

## Annual Progress Report 2024: Joint Programme in the Seed Funding Track

### INTRODUCTION

**Reporting period: From the start date of the Joint Programme (JP) until 31 December 2024.**

- Please be succinct and to the point, focusing on the most important accomplishments and issues that you want to bring to the attention of the Joint SDG Fund at the global level.
- Please do not exceed the word limit for each narrative question.
- Please contact Rena Hinoshita at [rena.hinoshita@un.org](mailto:rena.hinoshita@un.org) for questions and support.

**Submission deadline from RCOs to the Joint SDG Fund: 31 January 2025 via MS Form (<https://forms.office.com/e/RWkzAwS14i>)**

### PROFILE

JOINT PROGRAMME (JP) PROFILE:	
<b>UN Country Team</b>	PARAGUAY
<b>JP title</b>	<a href="#">Paraguay: Strengthening employment and social protection policies for just transitions</a>
<b>Funding Round</b> (Select the applicable funding round for the JP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decent Jobs and Universal Social Protection Digital Transformation Energy Access and Affordability Food Systems Transformation Integrated Policy and Capacity Building SDG Localization
<b>Cross-fertilized SDG Transitions</b> (Select up to 2 main SDG Transitions that are reflected in the JP progress to date)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decent Jobs and Universal Social Protection Digital Transformation Energy Access and Affordability Food Systems Transformation Transforming Education Climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution
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## OVERVIEW

### 1. Overall self-assessment of the JP progress as of 31 December 2024.

The primary objective of the Joint SDG Fund's seed funding track is to provide countries with support and resources to incubate and pilot transformative solutions and approaches (including actions to development and implement national roadmaps or priorities) that can subsequently lead to accelerating progress across [key SDG Transitions](#) at scale. Towards this objective, please evaluate the performance of the JP.

**1.a. Rate the overall implementation of the JP:** Is the JP advancing as planned against its workplan in the ProDoc to deliver its key results?

**Limited Progress:** Less than 50% of expected progress achieved; or implementation delayed by more than 2 months.

**Moderate Progress:** 50-75% of expected progress achieved; or implementation delayed by 1 to 2 months.

**On-Track Progress:** 100% of expected progress achieved; implementation completed on schedule.

**Exceptional Progress:** 100% of expected progress achieved ahead of schedule, with additional results or improvements delivered.

**1.b. Incubation and validation of solutions/approaches/roadmaps:** How much progress has the JP made in incubating innovative approaches/national roadmaps and/or piloting transformative solutions during the seed funding phase?

**Limited Progress:** No formal incubation activities/roadmaps or pilot solutions have been launched yet.

**Moderate Progress:** Initial incubation activities/roadmaps or pilots have begun but are in early stages.

**On-Track Progress:** All planned incubation activities, roadmaps and pilots are fully operational and progressing as scheduled; data collection and validation processes are ongoing as planned.

**Exceptional Progress:** All planned incubation activities/roadmaps and pilots are completed ahead of schedule; early results show promising outcomes.

**Not Applicable:** The JP did not plan to incubate ideas, roadmaps or conduct pilots during this phase.

**1.c. Sustainability and scalability potential:** To what extent has the JP progressed in establishing pathways for future viability and scale-up of the innovations/solutions proposed under the seed funding phase?

**Limited Progress:** No concrete sustainability or scale-up strategies have been developed yet; or preliminary discussions with potential partners/funders have not begun

**Moderate Progress:** Initial sustainability plans are being developed; some potential scale-up pathways identified; preliminary stakeholder engagement or market assessment underway.

**On-Track Progress:** Comprehensive sustainability and scale-up strategies are in place; clear pathways for expansion identified; active engagement with potential partners/funders ongoing.

**Exceptional Progress:** Robust sustainability plans finalized ahead of schedule; multiple viable scale-up pathways secured; strong commitments from partners/funders obtained; additional opportunities for expansion identified beyond initial plans.

**Not Applicable:** The JP has not yet reached the stage of planning for sustainability and scalability.

## RESULTS OF THE JP TO DATE

### A. Results-Based Narrative

#### 2. Overall progress on JP (600 words / 1.5 pages max)

Using bullet points, describe how the key progress of the JP, especially around how it is contributing to incubating and piloting new ideas and approaches (including actions to development and implement national roadmaps/priority areas) to propel the [key SDG Transitions](#). Your response should cover how the JP is making changes around: 1) developing new policy and regulatory frameworks; 2) identifying new pipelines of solutions; 3) strengthened capacities of key stakeholders; 4) enhanced partnerships and financing mixes to ensure sustainability and scale, and other transformative shifts. Please include specific reference to the SDG targets identified in the ProDoc.

(600 words / 1.5 pages max; Please delete examples)

- The JP has not started the implementation yet. The delay of the inception phase is essentially based on the decision of the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MTESS), of re-validating the whole ProDoc, including the implementation plan, in light of new provisions issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding gender-related language, to guarantee the necessary alignment of the implementation strategy to the national institutional and political framework.

- After a detailed review by the MTESS, the ProDoc was finally signed by HE Minister Mónica Recalde, on December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2024, without any modifications to the original document.
- In the meantime, some coordination meetings have been carried out between ILO's, UNDP's and UNICEF's technical staff and the General Directorate of Planning of the MTESS, in order to clarify some points. At the beginning of the 2025, a meeting will be held between parties to update the workplan and define the inception phase.
- Given the situation, an extension of the implementation period is likely to be needed and will be requested to the Board soon.

### 3. Constraints, adjustments and lessons (500 words / 1 page max)

In bullet points, please explain any constraints, including risks identified in the ProDoc's Risk Matrix, that were encountered and any adjustments that were made or mitigation actions taken by the JP team to strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of the JP and the coherence and coordination of UN system support.

In describing lessons learned, please be candid about both successes and failures, explaining what was learned from each experience and how these insights might be applied in the future.

(500 words / 1 page max; Please delete examples)

- Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no constraints, nor adjustments nor learned lessons to be reported.

### 4. Scale up and pathways for transformative systems change (Select all that apply)

Please select all relevant pathways that the JP is applying with the aim of scaling up and developing the JP to ensure scale and systematic transformation:

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant contributions to be reported.

- Capacity-building & local ownership:** Strengthening capacity of individuals, local institutions and communities to independently implement and sustain activities; or transferring ownership and management to local organizations for sustained impact.
- Cross-sectoral collaboration & partnerships:** Partnering with diverse stakeholder groups to address interconnected issues and amplify impact; engaging with private and public sector to replicate successful programme components; or

institutionalize participatory governance mechanisms to ensure inclusivity and intensify effectiveness.

**Policy integration & mainstreaming:** Incorporating successful programme elements into national or local policies and regulations to ensure wider adoption and impact; or integrating programme components into existing systems and structures for wider reach, efficiency and sustainability.

**Resource mobilization & financial sustainability:** Developing innovative financing mechanisms and attracting new donors/investors to ensure financial sustainability and expansion; or influencing existing financing mechanisms or diversifying resource streams to support long-term programme viability and growth.

**People-centred technology adoption & innovation:** Leveraging technology and solutions to increase reach, efficiency, impact of activities; or using technology and innovation to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration and scale-up of impact.

**Others.** Please specify:

## 5. Plans for 2025 with a focus on sustainability (500 words / 1 page max)

In bullet points, please provide the JP plan for 2025 including measures taken to ensure the JP's successful implementation. Please also describe any '[enabling actions](#)' undertaken to ensure the mid- to long-term sustainability and scalability of the JP results.

(500 words / 1 page max; Please delete examples)

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant actions to be reported.

At the beginning of the 2025, a meeting will be held between parties to update the workplan. The workplan will include specific measures to ensure the JP successful implementation and sustainability.

## 6. Areas for further support from the Joint SDG Fund and its UN System Partners

Please describe where additional support at the global level is needed and how the Joint SDG Fund and UN partners, including the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions, the Local2030 Coalition and others, can better help the JP.

(250 words / 0.5 page max; Please delete examples)

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant helpful actions to be requested to the Joint SDG Fund and its UN System Partners.

## B. Indicator-Based Performance Update

This section is based upon the JP results framework and workplan.

### 7. The JP results framework and workplan (Upload Excel)

Please assess the JP performance against the indicators identified in Annex 1: Integrated results framework and workplan, including 1) JP outputs, 2) JP contribution to Joint SDG Fund global indicators, and 3) JP workplan. If the JP has SDG Localization's Marker 3, please include also the progress against the SDG Localization indicators.

The implementation has not started yet.

### 8. Number of people directly benefited by the JP

Direct beneficiaries are individuals, groups or organizations who actively participate in JP activities and directly benefit from its interventions, such as civil servants attending workshops, small business owners receiving training, or households accessing services provided by the JP. It is important to disaggregate the primary beneficiaries by sex as per table below when possible.

The implementation has not started yet.

Type of engagement	Total Number of People	Number of Women and Girls*	Number of Children and Youth (0-24)*
Training/workshops for targeted groups			
Awareness raising campaign for broad audience			
Dialogues/consultations with relevant stakeholders			
Coordination meetings with key partners			
Access to expanded services			
Others (Please specify)			

*\* Note that it is allowed to have overlaps in the reporting of women/girls and children/youth columns.*

### 9. Contributions to marginalized and vulnerable groups (250 words / 0.5 page max)

In bullet points, please provide a summary of how the JP is benefiting the marginalized and vulnerable groups identified in the ProDoc. Include results achieved to date at both institutional/policy and local/human levels. Please find the 20 standard LNOB groups in footnote 28 on page 17 of the UNSDG Output Indicator Framework's [Implementation Guide](#).

(250 words / 0.5 page max; Please delete examples)

- Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant contributions to be reported.

### 10. Additional financial resources mobilized/leveraged through growing partnerships

Please indicate the additional financial resources (in USD) mobilized or leveraged in 2024 through the JP. The source of funding/financing should be categorized by sources, including public-private partnerships, private sector investments, Government contributions, and financial commitments from IFIs, DFIs and other donors, if any. Please clarify the actual amounts already mobilized/leveraged or the potential amounts expected to be mobilized/leveraged.

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant contributions to be reported.

Source of Funding/Financing	Amount in USD (mobilized/planned)
	\$
	\$
	\$

### 11. Cross-cutting issues and principles of leaving no one behind (LNOB)

For each question, select the relevant response and provide a brief 1-2 sentence explanation directly in the table.

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant contributions to be reported.

Question	Yes	No	Comment
The JP has adequately implemented environmental and social standards/safeguards to avoid and address adverse impacts on people and the planet.			
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address human rights issues, undertaking and drawing upon relevant human rights analysis.			
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address structural inequalities facing women and girls.			
The JP has demonstrated positive results / effects for youth in accordance with the principles in Youth 2030.			
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address structural inequalities facing			

marginalized and vulnerable persons in any other LNOB groups. Please specify which groups: _____			
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### C. Strategic Communications and Partnership Update

#### 12. Strategic communications

Please provide the information of the event(s) held or planned, and links to written articles and social media posts produced by the JP per the Joint SDG Fund's [Communications Guideline for Seed Funding Tracks](#) on [UNSDG Knowledge Portal](#) (NB: PUNOs may need to request access first).

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant strategic communication actions or products to be reported.

<b>Event Title</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Location</b>	
<b>Participants</b> (Mention if <a href="#">Donor Member States</a> , Government representatives were present)	
<b>Objective/Outcome</b> (Briefly describe the key objective or outcome of the event)	
<b>Quotes</b> (Format: Name, Last Name, Title, Organization, Quote: “ ”) – especially from donors, government or UN representatives.	
<b>Additional materials and links on event coverage</b>	

<b>List of links to written articles and social media posts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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#### 13. Strategic partnerships (Select all that apply)

What type of partnerships has the JP established or is in the process of establishing?

Since the implementation has not started yet, there are no significant partnerships to be reported.

- National Government Institutions (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Sub-national Government Institutions (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

- International Financial Institutions & Development Finance Institutions (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Private Sector Companies or Industry Associations (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Society Organizations, Philanthropic Organizations and Foundation (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic/Research Institutions (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Bilateral Development Partners (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Labour Unions or Organizations (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Others (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNEX: SDG Localization Marker Survey

**ONLY for the JPs with SDG Localization's Marker 3 to respond.**

A. Did you upload the SDG Localization monitoring indicators as part of your JP results framework?

- Yes
- No

B. What action areas has your JP prioritized since launch to advance the SDGs at the local level? (Select all that apply)

- Empowering local authorities and communities (e.g. capacity building, leadership development, technical support)
- Facilitating multi-stakeholder engagement (e.g. participatory planning processes, community consultations)
- Strengthening multi-level governance (e.g. vertical coordination, central-local policy alignment)
- Localizing SDG financing (e.g. municipal finance mechanisms, local resource mobilization, local SDG budgeting)
- Enhancing local data systems (e.g. disaggregated data collection, community-based monitoring)
- Expanding social service access (e.g. last-mile delivery, integrated service provision)
- Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

C. To what extent have financial resources been transferred or mobilized directly to local-level actors (e.g. local governments, local community organizations, local service providers) to support SDG Localization efforts in the reporting period?

- 0% i.e. no resource has been directed to local-level actors.
- 1-24% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.
- 25-49% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.
- 50-74% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.
- 75-100% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.

D. Please describe how your JP engages with sub-national (local and regional) authorities, communities, and/or local service providers to advance SDG Localization, including approaches to enhance local capacities, align policies with local contexts, and ensure sustainable financing mechanisms. Please provide your response in the box below to upload in Q11 of MS Form, or directly enter your response in Q18 of MS Form.

(250 words / 0.5 page max)

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