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Strategic results

The National Institutional Mechanism for achieving SDGs is strengthened.

SDGs are incorporated into strategic forecasting and planning documents and localization of SDGs is accelerated.

Improvement of the system for monitoring the achievement of SDGs is facilitated at the national and local levels.

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# **ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS**

Belstat	National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus
CPD	Country Programme Document
CSD	Council for Sustainable Development
JP	Joint Project "Support to the Efforts of the Republic of Belarus in
	Nationalization and Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals"
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NMPI	National Multidimensional Poverty Index
NSSD – 2040	National Strategy for Sustainable Development up to 2040
PUNOs	Participating United Nations Organizations
RSSDs	Regional Strategies for Sustainable Development
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SC	Steering Committee
UN	United Nations
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
2030 Agenda	"Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
	Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015 №70/1

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The JP in Belarus, aimed at supporting the nationalization and localization of the SDGs, plays a vital role in advancing the 2030 Agenda. In 2024, the Joint Program (JP) continued to foster collaboration among high-level decision-makers, UN agencies, government bodies, and the private sector to advance the nationalization and localization of the SDGs in Belarus.

The High-level Steering Committee (SC), co-chaired by the National SDG Coordinator and the UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Belarus, convened twice to approve the JP Annual Work Plan for 2024 and JP Progress Report for 2023, ensuring its effective implementation.

In 2024, the JP continued to serve as a pivotal platform for fostering cross-sectoral collaboration efforts of various stakeholders, including UN agencies, the National SDG Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (MFA) and other ministries, public institutions, and private sector. The JP supported the functioning of the National Institutional SDG Mechanism, enabling stakeholders to pool collective expertise and jointly advance SDG implementation.

During the reporting period, through its inclusive approach and strategic partnerships, the JP enabled a comprehensive analysis and discussions of results and plans towards achieving the SDGs during three Highlevel meetings of the Council for Sustainable Development (CSD). The JP also performed as a platform for strategic consultations about Belarus' development priorities till 2040 at national and regional levels by supporting the Second National Forum on Sustainable Development, SDG foresights sessions, seminars, forums and other SDG related meetings at the local level. An innovative tool for planning and forecasting socio-economic development "national transfer accounts" was introduced to the various stakeholders.

The JP also fostered dialogue and knowledge exchange by facilitating the participation of the high-level officials in the SDG international conferences and forums (New York, Geneva, etc.) where Belarus shared its experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

During 2024 for enhancing Belarus efforts in SDG achievement the JP supported the development of the SDG communication strategy, the methodology for assessing legislation for compliance with the SDGs, including gender equality. With JP assistance the first in Belarus SDG voluntary university review was developed.

Within the JP efforts were made to meaningfully engage young people in promoting and implementing the 2030 Agenda, support the SDGs Youth Ambassadors activities, foster a healthy lifestyle, and build up the capacity of Silver Volunteers.

To strengthen Belarus SDG monitoring system, the JP contributed to further enhancing the statistical capacities by aligning with international trends and best practices across a diverse range of topics, such as multidimensional poverty, national transfer accounts, statistical data, geostatistics, metadata, and SDG indicators. With JP support the NMPI was calculated, and methodological approaches for calculating SDGs indicators 1.b.1, 3.b.3, 8.4.1/12.2.1 and 8.4.2/12.2.2 considering national factors were developed and tested.

During 2024, the cooperation between UN agencies, the donor, the National SDG Coordinator, MFA, Members of the CSD, and regional administrations was strengthened to ensure effective implementation and further nationalization and localization of the 2030 Agenda.

### I. Purpose

The overarching goal of the JP is to support the Republic of Belarus in 2030 Agenda implementation through ensuring the effective functioning of the National Institutional SDG Mechanism on a par with incorporation of the SDGs into strategic forecasting and planning documents at the local level and improvement of the SDG monitoring and evaluation system at the national and local levels.

The JP is aligned with strategic directions of PUNOs' CPDs (BCA), particularly:

#### from UNDP

- measures for the development of green, circular, low-carbon economy, considering the interests of vulnerable groups, developed and introduced;
- financial and non-financial mechanisms enabling effective regional development, including in Chernobyl-affected areas and ensuring inclusion of vulnerable groups, introduced;
- the national system of collection, monitoring, analysis, and use of disaggregated data strengthened in accordance with the human rights-based approach, gender equality and 'leaving no one behind' principles.

#### from UNICEF

- children's and adolescents' development and safety in family environments are enhanced through social services and improved capacities of caregivers;
- children and adolescents enjoy increased protection from violence and have access to justice for children;
- children, adolescents and youth are better protected, more socially included, prepared for the employment challenges of the future, and engaged in issues of their concern;
- public-private engagement is enhanced and efficiency of spending to better realize the potential of future generations is increased.

#### from UNFPA

- strengthened capacities to provide high-quality, integrated information and services for sexual and reproductive health for women and youth, especially among vulnerable groups;
- improved knowledge on healthy lifestyles and life-saving skills among women and youth, especially those with disabilities, the elderly and rural residents (including in Chernobyl-affected areas);
- mainstreamed demographic intelligence to improve the responsiveness, targeting and impact of development policies, programmes and advocacy.

#### from WHO

• one billion more people benefit from universal health coverage.

#### II. Results

## i) Narrative reporting on results:

### Outcome 1. Ensure effective functioning of the National Institutional SDG Mechanism

In 2024, in partnership with MFA and under the leadership of the National SDG Coordinator, the JP contributed to ensuring the effective functioning of the National Institutional SDG Mechanism as a platform for strategic discussions of the 2030 Agenda implementation and Belarus' development priorities beyond 2030 by supporting three meeting of the CSD, the Second National Forum on Sustainable Development, other SDG related events at the national level. To foster dialogue and knowledge sharing among diverse stakeholders, participation of the SDG High-level officials in SDG international conferences and forums (New York, Geneva, etc.) and presentation of Belarus' experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda were facilitated within the JP. To enhance Belarus efforts in SDG achievement, during the reporting period the JP provided assistance in development of the SDG communication strategy and the methodology for assessing legislation for compliance with the SDG and gender equality. In cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus the JP continued promoting the active engagement of youth in the advancement of the SDGs. With JP assistance the first in Belarus SDG voluntary university review was developed. For raising awareness about the importance of disease prevention and the adoption of healthy behaviors, together with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus, a targeted campaign to emphasize the significance of preventive measures against non-communicable diseases and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle was implemented.

# Outcome 2. Facilitate incorporation of the SDGs into strategic forecasting and planning documents at local level as well as accelerating the SDG localization

During the reported period the JP actively contributed to the development of RSSDs, ensuring that the SDGs are systemically integrated in in programming documents across every region of Belarus. To enhance the capacity of local authorities on various topics related to the SDG implementation, the JP organized foresight sessions, seminars, and forums at the local level. An innovative tool for planning and forecasting socioeconomic development "national transfer accounts" was introduced to the various stakeholders. For the purpose of supporting SDG localization in 2024, the JP organized a contest of pilot initiatives at the local level. In 2025, 21 winners will implement pilot initiatives on education, organic agriculture, digitalization, health, accessible environment and professional skills for people with disabilities following the 2030 Agenda principle "No one left behind".

### Outcome 3. Improve the SDG monitoring and evaluation system at national and local levels

The national statistical service's capacity was enhanced in terms of incorporating international trends and best practices on a diverse range of topics, including multidimensional poverty, national transfer accounts, statistical data, geostatistics, metadata, and SDG indicators. JP support was rolled out from respective trainings, round tables to methodologies development. During 2024, in partnership with the National Statistical Committee (Belstat) and in consultations with the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative the JP supported the calculation of the NMPI, providing a transformative tool for understanding poverty and deprivation in Belarus. Findings revealed that while the proportion of multidimensionally poor population in Belarus is relatively small, the NMPI's broader approach allows for more holistic policymaking aimed at improving well-being across multiple dimensions. Moreover, the JP contributed to the development and testing of methodological approaches for calculating SDGs indicators 1.b.1, 3.b.3, 8.4.1/12.2.1 and 8.4.2/12.2.2.

#### Outcome 4. Ensure effective management, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Project

In 2024, effective management and monitoring of the JP implementation was insured by efficient work of the UNDP JP Team, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO staff and monthly meetings of the PUNOs Coordination Group

(RCO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO), which continued functioning as a platform for integrating UN efforts on JP results-based implementation and for open and proactive discussion of delays, constraints, challenges.

### Output 1: The National institutional SDG mechanism in the Republic of Belarus was strengthened.

The JP ensured the functioning of the National Institutional SDG Mechanism. With UNDP support 3 High-level meetings of the CSD were held on the following topics: commemoration of the Chernobyl Disaster, the 2024 Summit of the Future, Belarus' activities and priorities within the 2030 Agenda implementation, strategic planning for sustainable development until 2040 at the national and regional levels, review of the UN Country Team work. In total 346 people (156 women and 190 men) took part in the meetings of the CSD, including the members of the CSD, representatives of UN agencies, public associations, NGOs, private sector, scientific organizations, and SDGs Youth Ambassadors.

To discuss the progress in 2030 Agenda implementation and Belarus development priorities till 2024, UNDP together with MFA under the National SDG Coordinator leadership organized the Second National Forum on Sustainable Development (June 2024, Minsk). This pivotal event brought together over 400 participants, fostering a dynamic exchange among diplomats, government officials, civil society, business, academics, youth representatives, international organizations, and the media. The outcome document of the Forum was disseminated as an official document of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly №A/78/372.

For elaboration of business and government partnership in 2030 Agenda implementation, UNDP together with MFA held the international B2B conference "Strengthening the Republic of Belarus Capacity for Sustainable Development Goals Achievement: Strategies and Partnerships in the Context of Modern Challenges and the Climate Agenda" (June 2024, the Great Stone Industrial Park, Belarus.). The conference was attended by the members of the CSD, representatives of the private sector, business and academia, youth organizations from the Republic of Belarus and abroad, the UN in the Republic of Belarus, UNDP, FAO, the Eurasian Economic Commission, the diplomatic corps, a total of 88 people, including 56 men and 32 women.

The JP provided a platform for the national partners to exchange experience and knowledge on the SDGs at the international level. In 2024 UNDP facilitated participation of the National SDG Coordinator, representatives of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus and MFA in the Regional Forum of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on Sustainable Development (March 2024, Geneva, Switzerland), the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (July 2024, New York, USA), the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination meeting (August 2024, Geneva, Switzerland), and the Summit of the Future (September 2024, New York, USA). In addition, WHO supported the participation of healthcare specialists in events on prevention of non-communicable diseases (May 2024, Geneva, Switzerland), and trainers of the non-communicable disease prevention module of the Institute for Advanced Training and Retraining of Healthcare Personnel of the Belarusian State Medical University (BSMU) in the Healthy Society Forum (July 2024, Moscow, Russian Federation). To enhance the capacity of public officials in gender expertise of draft regulatory legal acts, UNFPA organized a visit of representatives of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Belarus to Kyrgyzstan. The visit program included participation of Belarusian experts in training seminars, meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Migration, and the staff of the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of Kyrgyzstan, NGOs.

During 2024 to enhance Belarus efforts in SDG achievement, UNDP supported the development of the SDG communication strategy and the methodology for assessing legislation for compliance with the SDGs. In cooperation with the government bodies UNDP facilitated the elaboration of an analytical note on the progress of the Republic of Belarus in achieving the SDGs. These materials will be used by CSD for development of the third voluntary national review on the 2030 Agenda implementation.

In 2024 UNDP provided assistance in the development for the first time in the country of a voluntary university review on the 2030 Agenda implementation. The review provides a comprehensive analysis of the Belarusian State Pedagogical University named after Maxim Tank contribution to the achievement of the SDGs.

With UNDP support, in 2024 an analysis of educational and methodological materials and manuals on achieving the SDGs in the Republic of Belarus was conducted, and recommendations for the development of an educational and methodological manual on the SDGs were prepared. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus, with UNDP assistance, an advanced training curriculum for the teaching staff of higher education institutions and an educational and methodological manual on integrating the principles of education for sustainable development into the training of higher education specialists is currently being developed. The work is to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2025.

In 2024, in partnership with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus UNICEF continued to promote education on sustainable development to engage youth in achieving SDG agenda. Methodological guidance was developed for the extra-curricular course "First Steps to a Sustainable Future" for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. A professional development training program "Promoting Ideas and Values of Sustainable Development Among Children and Youth" was created for pedagogical staff of educational establishments. During the Global Goals Week, the World's Largest Lesson on SDGs was conducted in over 1,000 educational establishments nationwide. These efforts contributed to creating a sustainable learning framework to be further integrated in the national education on the SDGs, climate change and other relevant issues creating essential foundation for meaningful youth participation in promoting and contributing to sustainable development of the country and achieving the 2030 Agenda.

In 2024, UNICEF in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus and the MFA further supported the SDG Youth Ambassadors initiative. The 4<sup>th</sup> cohort of the SDG Youth Ambassadors was elected including 17 ambassadors (8 girls and 9 boys) and 17 alternates (11 girls and 6 boys). UNICEF supported the SDG Youth Ambassadors by strengthening their capacities for engaging youth in achieving the SDGs agenda. The ambassadors organized a communication group successfully involving youth from leading universities across the country in promoting the SDGs. They led activities on SDG promotion, developed an SDG vocabulary, and an information module on the SDG Youth Ambassadors activities. The news posts reached approximately 150,000 views. An SDG quest attracted 100 participants (61 girls and 39 boys aged 17-20 years) and 639,100 views on social media. The section on the SDG Youth Ambassadors on the website <a href="https://www.moladz.by">www.moladz.by</a> was updated.

With UNICEF assistance multiple events were organized during 2024 to promote the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation: Adolescents and Youth", raise awareness on the SDGs, enhance learning and engage adolescents and youth in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A republican forum for teachers of additional education with participation of 112 teachers, students and educational professionals, and a republican competition of teaching materials with participation of 478 teachers were organized. Over 300 teachers and students participated in the second international scientific conference "Education for the Future". The Sustainable University project engaged over 300 students. Education projects "Lessons for Sustainable Development" and "School of SDGs volunteers" were continued. The republican

project "Lessons for Sustainable Development" engaged 83 education establishments from all the regions of Belarus. An exhibition "SGDs in numbers" was organized to further engage youth. Participants of the exhibition including the SDGs Youth Ambassadors and their alternates created art objects using artificial intelligence seen by over 1,000 visitors. The exhibition was presented in three regional centers in 10 higher educational establishments. Youth Forum on SDGs and Youth Media Festival "Youth for Sustainable Development" were attended by over 900 participants representing over 200 educational establishments. Annual forums, conferences and projects have become a platform for continuous engagement of teachers, educational professionals and students in the SGDs agenda promoting generation of ideas, exchange of experience and networking between representatives from different regions, educational establishments and backgrounds.

In 2024, to promote active longevity and enhance the potential of Silver Volunteers with UNFPA support and in collaboration with government bodies, training sessions for Silver Volunteers were held in all regions based on territorial centers for social services. During these sessions, volunteers and staff from the social service system were trained in effective communication techniques, information work on social media to engage senior individuals in the volunteer movement and conducting neurogymnastics to improve cognitive abilities. A total of 179 Silver Volunteers participated in the training, including 168 women and 11 men. The "Bridge of Generations" action, which took place in Ivye (Grodno region) in 2024, involved the participation of Silver Volunteers, young people and representatives of the authorities. The event was attended by 60 people and was aimed at combatting ageism.

During the reporting period to prevent noncommunicable diseases and reach the SDG 3.4, WHO in collaboration with the Belarusian State Medical University organized a training on SDG 3.4 "Public Health Management Technologies in Implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy". In 2024 WHO also conducted on-site (in Bobruisk) seminar focused on the "Healthy Cities and Towns" program as well as a seminar for the winners of the national competition for the best information support for the "Healthy Cities and Towns".

To increase public awareness on the prevention of non-communicable diseases, a series of educational videos and printed materials were developed with WHO assistance to support counselling on NCDs by the primary health care workers. The videos and printed materials are posted in the section «Electronic Patient Atlas» on the portal for public health workers <a href="www.formed.by">www.formed.by</a> developed in collaboration with the Republican Scientific and Practical Center of Medical Technologies, Informatization, Management and Economics of Public Health.

To raise public awareness of the 2030 Agenda and promote the SDGs, UNDP ensured the production of promotional products depicting the national SDG logos, the logos of the donor, UN and MFA (a total of 1090 pieces, including mugs, T-shirts, baseball caps, bags, calendars, etc.). These souvenirs were distributed at national and international events conducted within the JP.

# Output 2: SDGs are included in strategic forecasting and planning documents and the process of SDG localization is accelerated.

In 2024, within the JP the cooperation with local authorities on the SDG localization was strengthened. UNDP together with the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus and the National Institute of Economic Research of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus contributed to the development of the RSSDs. The Methodological Recommendations for the development of RSSDs were elaborated, expert support in designing of RSSDs was ensured, foresight sessions and "future workshops" for the development of RSSDs in regions were conducted. A total of 368 people participated in these events, 54% of whom were women. Among

the participants there were representatives of regional and district executive committees, industrial enterprises, public organizations, educational and scientific institutions, the private and banking sectors, and the SDGs Youth Ambassadors.

In 2024, the JP performed as a platform for comprehensive and extensive discussions of the regional development priorities till 2040. The first draft RSSDs were presented by the deputy chairpersons of regional executive committees at a meeting of the CSD. In addition, throughout 2024 draft RSSDs were discussed at the Mogilev Regional Sustainable Development Forum, XXV International Scientific Conference "Problems of Forecasting and State Regulation of Socio-Economic Development" in Minsk, Business Forum "State and Business: Partnership for Sustainable Development" in Vitebsk and during other events.

Moreover, in 2024, to contribute to the elaboration of the RSSDs, UNFPA conducted regional seminars on demography and socio-economic development. A total of 310 representatives from local executive and administrative bodies, as well as the scientific community, including 250 women and 60 men, discussed the impact of demographic factors on regional development, the demographic situation in various regions, and possible directions for ensuring demographic sustainability.

In the reporting period, to enhance the quality of planning and forecasting for the socio-economic development of the country, 40 representatives from government bodies and the scientific community became acquainted with an innovative tool for planning and forecasting socio-economic development – national transfer accounts – with UNFPA support. This tool allows for the analysis of demographic changes, their impact on economic processes, and a more effective formulation of state policy. Experts from Russia and Moldova shared their experiences in constructing national transfer accounts and their practical applications.

During 2024, to accelerate the SDG localization, UNDP together with the regional executive committees organized the SDG pilot initiatives contest. To efficiently disseminate information about the contest, ensuring inclusion of vulnerable groups, UNDP held six informational seminars in all regional centers. A total of 564 people participated in the seminars, including representatives of regional and district executive committees, public organizations, businesses, educational institutions, financial institutions, etc. For the digitalization of the process of submitting applications to the contest, UNDP created an online platform sdgidea.by. As a result of the contest, 21 SDG pilot initiatives on education, organic agriculture, digitalization, health, accessible environment and professional skills for people with disabilities following the 2030 Agenda principle "No one left behind" will be implemented in 2025.

To promote SDGs and raise awareness about progress on nationalization and localization of SDGs in Belarus, UNDP ensured regular updates of the national portal on sustainable development sdgs.by.

# Output 3: The system for monitoring the achievement of SDGs at national and local levels was improved.

During 2024 PUNOs enhanced partnership with Belstat on SDG monitoring and contributed to development of methodological approaches for SDG indicators reporting.

In 2024, with UNFPA assistance methodological approaches on calculating the SDG indicator 1.b.1 "Pro-poor public social spending" were developed and discussed with interested stakeholders, including Belstat representatives. Additionally, together with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus and Belstat UNFPA supported the testing and discussion of the national methodology for calculating the SDG indicator 3.b.3 "Proportion of health facilities that have a core set of relevant essential medicines available and affordable

on a sustainable basis". This methodology was updated based on the results of the testing and discussions, along with the Data Collection Instructions and Report.

During the reporting period UNDP in cooperation with UNEP provided support to Belstat in the development of a pilot methodology for calculating SDGs indicators 8.4.1/12.2.1 "Total resource use and resource use per capita and as a percentage of GDP" and 8.4.2/12.2.2. "Total domestic material consumption and domestic material consumption per capita and as a percentage of GDP and conducting experimental calculations using the data from 2020". These indicators contribute to comprehensive understanding of natural resource extraction, trade in natural resources, waste disposal and emissions.

In partnership with Belstat and in consultations with the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, UNDP supported the development of the NMPI, providing a transformative tool for understanding poverty and deprivation in Belarus. Findings revealed that while the proportion of multidimensionally poor population in Belarus is relatively small, the NMPI's broader approach allows for more holistic policymaking aimed at improving well-being across multiple dimensions. Furthermore, with UNDP assistance, a meeting of the intersectoral group on SDG monitoring of the CSD took place in November 2024, where methodological approaches to calculating the NMPI were considered. Data on the corresponding SDGs indicator 1.2.2 "Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions" were posted on the National Reporting Platform for SDGs Indicators.

UNICEF supported further strengthening of the national capacity to gather, analyze and disseminate official statistics. Activities to develop a procedure for structuring microdata and guidelines for microdata dissemination were launched with the support of an international expert. The efforts will result in improved access to statistical data while ensuring its high quality, consistency and confidentiality. Further improving the quality of administrative data by developing a quality assessment system remained a priority. UNICEF and Belstat continued to identify the most effective ways to access best international practices in the area and adapt them to national needs and priorities. In 2024, Belstat in partnership with UNICEF, redefined its needs in the area of strengthening the national database for disseminating official statistical data. The new approach resulted in adjusting planned activities to further enhance the new Information and Analytical System by integrating the Child Statistics Portal and introducing SDMX format for exchange of data with international databases including UNICEF's TransMonEE. Planned improvements will result in easier access to comprehensive data and smooth exchange with international databases ensuring its quality, consistency and uniformity.

In 2024, PUNOs facilitated the enhancement of national statistical capacity in terms of international trends and best practices on a diverse range of topics, including multidimensional poverty, national transfer accounts, statistical data, metadata, geostatistics and SDG indicators.

To raise awareness of Belstat representatives about international approaches and trends in SDG monitoring and reporting and to present the best Belarusian practices in SDG statistics, including child statistics, UNDP and UNICEF supported the participation of Belstat representatives (senior and middle management) in 12 international events in 2024 including: Expert meeting on statistics on children organized by UNECE and UNICEF (March, 2024, Geneva, Switzerland); the 72nd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians (June 2024, Geneva, Switzerland); the High-Level Meeting of the Network of Experts on Multidimensional Poverty (August 2024, Tashkent, Uzbekistan); the UNECE Seminar and Expert Meeting on SDGs Statistics (October 2024, Tirana, Albania), etc.

For improving the efficiency of Belstat interaction with other state bodies in providing high-quality data on SDG indicators by region, Belstat work in processing data arrays in the field of business statistics, finance,

prices, labor, services and domestic trade, demographic statistics, using geospatial data, applying the R programming language, SDMX format a number of seminars were held with UNDP support in 2024.

In 2024 together with Belstat, for wide dissemination of information about the progress of the Republic of Belarus in the 2030 Agenda implementation at national and international levels, UNDP supported publishing of a booklet on the progress of achieving the SDGs in the Republic of Belarus in Russian and English (300 copies).

#### Gender equality and women empowerment

In 2024, UNDP continued making efforts to secure equal women's and men's representation at the High-level meetings on the 2030 Agenda to make sure that women's interests are addressed during decision making process. During the reporting period UNDP contributed to enhance women's professional capacity, the JP facilitated participation of five female representatives of Belstat in ten international events on multidimensional poverty, statistical data, SDMX, SDG indicators, etc. Therefore, more than 80 000 USD was allocated by UNDP in 2024 towards gender equality.

UNICEF followed its key principles of gender equality in ensuring equal access and engagement of boys and girls in implemented activities. The competition for the SDGs Youth Ambassadors, a key national mechanism for participation and engagement of young people in the SDG agenda, encouraged women to participate. The two-round process resulted in selecting 9 men and 8 women as SDGs Youth Ambassadors empowering them to promote gender equality as a key cross-cutting issue of the SDG agenda. Girls and boys were equally engaged in all activities, such as the Largest Lesson on SDGs. As gender equality is a key cross-cutting issue defining UNICEF approach to programming, no specific funding was allocated to support it.

A gender perspective is integrated into the operations and programme activities of UNFPA, including in the planning and implementation of JP activities. During 2024 UNFPA contributed to gender equality and women empowerment by introducing progressive tools for gender assessment of legislation and its integration into legislative activities. UNFPA also ensured participation of 75 % of women in educational events.

WHO efforts in support to reach SDG target 3.4. "To reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases though prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being" is contributing to reduce currently existing 10-year gap in life expectancy for men (69 years) and women (79 years) in Belarus. Promoting of healthy lifestyle and reduction of prevalence of smoking, harmful alcohol use, support for healthy diet and physical activities will contribute to reducing noncommunicable diseases burden and need for care in the families and therefore will support women empowerment.

### Delays in JP implementation, challenges, lessons learned & best practices

The coordinated efforts enabled the JP to actively and efficiently implement the planned activities in 2024. JP activities were implemented under the following circumstances:

- rotation of people representing the national partners entities (High-level official National SDG Coordinator, Deputy Ministers of Economy, Heath, Belstat, etc.) leads to the necessity to renew communication, review the planned JP activities to ensure their alliance with current national priorities, get necessary clearances;
- limited pool of qualified national and international SDGs experts resulted in additional challenges in hiring contractors and coordinating their work;

- complexity and comprehensiveness of tasks including all 17 SDGs, the large number of the partners engaged (UN agencies, national partners) slows down the procedures for coordinating and approving completed work;
- lack of partners' experience in implementing international projects at local level.

The effective implementation of the JP during 2024 was ensured by constant communication and coordination of activities with representatives of PUNOs, the National SDG Coordinator, MFA, other government bodies and local authorities. Standard internal controls were carried out with no findings or follow-up actions required.

#### **Qualitative assessment**

As of 31 December 2024, 41.66% of the JP budget was delivered. In 2024, the JP delivered 86.35% of the budget planned for the year and implemented most of the planned activities. The remaining unutilized funds include cost savings resulting from competitive procurement procedures with lower costs compared to initially planned and funds for some activities on SDG monitoring which were reformatted to address Belstat needs and requests and will be implemented in 2025.

Considering that the JP fully-fledged implementation was shifted to the quarter 4 of 2023, the SC was requested and approved the extension of the JP implementation period till December 2026.

The PUNOs within the JP continue its communications and networking efforts to:

- ensure the effective functioning of the National Institutional SDG Mechanism as the strategic mechanism to facilitate integration and coherence for SDG implementation throughout Belarus (MFA has played an active role in promoting the JP activities and supported considerably in engaging government level stakeholders);
- lead the consultations with the national partners to proactively respond to the present-day vision of SDGs localization in Belarus, through the lens of the RSSDs' development in the context of the new NSSD-2040;
- discuss JP practical outputs to ensure their alignment with Belarus context and national priorities (for example, the SDG communication strategy was discussed with PUNOs, MFA and approved by the National SDG Coordinator).

In 2024 the JP benefited from the UN coordination mechanism. Monthly PUNOs meetings (RCO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO) served as a platform to coordinate joint efforts contributing to JP results-based implementation, discussion of challenges in the implementation and developing mitigation measures. Cooperation between PUNOs, the donor, the National SDG Coordinator, MFA, Members of the CSD was strengthened through joint activities, consultations and discussions.

#### Visibility

To highlight the activities of the JP and increase awareness of the population of the Republic of Belarus about the 2030 Agenda, the JP Team regularly updated the national SDG portal sdgs.by, Instagram, Facebook and X (Twitter) accounts with the latest news on the SDGs in Belarus and specifically the JP implementation. In 2024, 286 news items were posted at the sdgs.by website, among them 58 on the JP implementation. In addition to that, a new website section and 2 promotional videos were made to raise visibility of the Second National Forum on Sustainable Development conducted with JP support. The JP activities were also covered by PUNOs online resources and the national media. Furthermore, throughout 2024, 15 varieties of souvenir products

branded with SDG and JP logos were designed and procured (a total of 1,090 pieces, including mugs, T-shirts, baseball caps, bags, calendars, etc. – see the Annex).

One of the highlights of the JP work on SDGs promotion in 2024 is the successful development of the SDG communication strategy containing a visual concept to promote the SDGs in Belarus.

## ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Outcome 1. Ensure effective func	tioning of the National Institution	• •	<u> </u>	indicator (CSD)
Activity 1.1 Support to operation of SDG-based decision-making Indicator 1.1.1 Number of participants of the round tables and other events on sustainable development (UNDP) Baseline: Low level of awareness on sustainable development Planned Target: At least 100 participants	Expert and technical support in the organization of 3 meetings of the Council for Sustainable Development is provided. 346 people, including 190 men and 156 women took part.  The JP also provided support to holding the international conference and B2B "Strengthening the Republic of Belarus Capacity for Sustainable Development Goals Achievement: Strategies and Partnerships in the Context of Modern Challenges and the Climate Agenda". A total number of participants is 88 people, including 56 men and 32 women.		Lists of participants Recorded videos of the meetings <a href="https://sdgs.by/en/zaseda">https://sdgs.by/en/zaseda</a> <a href="mie/">nie/</a>	24,907.41
developed methodologies for assessing draft regulatory legal			The methodology for assessing draft regulatory legal acts for their compliance with the	20,000.00

SDGs and piloting the methodology on the example of one draft regulatory legal act (UNDP)  Baseline: Unavailability of methodologies for assessing draft regulatory legal acts for their compliance with the SDGs  Planned Target: 1 methodology, at least 1 draft regulatory legal act that was subject to piloting the methodology	Achieved Indicator Targets  questionnaire) is developed, piloted on the example of one draft regulatory legal act, agreed by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus and recommended by the National SDGs Coordinator for use by the state bodies in the rule-making process.	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification  SDGs and one draft regulatory legal act that was subject to piloting the methodology Contractor's reports	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Indicator 1.1.3 Number of seminars, trainings on capacity building for specialists of the bodies in the field of demographic mainstreaming for developing draft regulations (UNFPA)  Baseline: Lack of knowledge and competencies in the field of mainstreaming demographic factors when developing draft regulations  Planned Target: 2 seminars, trainings	Achieved 4 representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and 2 national experts increased their capacity in the field of gender assessment of legislation during a study visit to Kyrgyzstan. The agenda included 2 seminars, meetings with representatives of the government and non-profit organizations. Guidelines for conducting a gender assessment of regulatory legal acts were developed and piloted on examples of two acts. The results have been discussed with the Ministry of Labour and Social		List of participants JP report Minutes of the National Council on Gender Policy meeting Report of the consultant, The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Belarus's telegram channel Mass media: https://www.belta.by/soc iety/view/mintruda- zakonodatelstvo-v- belarusi-genderno- nejtralno-i-ne-soderzhit- diskriminirujuschih- norm-599960-2023/	17,461.41

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	Protection and presented at a meeting of the National Council on Gender Policy.		https://instlab.by/index.p hp/ru/news/arkhiv- novostej/263-v-minske- proshel-seminar- gendernaya-ekspertiza- normativno-pravovykh- aktov- mezhdunarodnaya-i- natsionalnaya-praktika	
Indicator 1.1.4 Availability of an assessment of the legislation conducted in the field of reproductive health for men and women in the context of the SDGs; availability of recommendations on improving the legislation; number of regional consultations on improving legislation in the field of reproductive health (UNFPA)  Baseline: Unavailability of a comprehensive assessment of the legislation conducted in the field of reproductive health for men and women in the context of the SDGs  Planned Target: Availability of an assessment of the legislation conducted in the field of reproductive health for men and women	Achieved A review of legislative acts and law enforcement practices that hinder achievement of the SDGs, along with recommendations for improving the organization of medical care for reproductive health for men and women in the context of achieving the SDGs, has been prepared. This review has been discussed at a roundtable and sent to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus.		JP report Consultant's report List of participants	9,790.00

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Availability of recommendations on improving the legislation Number of regional consultations on improving legislation in the field of reproductive health	noss on the SDCs			
Activity 1.2. Raising public awaren	ness on the SDGs			
Indicator 1.2.1 Number of social surveys on the knowledge of the SDGs among the population (UNDP)  Baseline: Low level of awareness on sustainable development  Planned Target: 1 social survey	Planned for 2026			0,00
Indicator 1.2.2 Number of Communication Strategies on SDGs Promotion Percentage of increase in public awareness on the SDGs (UNDP) Baseline: Low level of awareness on sustainable development Planned Target: 1 Communication Strategy on SDGs Promotion	Achieved The SDG communication strategy is developed, approved by the National SDG Coordinator and spread among state bodies for implementation.		The SDG communication strategy Contractor's reports	30,887.68
Indicator 1.2.3 Number of SDGs Champions competitions (UNDP) Baseline: Low level of awareness on sustainable development Planned Target: 1 competition	Planned for 2026			0,00

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Indicator 1.2.4 Number of conducted campaigns aimed at mainstreaming the contribution of the older population to achievement of the SDGs (UNFPA)  Baseline: Low level of awareness of the significance of contribution of the older population to achievement of the SDGs Significant level of ageism among the population, including youth  Planned Target: at least 600,000 social media users were covered by thematic materials and activities of the campaign	Partially achieved 7 awareness-raising events (Minsk, 6 regions) on active longevity gathered 179 silver volunteers where they were trained in effective communication techniques, information work on social media. The goal of the events is to expand the volunteer movement and develop new competencies necessary for active longevity. The 'Bridge of Generations' action, which took place in Ivye (Grodno region), involved the participation of silver volunteers, young people and representatives of the authorities. The action was attended by 60 people and was aimed at combatting ageism.	The activities were scheduled at the request of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and are in accordance with the recommendations set out by the participants of the 2023 Meeting of Silver Volunteers.	JP report Foto report Media Website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Belarus Website www.sdgs.by https://sdgs.by/results/v- belarusi-startovala- shkola-serebryanyh- volonterov-2/ https://belta.by/regions/v iew/serebrjanyh- volonterov-v-minske- obuchat-effektivnym- metodam- kommunikatsii-634691- 2024/ https://www.sb.by/article s/v-belarusi-250- chelovek-obuchilis- metodam-i-priemam- serebryanogo- volonterstva.html https://www.mintrud.gov .by/ru/news-ru/view/v- minske-dan-start-shkoly- serebrjanogo-volontera- 8282-2024/	13,615.70

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
			https://t.me/MintrudSoc Belarus/14407 https://t.me/MintrudSoc Belarus/13780 https://www.tcson- orsha.by/novosti/item/75 73-serebryanye- volontery-ttsson- povysili- kompetentsii.html	
Indicator 1.2.5 Number of events with participation of SDG Youth Ambassadors (UNICEF) Baseline: Insufficient number of events with participation of SDG Youth Ambassadors Planned Target: 3 events with participation of SDG Youth Ambassadors	Achieved The 4 <sup>th</sup> cohort of the SDG Ambassadors was elected (17 ambassadors and 17 alternates). The members completed a training programme to enhance their capacities for engaging youth in achieving the SDG agenda. The SDG Youth Ambassadors participated in most of the events organized by the JP including republican forums and conferences. They also organized events and activities to engage adolescents and youth in their educational establishments. News posts generated by the SDG Youth Ambassadors reached over 150,00 views.	The national partners actively supported the SDGs Youth Ambassadors engagement in different activities with the Ministry of Education inviting them to contribute to republican and local events	Reports of the implementing partners Lists of participants	13,765
<b>Indicator</b> 1.2.6 Number of conducted campaigns aimed at	<b>Achieved</b> In partnership with the Ministry of	The Ministry of Education and other	Reports of the implementing partner	40,710.62
promoting the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation	Education, UNICEF conducted	national stakeholders	Lists of participants Materials from events	

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Orientation: Adolescents and Youth"; number of social media users covered by thematic materials and activities of the campaign (UNICEF)  Baseline: Low awareness of the importance of accelerating SDGs within the framework of the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation: Adolescents and Youth"  Planned Target: 1 campaign aimed at promoting the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation: Adolescents and Youth"	multiple events coordinated under the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation: Adolescents and Youth" reaching out to over 4,500 students of educational establishments and over 1,500 educational professionals, and the public, including a republican forum for teachers of additional education; II Republican competition of teaching materials "Teach. Promote. Act."; II International scientific conference "Education for the Future"; II Republican educational project "Lessons on Sustainable Development", etc.	were interested in continuing and expanding the initiatives engaging professionals and students from different regions and different educational establishments and providing a regular platform for exchange of experience and networking.		
Indicator 1.2.7 Number of communication products on SDGs (UNDP)  Baseline: Low level of awareness in the field of sustainable development among the population  Planned Target: 3 communication products	Achieved Thematic expert support to the activities of the Joint Project on awareness raising and promoting the SDGs is provided. Partnership with UN agencies is strengthened. Communication support for the events organized by UNDP within the JP is provided. 23 communication products are developed, including 2 videos. 4 coordination meetings with		JP Report	28,021.68

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	PUNOs on JP communication			
	activities were organized and held.			
Indicator 1.2.8 Number of information and analytical products on SDGs on children and youth (UNICEF)  Baseline: Low level of awareness of the SDGs on children and youth Planned Target: 2 information and analytical products	Achieved The second annual Sustainable University project and an International Youth SDGs Forum were conducted engaging over 350 participants from different educational establishments including 10 universities.	Some of the planned activities were rescheduled to be implemented in 2025 due to the lengthy registration procedures.	Reports of the implementing partners, publications in social media and on websites, including: <a href="https://inlnk.ru/O1geQ4">https://inlnk.ru/O1geQ4</a> <a href="https://inlnk.ru/xvJnkk">https://inlnk.ru/xvJnkk</a> <a href="https://inlnk.ru/xvJnkk">www.moladz.by</a>	45,707.39
Antimitus 1.2 Europianaa ayahanaa	The events and SDGs were broadly covered by engaged educational establishments, the SDGs Ambassadors, and through social media and websites.	inving the SDCs		
Indicator 1.3.1 Number of	and international cooperation on ach In progress	lieving the SDGs	The draft analytical note	0.00
voluntary national reviews on implementation of the 2030 Agenda by the Republic of Belarus  Number of stakeholders (representatives of state bodies, science, private sector, CSOs), involved in preparation of the voluntary national review on implementation of the 2030 Agenda by the Republic of Belarus (UNDP)	1 0		on the progress of the Republic of Belarus in the achievement of 17 SDGs.	0,00

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
<b>Baseline:</b> Low level of				
stakeholder involvement in				
preparation of the voluntary				
national review on				
implementation of the 2030				
Agenda by the Republic of				
Belarus				
<b>Planned Target:</b> 1 national				
review; at least 50 persons				
<b>Indicator 1.3.2</b> Number of	Achieved		Website section	29,917.67
international conferences on	The Second National Forum on		https://sdgs.by/en/the-	
experience exchange in the sphere	Sustainable Development is		second-national-forum-	
of achieving the SDGs (UNDP)	organized with participation of		on-sustainable-	
Baseline: Lack of international	407 people, including 215 men		development/	
events for experience exchange on	and 192 women.		Official document	
achieving the SDGs			A/78/372 of the 78th	
<b>Planned Target:</b> 1 international			session of the UN	
conference			General Assembly	
Activity 1.4. Capacity building on				
<b>Indicator 1.4.1</b> Number of sets of	1 2	Based on the request of	Contractor's report	2,000.00
training materials on achieving	Recommendations on the	the national partner –	Terms of reference	
the SDGs (UNDP)	development of additional	Ministry Education of		
<b>Baseline:</b> The training materials	materials on sustainable	the Republic of Belarus		
on achieving the SDGs are	development issues for its	- one comprehensive		
unavailable for their subsequent	subsequent use in advanced	educational-methodical		
use in training programs for	training for teachers as well as	manual on the		
advanced training for managers	curricula for learning courses are	integration of principles		
and specialists, as well as	prepared. With coordination of the	of education for		
curricula for learning courses	Ministry of Education of the	sustainable		
	Republic of Belarus, an advanced	development (SDGs)		
	training curriculum for faculty	into the content of		

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
<b>Planned Target:</b> At least 3 sets of	staff at higher education	training specialists with		
training materials on achieving	institutions and an educational-	higher education will be		
the SDGs	methodical manual on the	developed.		
	integration of principles of	_		
	education for sustainable			
	development into the content of			
	training specialists with higher			
	education are being developed.			
	Completion of the work is planned			
	for the quarter 4 of 2025.			
<b>Indicator 1.4.2</b> Number of	Achieved		Contractor's report	3,500.00
voluntary university reviews on	The Voluntary university review		www.sdgs.by	
implementation of the 2030	on implementation of the 2030			
Agenda (UNDP)	Agenda by the Belarusian State			
<b>Baseline:</b> The voluntary	Pedagogical University named			
university review on	after Maxim Tank is prepared and			
implementation of the 2030	agreed with the Rector of the			
Agenda is unavailable	university and the Ministry of			
<b>Planned Target:</b> 1 voluntary	Education of the Republic of			
review	Belarus.			
<b>Indicator 1.4.3</b> Number of	Achieved		BTORs	25,253.32
persons representing the National	Participation of the National SDG		www.sdgs.by	
institutional mechanism for	Coordinator, representatives of			
achieving the SDGs, who took	the Council of the Republic of the			
part in study tours to exchange	National Assembly of the			
experience and study the best	Republic of Belarus and the			
practices in the field of achieving	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the			
the SDGs (UNDP)	Republic of Belarus in SDG			
<b>Baseline:</b> Lack of study tours on	related international events,			
SDGs	including the Regional Forum of			
Planned Target: At least 5	the UNECE on Sustainable			
persons	Development (March 2024,			

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	Geneva, Switzerland), the High- Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (July 2024, New York, USA), the meeting of the Committee on Racial Discrimination (August 2024, Geneva, Switzerland), the Summit of the Future (September 2024, New York, USA) is facilitated and ensured.			
Indicator 1.4.4 Number of developed and piloted learning courses on sustainable development for schoolchildren (UNICEF)  Baseline: The learning courses on sustainable development for schoolchildren are unavailable  Planned Target: At least 2 learning courses on sustainable development for schoolchildren were developed	Achieved In partnership with the Ministry of Education UNICEF continued to promote education on sustainable development to engage youth in achieving SDG agenda. Methodological guidance was developed for the extra-curricular course "First Steps to a Sustainable Future" for 7th to 9th grade students. A professional development training program "Promoting Ideas and Values of Sustainable Development Among Children and Youth" was created for pedagogical staff of educational establishments.		Reports of the implementing partners; Developed materials	20,000
Indicator 1.4.5 Frequency of delivering the World's Largest Lesson on SDGs in the educational institutions of the country (UNICEF)	Achieved During the Global Goals Week, the World's Largest Lesson on SDGs was conducted in over		Reports by the implementing partners	7,000

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Baseline: The World's Largest Lesson on SDGs is not systematic and is only conducted in individual educational institutions Planned Target: The World's Largest Lesson on SDGs is annually conducted in educational institutions	1,000 educational establishments nationwide.			
<b>1.4.6.</b> Development and implement lifestyle with a link to the SDGs	ntation of a learning module on pub	lic health, prevention of	noncommunicable diseases	and promotion of healthy
Indicator 1.4.6.1 Number of approved learning modules on public health, prevention of noncommunicable diseases with a link to the SDGs (WHO)  Baseline: Insufficient integration of the SDGs into public health training modules  Planned Target: 1 approved learning module	Achieved With WHO support the Department of Public Health of the Belarusian State Medical University developed and approved learning module "Public Health Management Technologies in Implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy" with the focus on prevention of noncommunicable diseases in reaching SDG 3.4.  16 public health managers have been trained following learning module on prevention of noncommunicable diseases and promotion of healthy lifestyle "Public Health Management Technologies in Implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy" at the	27	Approved learning module "Public Health Management Technologies in Implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy"  Event news https://bit.ly/3DedYLs	30,338 USD

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	Department of Public Health at the Belarusian State Medical University conducted from August 26-30, 2024 including an on-site seminar in Bobruisk on August 29, 2024, focused on the "Healthy Cities and Towns" program.			
Indicator 1.4.6.2 Number of demonstration workshops on the learning module on prevention of noncommunicable diseases and promotion of healthy lifestyle within the framework of the SDGs (WHO)  Baseline: Insufficient involvement of decision makers in the sphere of NCD risk prevention at the interagency level  Planned Target: 1 demonstration workshop	Achieved The demonstration seminar for winners of the national competition for the best information support for the "Healthy Cities and Towns" project was held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of April		Event news https://bit.ly/3Xnu1xe	6,494 USD
Indicator 1.4.6.3 Number of trainers trained on the learning module on prevention of noncommunicable diseases and promotion of healthy lifestyle (WHO)  Baseline: Insufficient number of trainers  Planned Target: 15 trainers trained	Support was provided for the participation of national specialists in WHO events on the		Event news https://bit.ly/3DedYLs	6,002 USD

	<b>Achieved</b> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each
handout materials and other training manuals disseminated during the trainings and workshops (WHO)  Baseline: Lack of training materials on NCD prevention	forum (Moscow, July 24-25, 2024)  16 public health managers have been trained following learning module on prevention of noncommunicable diseases and promotion of healthy lifestyle "Public Health Management Technologies in Implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy" at the Department of Public Health at the Belarusian State Medical University conducted from August 26-30, 2024.  Achieved  9 additional information videos and 10 online handout materials are developed to increase public awareness on the prevention of non-communicable diseases to support the counselling of patients for the primary health care workers. The videos and handout materials are posted in the section "Electronic Patient Atlas" on the educational portal www.formed.by of the Republican Scientific and Practical Center of Medical Technologies, Informatization, Management and	with Planned Target (if any)	Videos are developed and posted on NCD prevention "Electronic Patient Atlas Formed - Главная	in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	Economics of Public Health			

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)	
Outcome 2. Facilitate incorporation of the SDGs into strategic forecasting and planning documents at local level as well as accelerating the					
SDG localization					
Output 2. SDGs were incorporated	l into strategic forecasting and plann	ing documents and localization	ation of SDGs was accelerate	ted	
<b>Activity 2.1.</b> Incorporating the SD	Gs into strategic forecasting and plan	ning documents			
<b>Indicator 2.1.1</b> Number of	In progress		Plan of activities for	52,384.16	
regional sustainable development	Methodological recommendations		development of RSSDs		
strategies that were developed	for the RSSDs development.		14 terms of references for		
(updated), discussed with a wide	Draft RSSDs for 6 regions are		IC to provide expert		
range of stakeholders (UNDP)	developed and presented by the		support in developing the		
Baseline: In most regions, the	regional authorities at a meeting		RSSDs		
SDG-based sustainable	of the CSD.		Methodological		
development strategies are	5 foresight sessions and "future		recommendations for the		
unavailable	workshops" on the RSSDs		RSSDs development		
<b>Planned Target:</b> 2 strategies	development are organized and		Draft RSSDs		
	held. 368 people (54 % women)		Lists of participants		
	took part in the events.				
<b>Indicator 2.1.2</b> Number of online	Achieved		The section on best	15,317.14	
platforms on best practices on	The website www.sdgs.by is		practices on achieving		
achieving the SDGs	permanently updated with news		the SDGs at the website		
Availability of updates on best	and best practices. In 2024, 286		sdgs.by		
practices on achieving the SDGs	publications were posted in		https://sdgs.by/en/docum		
(UNDP)	Belarusian, Russian, English. A		ents/best-practice-		
Baseline: Online platforms on	list of the local SDG best practices		examples/		
best practices on achieving the	(with detailed description) is				
SDGs are unavailable	prepared and uploaded to the				
Planned Target: 1 online	website sdgs.by.				
platform on best practices on					
achieving the SDGs					
	Achieved		List of participants	3,858.09	
seminars, trainings aiming to	A total of 310 representatives (60		JP report		
increase the knowledge and	men and 250 women, 6 seminars)		Reports of the consultant		

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
competencies of government specialists in the field of mainstreaming demographic factors, using the system of national transfer accounts in state planning (UNFPA)  Baseline: Lack of knowledge and competencies in the field of mainstreaming demographic factors, using the system of national transfer accounts for budgeting and budget implementation at the national and regional levels  Planned Target: 5 seminars, trainings	from local executive and administrative bodies, as well as the scientific community improved their knowledge on the impact of demographic factors on regional development and possible directions for ensuring demographic resilience.		Media: https://www.pac.by/press- center/news/predstaviteli _akademii_ypravleniya_ prinyali_ychastie_v_sem inare_posvyaschennom_ voprosam_obespecheniy a_demographicheskoi_y stoichivaosti/ https://www.mintrud.gov .by/ru/news- ru/view/sbelash-nazvala- tri-komponenta- uluchshenija- demograficheskogo- potentsiala-naselenija- 7693-2023/	
Indicator 2.1.4 Number of awareness-raising events on demographic budgeting and its impact on sustainable demographic development (UNFPA)  Baseline: Low awareness of the importance of demographic budgeting  Planned Target: 3 awareness-raising events	Partially achieved 40 representatives from government bodies and the scientific community are acquainted with an innovative tool for planning and forecasting socioeconomic development – national transfer accounts. This will enhance the quality of planning and budgeting of state resources.	National transfer accounts are an innovative instrument for the country, so require prior familiarization and discussion among the executive authorities. In communication with national partners, it was agreed to schedule in the Annual JP Work Plan an introductory workshop for	List of participants JP report Reports of the consultants Presentations	11,145.66

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
		representatives of ministries and scientists.		
Indicator 2.1.5 Availability of the thematic expert support on sustainable demographic development to the activities of the Joint Project (UNFPA)  Baseline: Lack of thematic expertise in this area  Planned Target: Availability of the thematic expert support	Achieved Thematic expert support is available and in progress		JP Report	27,665.49
Indicator 2.1.6 Availability of the analysis of financing achievement of child centered SDGs  Number of methodologies for assessing the necessary financial resources for budgeting achievement of child-centered SDGs;  Number of conducted assessments of the necessary financial resources for budgeting achievement of child centered SDGs (UNICEF)  Baseline: The methodology for assessing the necessary financial resources for budgeting achievement of child centered SDGs is unavailable  Planned Target: Availability of the analysis of financing	Partially achieved UNICEF continued to work with the Minsk City Executive Committee and regional executive committees to develop approaches to child centered budgeting. A roundtable with participation of the Minsk City Executive Committee management, representatives of the Child- and Adolescents-Friendly cities to facilitate the discussion of UNICEF proposals and next steps was held.	The discussions and piloting proposed approaches resulted in better assessing the priorities and needs of the local and cities administrations which requires further adjusting planned activities in 2025-2026.	Implementation reports	254.17

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
achievement of child-centered SDGs				
Indicator 2.1.7 Number of Green Finance Forums (UNDP)  Baseline: Low awareness of green finance  Planned Target: 1 forum	Planned for 2026			0,00
Indicator 2.2.1 Number of SDG pilot initiatives supported at the local level; number of online platforms for submitting applications for pilot initiatives; number of persons who took part in training seminars within the Contest of pilot initiatives (UNDP)  Baseline: Low level of promotion of SDG Accelerators at the local level  Planned Target: At least 5 initiatives were supported	In progress The Contest of SDG Pilot Initiatives is held. To disseminate information about the SDG pilot initiatives contest, 6 information workshops are held in 6 regions. 564 people participated in the seminars (more than 80% are women). 21 SDG Pilot Initiatives approved and will be implemented in 2025.	cal level	Approved list of the SDG Pilot Initiatives winners Lists of participants sdgidea.by platform - https://sdgidea.by/	188,880.59
Indicator 2.2.2 Number of consultations on SDG localization Number of SDG events at the regional level (UNDP)  Baseline: Low level of SDG localization	Achieved Thematic expert support in regional development is provided, more than 5 consultations per month are ensured, more than 5		JP Report	28,070.75

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)		
Planned Target: At least 5 consultations per month, at least 5 events	events at regional level are supported.  Partnership with the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus and regional executive committees is strengthened, coordination of experts' work on regional development is ensured, the SDGs pilot initiatives contest is appraised.					
	Outcome 3. Improve the system of monitoring and evaluating progress in achieving the SDGs at the national and local levels Output 3. Improvement of the system for monitoring the achievement of the SDGs					
<b>Activity 3.1.</b> Improving the system	for collecting and monitoring nation	al and regional data on the	e SDGs			
Indicator 3.1.1 Number of SDG indicators supporting geospatial visualization (UNDP)  Baseline: Geospatial information visualization is unavailable for individual SDG indicators  Planned Target: At least 10 SDG indicators support geospatial visualization	In progress The terms of reference on improving the National SDGs Reporting Platform (national and regional modules) and the IAS 'Geostatistics' are developed. The first stage of the work on improving the IAS 'Geostatistics' is completed. All activities will be completed in 2025.  Support in organizing trainings on working with the Regional data platform for sustainable development (February 2024, 68 participants, including 52 women and 16 men), on the use of geospatial information for SDGs		Terms of Reference Lists of participants A booklet	23,263.53		

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	indicators visualization (March 2024, 26 participants, including 20 women and 6 men), and on the usage of the R programming language (August-September 2024, 32 participants, including 29 women and 3 men) is provided. Support to Belstat on participation in the international training on the use of the SDMX data dissemination standard (June 2024, Cairo, Egypt) is provided. The booklet with official statistical information on the progress of achieving the SDGs in the Republic of Belarus in Russian and English is designed, agreed with Belstat and published. Expert support to Belstat on the use of the R programming language in public statistical activities is provided.			
Indicator 3.1.2 Number of indicators (in percent) that may be transferred in SDMX format (UNICEF)  Baseline: The web-portal of statistical data on children is not adapted to SDMX standard  Planned Target: At least 50 percent of the indicators included in the TransMonEE questionnaire	In progress UNICEF and the National Statistical Committee (Belstat) piloted transfer of data using SDMX to UNICEF TransMonEE database. This allowed to better assess technical needs and identify next steps to move forward.	UNICEF and Belstat finalized assessing the current needs and priorities in the area. In 2024, Belstat piloted and launched a new national information and analytical database of disseminating the official statistical data.	Correspondence between UNICEF and Belstat; Minutes of the JP Steering Committee meeting; Approved JP Annual Work Plan	0

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
	UNICEF and Belstat finalized the approach to further enhancing the national database of disseminating the official statistics information. The proposed approach was approved by the JP's Steering Committee to be implemented in 2025.	The dedicated Child Statistics Portal previously developed with UNICEF support is to be integrated in the new national database which requires adjusting the approach to implementing planned activities. The final approach to implementing activities approved by Belstat was presented and approved by the JP's Steering Committee to be implemented in 2025.		
Indicator 3.1.3 Availability of approaches to administrative data quality assessment for individual SDG indicators on children and youth; availability of the national questionnaires and sample design for the 7th round of the MICS survey (UNICEF)  Baseline: Unavailability of a methodology for administrative data quality assessment for individual SDG indicators on children and youth	In progress In 2024, UNICEF and Belstat finalized technical requirements and conducted and RFQ to contract an institution to support Belstat in developing the system of quality assessment of administrative data. The RFQ failed due to different external and internal reasons. In particular, Belstat is highly advanced, which creates additional challenges in identifying and contacting a consultant/institution capable of meeting its specific needs.	UNICEF and Belstat identified the approach to adjusting and further implementing planned activities. The approach was presented and approved by the JP Steering Committee. The partners will continue to explore opportunities to enhance the quality of administrative data in 2025.	Correspondence between UNICEF and Belstat; Minutes of the JP Steering Committees meeting; Approved JP's Annual Work Plan	16,880

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Planned Target: Availability of an analysis of international best practices on administrative data quality assessment and recommendations for its use in the Republic of Belarus	UNICEF continued to explore opportunities to provide required professional expertise and support to Belstat.  As part of the activities to enhance availability of data on children, UNICEF supported Belstat in establishing a Child Information Center by procuring necessary equipment.			
Indicator 3.1.4 Availability of a procedure for dissemination of microdata with piloting the dissemination on the data of MICS survey on SDG indicators on children and youth (UNICEF)  Baseline: Unavailability of a procedure for dissemination of microdata with piloting the dissemination on the data of MICS survey on SDG indicators on children and youth  Planned Target: Availability of an analysis of international best practices on dissemination of microdata and recommendations for its use in the Republic of Belarus	In progress UNICEF and Belstat finalized the terms of reference and conducted a competition to identify an international consultant to develop a procedure for structuring microdata and guidelines for microdata dissemination. The expert was contracted with services to be provided in 2025.	Following the experience with identifying a provider of services to support Belstat in improving the quality of administrative data, extra efforts were invested by UNICEF and Belstat to tailor the terms of reference and conduct the open competitive process to identify a consultant. This resulted in identifying a highly qualified consultant while delaying the implementation process.	Correspondence between UNICEF and Belstat; TOR and contract with the international consultant	
Activity 3.2. Support to development of SDG indicators by data producers from among government agencies and other organizations				

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance	<b>Source of Verification</b>	Financial expenditures
		with Planned Target		in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Indicator 3.2.1 Number of	Achieved	(if any)	BTORs	27,922.82
reviews of data producers on SDG			Review of data producers	21,922.82
indicators;	Expert and technical support to		*	
,	Belstat on participation in 10 SDG		on national SDG indicators	
availability of recommendations	related international events is		indicators	
for further work to improve the	provided, including the Workshop			
national list of SDG indicators,	on Ethics in Modern Statistical			
increasing data availability and	Organizations (March 2024,			
ensuring high-quality monitoring	Geneva, Switzerland), the 75th			
of SDG achievement in the	session of the UNECE Working			
Republic of Belarus;	Party on Transport Statistics			
availability of methodological	(April 2024, Geneva,			
approaches to administrative data	Switzerland), the Meeting of			
quality assessment for individual	Statistical Agencies Specialists of			
SDGs under two SDG	the CIS Countries on Statistics for			
Acceleration Platforms: Green	SDGs (April 2024, Moscow,			
Transition to Inclusive and	Russia), etc.			
Sustainable Growth and Digital	Total participants supported by the			
Transformation and Social	JP is 11 people, including 10			
Innovation (UNDP)	women and 1 man.			
<b>Baseline:</b> Unavailability of	A review of data producers on			
reviews of data producers on	national SDG indicators is			
national SDG indicators,	conducted and recommendations			
recommendations for further	for further work to improve the			
work to improve the national list	national list of SDG indicators are			
of SDG indicators, increasing data				
availability and ensuring high-	developed.			
quality monitoring of SDG				
achievement in the Republic of				
Belarus and methodological				
approaches to administrative data				
quality assessment for individual				
SDGs				

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Planned Target: 1 review				
Indicator 3.2.2 Number of recommendations (calculation methodologies) for the national reporting indicators under the SDG Acceleration Platforms: Green Transition to Inclusive and Sustainable Growth and Digital Transformations and Social Innovations; availability of the conditions for compiling environmental expenditure accounts (UNDP)  Baseline: Unavailability of recommendations (calculation methodologies) for the national reporting indicators under the SDG Acceleration Platforms: Green Transition to Inclusive and Sustainable Growth and Digital Transformations and Social Innovations; unavailability of the conditions for compiling environmental expenditure accounts  Planned Target: At least 2 calculation methodologies.  Availability of the conditions for compiling environmental expenditure accounts.	Pilot methodology for calculating the SDGs indicators 8.4.1 and 8.4.2 considering local conditions is developed and agreed with Belstat.  Analysis of international approaches to the compiling of environmental expenditure, taxes and subsidies accounts, and recommendations on their compilation considering local conditions are developed and agreed with Belstat.  Communication between Belstat and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative regarding the methodological approaches to the NMPI of the		Contractor's reports	16,799.57
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	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
Indicator 3.2.3 Number of the global metadata adapted to the national conditions so as to generate and calculate the SDG indicators on children and youth under the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation" (UNICEF)  Baseline: There is a need to adapt the global metadata to the national conditions so as to calculate the SDG indicators on children and youth under the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation"  Planned Target: Availability of the global metadata adapted to the national conditions so as to calculate the SDG indicators on children and youth under the SDG Acceleration Platform "Future Generation Orientation"	In progress In line with the current Belstat priorities, UNICEF continued to support its participation in international events and exchange of experience with UN statistical bodies and international partners. UNICEF supported participation of Belstat representatives in the Expert meeting on statistics on children organized jointly by UNECE and UNICEF in March 2024 (Geneva, Switzerland) and in the meeting of the Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality organized by UNECE in November 2024 (Geneva, Switzerland).	The activities under the component were further streamlined with other adjustments to activities to be implemented by UNICEF and Belstat. An adjusted approach will allow to better meet the current needs and priorities of Belstat in improving the quality, availability and accessibility of data.	Reports of the implementing partners Travel reports	11,425.29
Indicator 3.2.4 Availability of recommendations on improving the calculation of SDG indicators on sustainable demographic development of the country with a link to the NSDS-2035 and the SDG Accelerator Platform "Gender equitable society" (UNFPA)	A national methodology for calculating SDG indicator 3.b.3 "Proportion of Medical Institutions		List of participants JP report Consultants' reports	26,138.79

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification	Financial expenditures in 2024 against each indicator (USD)
SDG indicators on sustainable demographic development of the country	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus and Belstat.  Methodological approaches to calculating the SDG indicator 1.b.1 "Pro-poor public social spending" were developed, discussed with			
Indicator 3.2.5 Number of consultations on SDG monitoring and evaluation per month Number of pieces of analytical materials on SDG monitoring and evaluation (UNDP) Baseline: Lack of methodological support for SDG reporting Planned Target: At least 10 consultations per month, at least 5 pieces of analytical materials	Achieved Thematic support on SDG monitoring and evaluation is provided. Partnership with Belstat is strengthened, experts' work on SDG monitoring is coordinated, 126 consultations are held, 12 pieces of analytical materials are developed.		JP Report	27,985.68

### **III. Other Assessments or Evaluations**

Within the reporting period no assessment or evaluation was undertaken.

## **IV. Programmatic Revisions**

Considering the JP implementation period planned for three years while its full-scale implementation was launched only in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023, the extension of the JP implementation period till December 2026 is required to ensure successful and efficient achievement of planned outcomes and results. The request for extension was submitted and approved by the JP Steering Committee during its meeting on 12 November 2024.