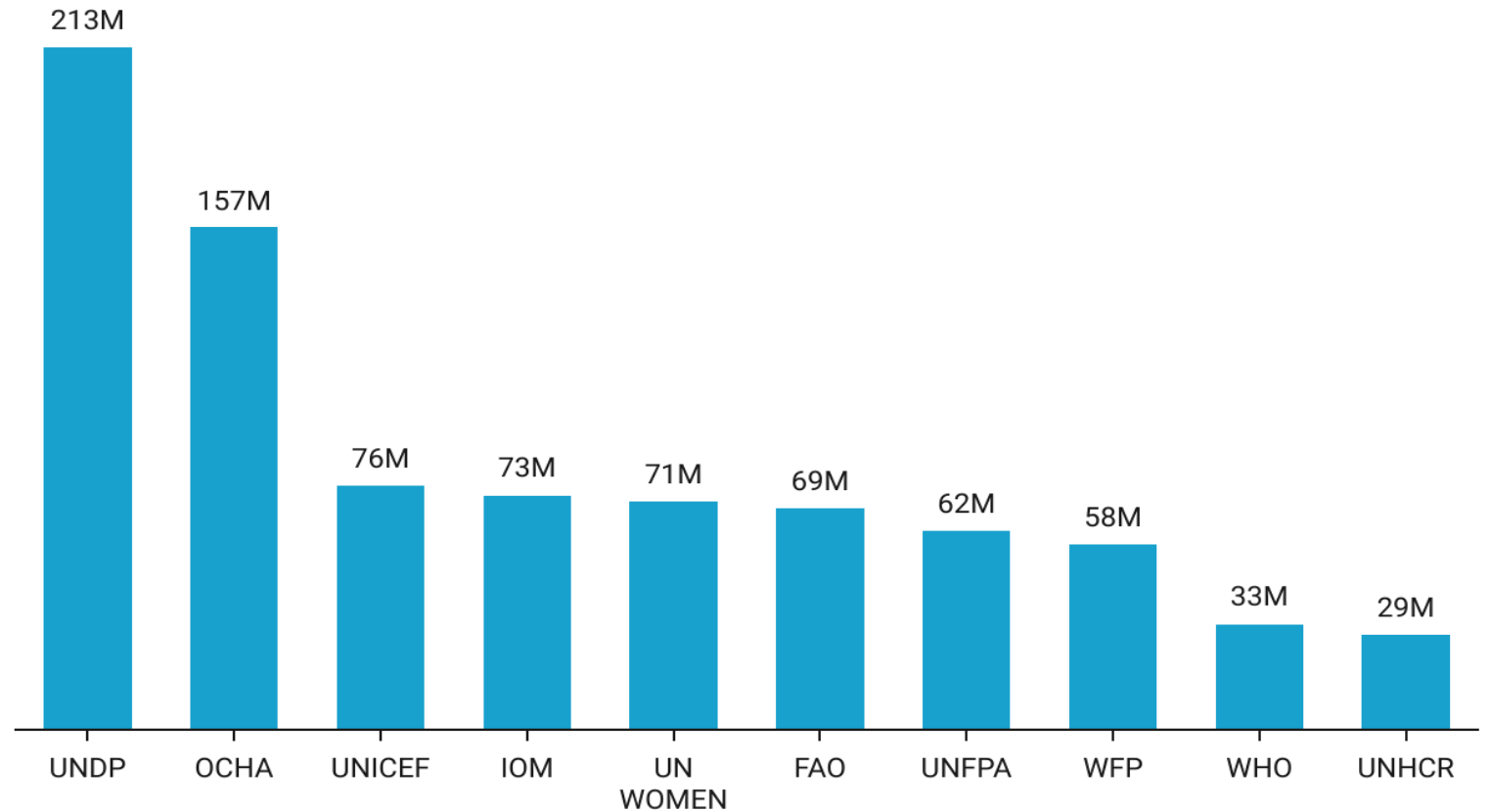
- Thanks to top 10 contributors in 2023 invested **US\$ 793million** (over 81% of inter-agency pooled funds in the MPTF Office).
- Germany and Norway maintained contributions of more than **US\$ 100 million** for six consecutive years.



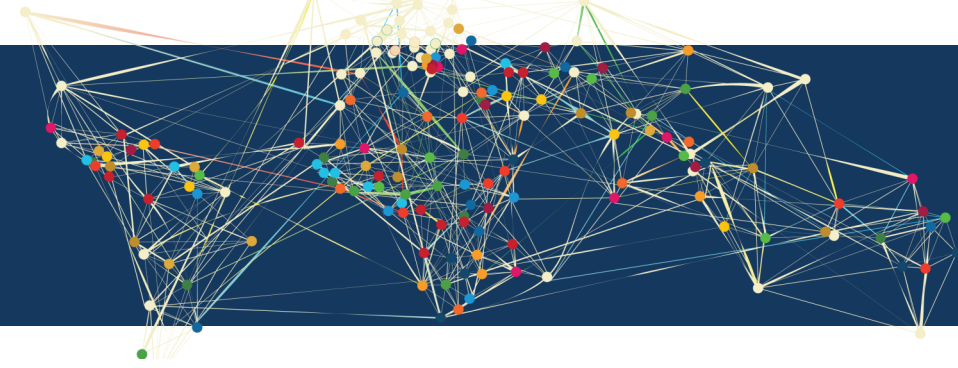
Top 10 UN participating organizations, 2023



- **UNDP, OCHA, UNICEF, IOM, and UN Women** were the top 5 PUNOs in 2023.
- **IOM and UN WOMEN** moved into top 5 in 2023.
- **Transfers to OCHA reduced by 67% in 2023 compared to 2022.**



New Funds in 2023



- Supported design and development of **19 new pooled funds**.
 - 4 Global Funds
 - 6 Country level pooled funds
 - 9 Joint Programmes
- The new funding instruments cover **climate and environment, peace and transition and development, plus data and analytics**.
- **Africa and Asia** have most new funds
- **4 funds** are **2nd Phases of previous funding instruments** (building on results and achievements).

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 multipartenaire Cote d'Ivoire

India MPTF

Iran One UN Impact Fund

PNG Country Fund Phase II

Ukraine Community Recovery Fund

Joint programmes

JP on Reintegration through Integrated Support and Empowerment (RISE)

JP Spotlight 2.0 High-Impact Programme for Violence Elimination by 2030 (HIVE)

JP in Uganda Gender for Development Uganda - Spotlight 2.0

JP in Ecuador - Spotlight 2.0

JP Somaliland Rule of Law 2.0

JP Ukraine - Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

JP on Green Infrastructure for Health and Education in Sao Tome

JP DRR for Sustainable Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Phase II

JP OPT Sawasya III

2023 Key Performance Indicators

Focus on efficiency and effectiveness

MPTFO applies a set of **key performance indicators** to monitor and track performance. In 2023,

- **90%** of transfers within 5 days
- **98%** of annual consolidated reports issued by 31 May
- **100%** Certified Sources and Uses of Funds Statements issued by 31 May
- **648** projects financially closed



UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration Fund in Sri Lanka has increased the survival rate of its mangroves: Photo by Todd Brown/UNEP.

Investments in evidence-based innovation, knowledge management and efficiency gains



- Publication with Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation “**Financing the UN Development System: Choices in Uncertain Times**”.
- Continuous investment in **GATEWAY 2.0**, the data platform that enhances transparency and fosters stakeholder engagement.
- Support to **Funding Compact commitments** on the **quality of pooled funding** feeding into the UN QCPR report.
- Study on **innovative finance opportunities** in multi-partner trust funds

Joint Programme DRC Fight Against Gender Based Violence: Supporting and empowering women emerging from vulnerable states and isolated settings. Photo by Josue Mulamba.

Evaluations

Critical tool to successful planning, implementation, and learning



- PUNOs evaluate programmatic initiatives according to their **rules and regulations**.
- **20 fund evaluations** were conducted between 2018 and 2023, **six funds** were evaluated in 2023.
- All evaluation reports are posted publicly on **MPTF Office Gateway** and uploaded to the **United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG)** database

Fund	Year
System-Wide Evaluation of the UNDS Socio-economic Response to COVID-19	2023
Trust Fund for Peace in Colombia	2023
System-Wide Evaluation of the Joint SDG Fund	2023
Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap MPTF	2023
Partnership for Action on Green Economy	2023
Evaluación De La Segunda Fase Del Fondo Multidonante De Naciones Unidas Para El Sostenimiento De La Paz	2023

Looking Ahead 2024 and beyond

Delivering on the Ambition of SDGs and Funding Compact

- Expanding investment on global instruments
- Harnessing the potential of country-level pooled funds
- Scaling up standardization of common management features
- Optimizing evidence on results
- Aligning around best practices on gender, LNOB and Social and Environmental Standards
- Broadening coalitions for leveraging, scale and impact

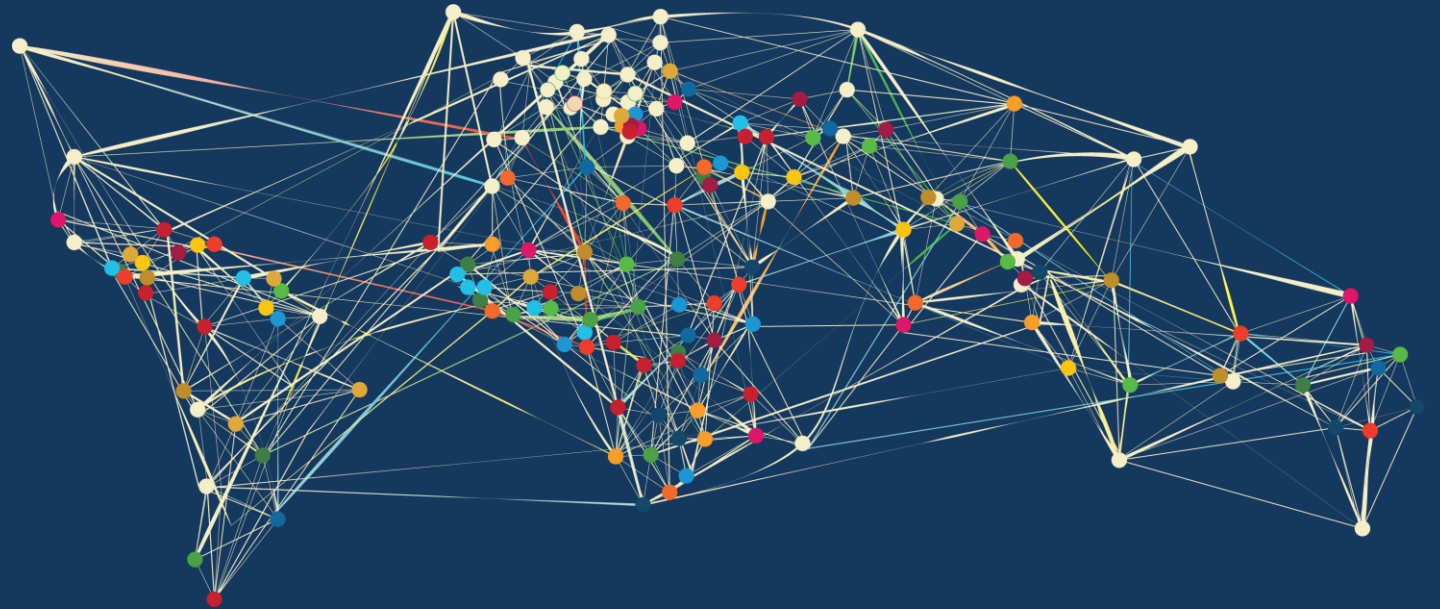


Joint SDG Fund in Albania: A new social inclusion Protection Policy developed to address gaps in social services and advancements in disability and child-care. Photo from UNDP Albania



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