



UN Multi-Partner Trust Funds

What is a multi-partner trust fund (MPTF)?

Multi-Partner Trust Funds (MPTFs) are investment vehicles designed to support transformative change needed to achieve Agenda 2030 and SDG outcomes. Well designed, capitalized and operationalized, these pooled funds can act as gravity centers to improve aid effectiveness, increase alignment among a wide range of actors and reduce transaction costs for donors, country governments and implementing partners.

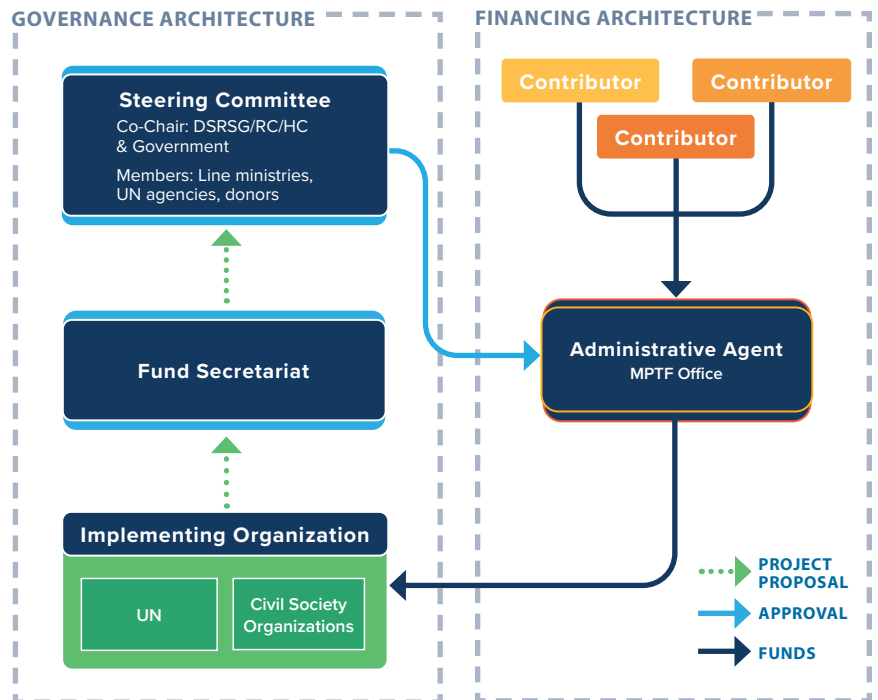
UN Multi-Partner Trust Funds are financial instruments administered by an independent Administrative agent

(the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office). MPTFs receive contributions from multiple financial partners in a pool and allocate such resources on instruction from the Fund’s governing body to multiple implementing entities to support specific priorities around a common theory of change. They have an inclusive governance architecture which ensures a transparent and accountable process for resource allocation, monitoring and reporting in line with the Fund results framework.

Functions of a MPTF

UN Multi-Partner Trust Funds enable a collective response from all involved stakeholders through shared financing and collective support to agreed goals.

- Increase accountability by enabling transparent resource allocation
- Broaden the financial base with private sector, traditional and non-traditional donors
- Manage potential risks to contributors through robust fiduciary management systems and web-based monitoring on financial flows
- Reduce transaction costs by generating economies of scale



Governance Arrangements

FUND OPERATIONS

The **Steering Committee (SC)** takes decisions on funding priorities, makes strategic allocation and disbursement decisions and reviews the programmatic and financial performance of the Fund.

The **Fund Secretariat** provides technical and management support to the SC. It organizes calls for proposals, appraisal processes, and advises the SC on strategic priorities and programmatic and financial allocations. It also ensures the monitoring of the implemented activities and operational risks and submits to the SC consolidated periodic results-based progress reports.

FUND ADMINISTRATION

The **UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office)**, serving as Administrative Agent (AA) of the Fund, holds and manages funds in trust, providing tools for ensuring transparency, tracking results, oversight, audit and reporting in line with highest international standards.

FUND IMPLEMENTATION

The **Participating UN Organizations** provides direct implementing services in accordance with their own mandate, financial regulations, rules and policies. Implementation partners also include national entities, NGO's and intergovernmental bodies.

The UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office)

The [Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office](#) (MPTF Office) has been at the forefront of United Nations efforts to promote greater aid effectiveness, assisting the UN system and national governments in establishing and administering cost effective and transparent pooled financing mechanisms—multi-partner trust funds.

- UN Center of Expertise in transparent and cost-effective multi-partner trust fund design and management
- Established in 2004, building on the successful design of the Iraq Reconstruction Trust Fund
- Services: fund design, fund administration, trustee and advisory services
- Total portfolio of \$19+ billion USD with Trust Funds ranging from \$5 million to \$1.8 billion
- Fund portfolio includes humanitarian, peace, development, and climate financial instruments
- On-going portfolio of 117 Funds in 138 countries with 176 contributors (Member States, Regional Organizations, private sector)
- 74 implementing partners, including UN organizations, NGOs, national governments and international organizations

