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 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:	
UN Country Team	Senegal
JP title	Support to the Operationalization of e-justice in Dakar Suburbs
Funding Round (Select the applicable funding round for the JP)	Decent Jobs and Universal Social Protection Digital Transformation Integrated Policy and Capacity Building SDG Localization
Cross-fertilized SDG Transitions (Select up to 2 main SDG Transitions that are reflected in the JP progress to date)	Decent Jobs and Universal Social Protection Digital Transformation
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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.

- As a reminder, the Joint Project aims to support the implementation of the country's Justice Digitization Roadmap over the period 2023-2027, paying particular attention to the provision of services to young people and women.

- The project specifically provides support to judicial institutions to strengthen their effectiveness so that they are people-centred, leaving no one behind, and creating a more inclusive and sustainable provision of justice services to citizens. In connection with output 1; at least 5 judicial procedures are dematerialized (judicial chains, mail management system, e-roles, e-recourses, electronic archiving,) pending deployment after the test phases.

- A highly secure mini-datacenter meeting TIER3 standards is being set up to host all data for the dematerialized services of the Guédiawaye courthouse in the pilot phase. It also serves as a data storage center for the Palais de Justice in Dakar. A network infrastructure that meets current and future needs in terms of connectivity, speed, high data availability and reliability has been installed.
- An integrated IP telephony system has been installed, and user workstations are operational.

- A plan to raise awareness of the importance and challenges of digital technology in the management of the Palais de Justice is available and implemented.

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.

- Some delays have been noted in setting up the mini data center, linked to the timely availability of the necessary equipment.
- There were also delays in acceptance of civil engineering work at the newly built Pikine Guédiawaye courthouse.
- institutional changes following the installation of a new government have delayed the identification of needs in the maisons de justice and boutiques de droit.
- To this end, a meeting with the national parties was organized to ensure greater ownership of the project by the new authorities.

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:

☒ **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.

- An acceptance test will be organized through a workshop specifying the methodological and organizational framework for evaluating and validating the e-justice platform so that it best meets the requirements defined before being put into production or delivered. The test team will be made up of the various profiles (mail agent, enrolment agent, clerk, registry administrator, judge, examining magistrate, prosecutor, public prosecutor, etc.) of the judicial system, to execute and document the test cases. This workshop will be the first step in training judicial players on the e-justice platform.

- Support the development of business applications for justice centers and shops. Specific needs will be identified to enable these local structures to better improve their remote service offerings.

- It will also involve acquiring the IT equipment necessary for the operationalization of dematerialized procedures.

- Training sessions for the benefit of agents of the Pikine Guediawaye courthouse as well as agents of the justice centers and law shops will be organized

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.

- The joint project is a pilot phase in one of the fourteen regions of Senegal. It will be a question of capitalizing on this experience to cover the rest of the

Senegalese territory. To this end, additional resources will be necessary. The Joint SDG Fund and UN partners could help us establish solid collaborations with the main international financial institutions in our region.

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.

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.

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	7	3	0
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.

not applicable at this stage of project implementation

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.

Source of Funding/Financing	Amount in USD (mobilized/planned)
UN joint SDG Fund	$ 250 000
UNDP	$ 235 000
UNOPS	$ 30 000

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.

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.	X		The JP aims to improve the provision of services to citizens through zero paper
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address human rights issues, undertaking and drawing upon relevant human rights analysis.	X		The JP aims to improve the provision of judicial services to citizens by strengthening their rights of access within realistic timeframes.
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address structural inequalities facing women and girls.	X		The JP implements capacity building activities for law firms which constitute support structures for women who are victims of gender-based violence or who have difficulty accessing justice and judicial protection.
The JP has demonstrated positive results / effects for youth in accordance with the principles in Youth 2030.		X	No applicable in this step
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address structural inequalities facing		X	No applicable in this step

marginalized and vulnerable persons in any other LNOB groups. Please specify which groups: _____			

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).

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

List of links to written articles and social media posts:

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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?

☒ National Government Institutions (Please specify): Ministry of Justice _ Department of Dematerialization and Automation and Department of Local Justice
☒ Sub-national Government Institutions (Please specify): Pikine Guédiawaye Courthouse
☐ 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): Association of Women Lawyers of Senegal
☐ 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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