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**UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Multi Partner Trust Fund**

List of Abbreviations

ADTL	Timor Leste Disability Association
AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK)
AYDM	Association of Youth with Disabilities in Montenegro
CCA	Common Country Analysis
COSP	Conference of States Parties
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
DCO	Development Coordination Office
DET	Disability Equality Training
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia
DPAB	Disabled Persons Association of Bhutan
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
EOI	Expression of Interest
EOSG	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
EU	European Union
FCDO	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GLAD	Global Action on Disability
GPE	Global Partnership for Education
IDA	International Disability Alliance
IDDC	International Disability and Development Consortium
ILO	International Labour Organization
INGOs	International Non-Governmental Organizations
KICD	Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPTF	Multi-Partner Trust Fund
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OMAPED	Municipal Offices of the Attention of Persons with Disabilities
OPDs	Organizations of persons with disabilities
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
NUDIPU	National Union of Disabled People of Uganda

SAA	Standard Administrative Arrangement
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation
SOF	Strategic and Operational Framework
SHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health
TOR	Terms of Reference
UN	United Nations
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDESA	United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs
UNDIS	United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
UNWOMEN	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
WHO	World Health Organization

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Message from the Policy Board Chair

One billion people, or 15 per cent of the world's population, experience some form of disability, and disability prevalence is higher for developing countries.¹ People with disabilities are less likely to access education, healthcare, and livelihoods or to participate and be included in community life.²

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, it had a disproportionate impact on persons with disabilities. They are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 and they may be at increased risk of severe disease and death if they become infected with the virus.³ Moreover, persons with disabilities are particularly disadvantaged by the socio-economic consequences of the pandemic.⁴

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This enhanced delivery was made possible through the Fund's strengthened relationship with its many strategic partners including donors, the UN system, academia, and civil society. In particular, the Fund enhanced its programmatic strategy and operations through

close collaboration with UN entities, including the COVID-19 Multi-Partner Trust Fund, the Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund, the UN Development Coordination Office, the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General as well as the Spotlight Initiative led by the UN and the European Union. The Fund also established new relationships with academia and think tanks to increase the sharing of knowledge, innovative approaches, and best practice.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is proud to host the UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat and chair its Policy Board. UNDP continues to advance disability inclusion across all aspects of our programming and operations. Now, as countries aim to build forward better from the pandemic, we have a unique opportunity to shape more inclusive and accessible societies, in consultation with persons with disabilities.⁵ As we invest in our common future, the UNPRPD MPTF will continue to be at the centre of these crucial efforts.



A handwritten signature of Achim Steiner in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Achim Steiner

Administrator

United Nations Development
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Bolivia ball game practice, 4-year-old girl with disabilities.
@UNICEF Bolivia

Executive Summary

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100

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The United Nations Participation on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UNPRPD MPTF) is a unique collaboration that brings together UN entities, governments, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), and broader civil society to support the implementation of the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs through joint programming, capacity building, and knowledge sharing.

This Annual Report for 2020 highlights UNPRPD MPTF's increased relevance despite the unprecedented global crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthened impact stemming from a new Strategic and Operational Framework.

Between 2012-2020, UNPRPD MPTF has delivered 61 joint programmes working in 56 countries. UNPRPD MPTF has facilitated the participation of 281 OPDs in systems changes and built the capacities of 87,392 representatives from governments, UN entities, OPDs, and CSOs. This has led to 188 system-level changes and the adoption of 68 laws, policies, strategies, or regulations to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

In 2020, UNPRPD MPTF supported 29 joint programmes at country and multi country level. Multi-stakeholder trainings reached 22,592 individuals, and one hundred system-strengthening studies, guides, and tools were developed to advance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in laws, policies, systems, and services.

In 2020, UNPRPD MPTF embarked on a collaborative strategic review, resulting in a new Strategic and Operational Framework 2020-2025, moving towards proactive, results-oriented joint programming to drive implementation of the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs. A critical new element of the strategy is the focus on the essential preconditions for disability inclusion to advance the CRPD. These preconditions are the foundational aspects that are indispensable in addressing the requirements of persons with disabilities across all sectors. In addition, the new strategy introduced a funding stream to support disability mainstreaming of national development plans to achieve disability inclusive SDGs.



Health worker in Pakistan is speaking with the mother of a person with disabilities during a field assistive technology survey for persons with disabilities.
@WHO/NOOR/Sebastian Liste

The participation of OPDs has always been a cornerstone of UN-PRPD MPTF's work. **To strengthen this, UNPRPD MPTF adopted three Cross-Cutting Approaches to be intrinsically applied across all of its work:**

1. Enabling the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations
2. Ensuring the inclusion of marginalized and underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities
3. Addressing gender inequality and advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

For UNPRPD MPTF, 2020 marked a year of transition in implementing the new strategy. Although programmes delivered in 2020 were designed prior to finalizing the new strategy, there were many good examples of programmes meeting the revised strategic outcomes.

For example:

- **Knowledge and Practical Tools for Disability Inclusive Policies and Systems**

OPDs in Nepal gained knowledge and skills on how to influence local level governance and decision-making processes through a series of multi-stakeholder trainings. A practical guide to identify persons with disabilities, especially children, in the community was developed in Benin for local officials and CBOs to increase access to rehabilitative services in marginalized communes.

- **Achieving the Preconditions of Disability Inclusion**

In North Macedonia, a model for deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities was advanced with personalized community-based services, including disability support services, to ensure independent living and participation in the community. Meanwhile, the quality and availability of disability data was finalized in Malawi through a thematic report on disability deriving from a recent census using the Washington Group Questions.

- **Mainstreaming Disability into National Development Plans and Monitoring Processes**

In Timor Leste, the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) incorporated the rights of persons with disabilities in the analysis of the context and formulation of activities, ensuring that persons with disabilities were represented on the National Steering Committee for the UNSDCF.

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UNPRPD MPTF launched its Fourth Funding Round in 2020, reflecting the new strategic direction and supporting two funding streams on the preconditions for disability inclusion to advance CRPD implementation and fundamental support to UNCTs to increase disability inclusion national SDG plans and processes. Following a review of 110 eligible Expressions of Interest, 26 UNCTs have moved on to the design phase, and 84 UNCTs have been placed into a tiered pipeline for funding, should additional funding become available.

UNPRPD MPTF piloted capturing and distilling lessons in eight countries through consultations and plans to outline a strategy for knowledge sharing in 2021. Key to UNPRPD's success is its multi-stakeholder approach to joint programming, working with UN entities, governments, OPDs, and civil society. Furthermore, UNPRPD MPTF's commitment to a 'One UN Approach' and to advancing the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) contributed to strengthening disability inclusion within the UN reform.

Next year presents new and continued challenges and opportunities. Increased demand for disability inclusion from UN entities, governments, and civil society means that UNPRPD MPTF must continue to roll-out its strategy, maintain high-quality programmes, amplify efforts to share learning, and seek to raise more funds to expand UNPRPD MPTF's capacity.



Women attending capacity building in Nepal.
@UNDP Nepal

About UNPRPD MPTF

The United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UNPRPD MPTF) is a unique partnership that brings together UN entities, governments, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), and broader civil society to advance the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) around the world. It was established as a Multi-Partner Trust Fund in 2011 to channel resources for participating UN organizations and has supported over 75 joint UN programmes in 50 countries, mobilizing over \$45 million USD.

The UN entities participating in UNPRPD MPTF include:



International Labour Organization



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER



United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs



Civil society members of UNPRPD MPTF include:



International Disability Alliance



International Disability and Development Consortium

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UNPRPD MPTF's overarching vision is for the rights of persons with disabilities to be fully respected, protected, and fulfilled, and for all persons with disabilities to fully and equitably participate in society. To contribute to this, UNPRPD MPTF's mission is to support countries to accelerate the implementation of the CRPD and disability inclusive Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for all persons with disabilities with the full involvement of OPDs. UNPRPD MPTF supports reforms of structures and systems in order to advance CRPD implementation, prioritizing low- and middle-income countries.

UNPRPD MPTF is the only inter-agency funding mechanism dedicated to the implementation of the CRPD, and UNPRPD MPTF plays a unique role in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities through joint programming at the country level, bringing UN entities together along with governments and OPDs through a multi-stakeholder approach. This collaborative partnership model leverages the comparative advantages of UN entities, works with governments to ensure lasting change, and emphasizes the meaningful participation of OPDs. UNPRPD MPTF values national ownership of country programmes, responding to the particular needs of each national context.

UNPRPD MPTF's structures, approaches, and programmes are designed to strengthen collaboration and learning across stakeholders to inform and promote CRPD implementation and innovation. Capacity building and knowledge sharing are key components of UNPRPD MPTF's joint programmes and across its partners, building on the experiences of joint programmes and expertise of stakeholders to facilitate the exchange of ideas and good practices on CRPD implementation.

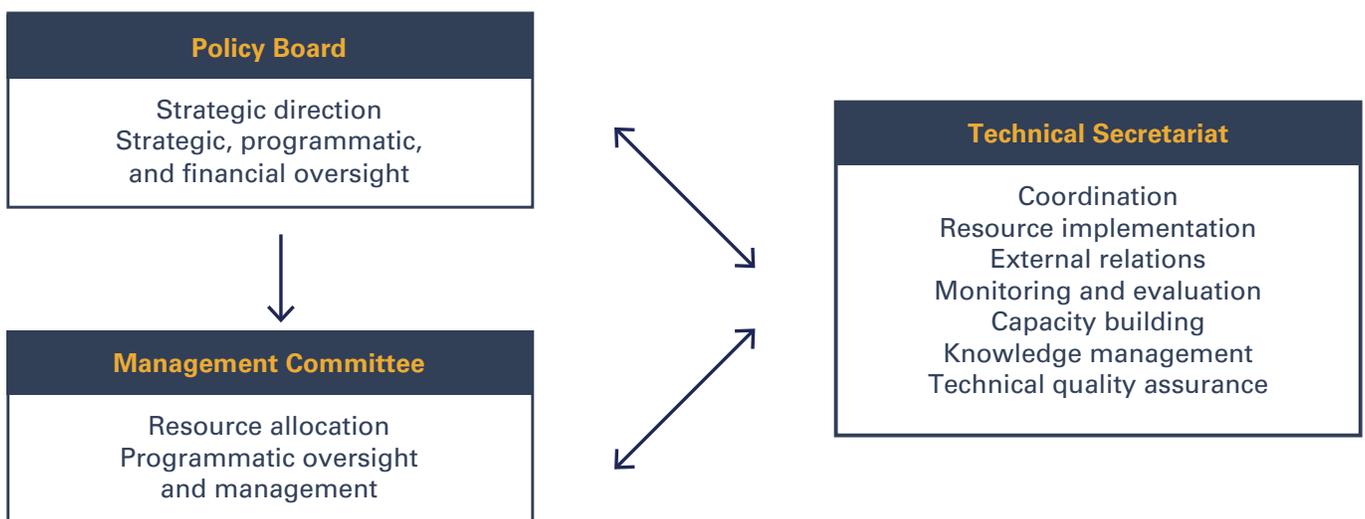
UNPRPD MPTF is committed to a 'One UN' approach to disability inclusion aimed at an effective, efficient, coherent, coordinated, and better performing UN country presence. Furthermore, as the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) improves disability inclusion within the systems and procedures of UN entities and country teams, UNPRPD MPTF's direct support to disability inclusion through joint country programmes contributes to advancing several UNDIS indicators.

UNPRPD MPTF Structure, Management, and Governance

UNPRPD MPTF is governed by two bodies – the Policy Board and the Management Committee. The Policy Board is a high-level body responsible for setting the strategic direction of UNPRPD MPTF and providing strategic and financial oversight. The Policy Board is comprised of high-level representatives from all participating UN organizations, UNPRPD MPTF donors, and chairs of IDA and IDDC. The Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office Director and UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat Manager are both ex officio members of the Policy Board, and the Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility, and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are invited observers in Policy Board meetings.

The Management Committee is a standing committee of the Policy Board responsible for resource allocation and programmatic and management oversight. The Management Committee is comprised of representatives from nine UN participating organizations, UNPRPD MPTF donors, IDA, and IDDC with the Senior Portfolio Manager for the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office and UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat Manager serving as ex officio members. The UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat implements the Strategic and Operational Framework and manages UNPRPD’s day-to-day operations, programmes, partnerships, processes, communications, reporting, and resource mobilization with a small team hosted by UNDP, which serves as the Administrative Agent in accordance with UN protocols.

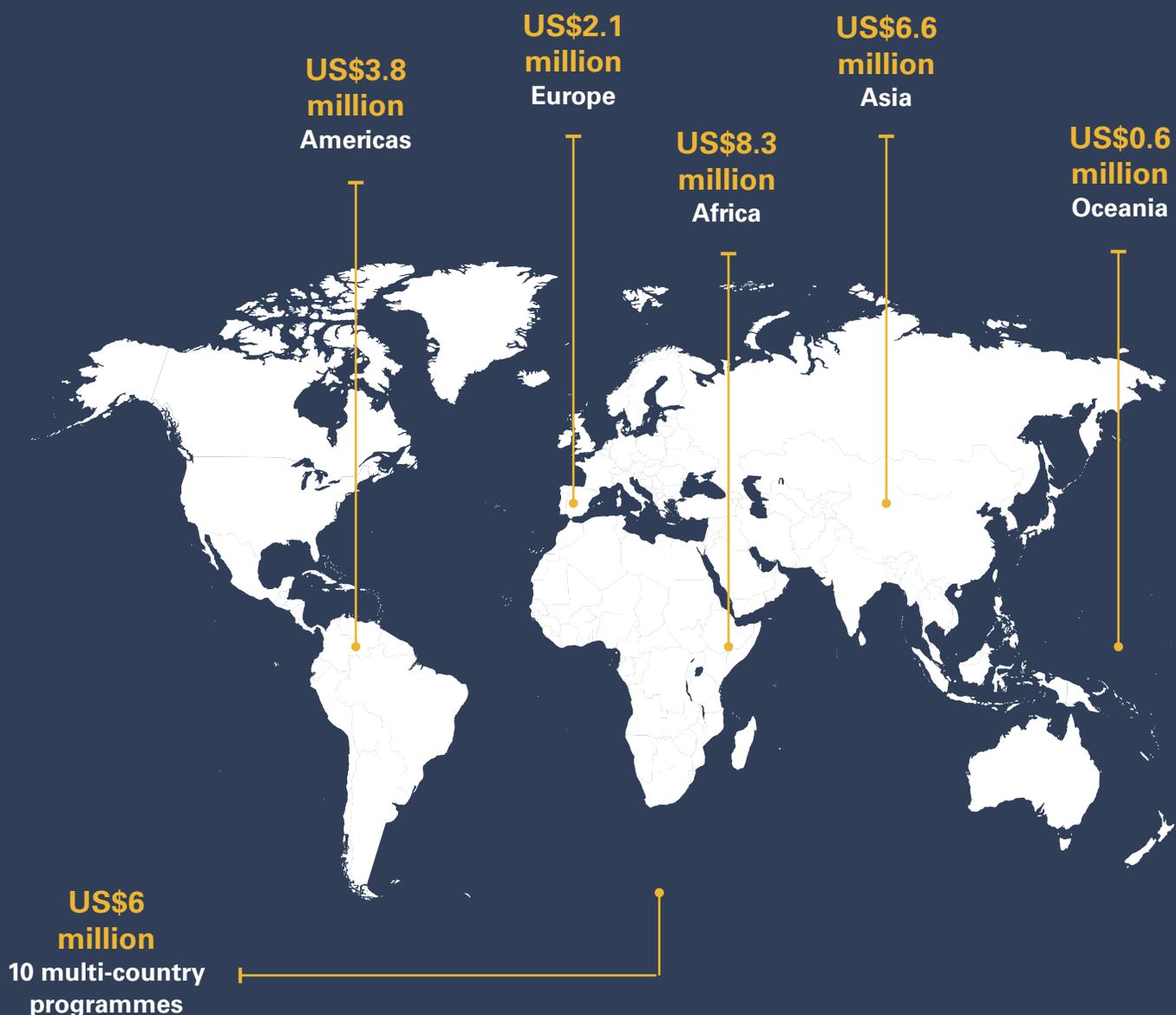
Figure 1
UNPRPD MPTF governance



UNPRPD MPTF Achievements 2012 - 2020

Investment in Joint Country Programmes

In total, UNPRPD MPTF has delivered 51 joint country programmes working in 56 countries, totaling \$21.4 million. In addition, UNPRPD MPTF delivered 10 multi-country programmes, totaling \$6 million.



Results

87,392 representatives from government, OPDs, and UN entities have been trained on disability inclusion.

UNPRPD MPTF programmes led to the adoption of **68 laws, policies, strategies, and regulations** to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

UNPRPD MPTF programmes facilitated the participation of **341 OPDs** in legislative, policy and system-level changes to advance the implementation of the CRPD and inclusive SDGs.

UNPRPD MPTF programmes supported **188 system-level changes**, resulting in more inclusive services and data collection systems.



Man in protective suit and mask disinfecting an empty wheelchair in a hospital room from COVID-19.
@Luamduan

Overview of 2020

Highlights of 2020

Since UNPRPD MPTF's inception, there were many significant changes in its environment, including the advancement of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, UN focus on the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs, evolving UN reforms, and the development of the UNDIS.

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These changes alongside increased interest and opportunity to respond to greater demand for disability inclusion in many countries and the conclusion of the previous strategy prompted UNPRPD MPTF to initiate a strategic review in late 2019 and to develop a new strategy in 2020. This highly consultative process included input from donors, OPDs, UN agencies, the newly formed UNDIS Unit, RCs, UNCTs, and governments to discuss UNPRPD MPTF's strategic approach, including its thematic focus, geographic reach, programmatic elements and approaches, and strategic priorities.

Consultations also included UNPRPD MPTF's operational approach, i.e., link to wider UN reform, alignment with UNDIS, governance, staff capacity, and resources. In June 2020, UNPRPD MPTF Policy Board approved the [Strategic and Operational Framework 2020-2025](#) and UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat devised new workplans to implement the new strategy. Further details about the new strategy can be found below in the section on UNPRPD's *Strategic and Operational Framework 2020-2025*.

In January 2020, the WHO declared a public health emergency, and in March 2020, they declared a pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019, known as COVID-19, which has become one of the deadliest pandemics in history. The pandemic caused severe, short-, medium-, and long-term, global socio-economic impacts, affecting social structures and networks, livelihoods, economies, education, access to services, and efforts to achieve the SDGs.

Persons with disabilities, who are often invisible, excluded, and more at risk of feeling the shocks of crises, have been disproportionately affected, particularly where health, basic services, and social protection systems are weak. COVID-19 has highlighted social disparities and inequalities.



Awareness activity for UN staff.
@UNDP Namibia/Frieda Lukas

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UNPRPD MPTF has been responding to this on-going crisis with country level analysis, support to existing programmes to adapt to the crisis, and a global programme to engage UNCTs to participate in government response and recovery efforts from a disability rights perspective. More about the COVID programme can be found below in the section on Results.

In 2020, there were increasing demands for disability inclusion by UN entities, governments, OPDs, and civil society due to many ongoing global efforts to advance disability rights for all. These demands include strategic priorities for UNPRPD MPTF, such as country level programming, knowledge, capacities, and tools, as well as demands for improved partnerships and collaboration, which was evidenced by the high number of applications submitted to UNPRPD MPTF for the Fourth Funding Round. UNPRPD MPTF will continue to meet these challenges and generate opportunities to advance the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs for all persons with disabilities.



Pakistan young man doing his occupational therapy exercises with a health worker at the Paraplegic Centre in Peshawar.
@ WHO/NOOR/Sebastian Liste

UNPRPD MPTF's Strategic and Operational Framework 2020-2025

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The new SOF marks a shift from reactive to more proactive, results-oriented programming to drive implementation of the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs with the meaningful participation of OPDs. The focus is on supporting countries to develop and reform policies, plans, budgets, programmes, and services to comply with the CRPD and SDGs by applying both disability-specific and disability-mainstreamed interventions through a multi-stakeholder approach.

A critical new element of the SOF is focusing on the essential preconditions for disability inclusion to advance implementation of the CRPD. These preconditions are the foundational aspects that are indispensable in addressing the requirements of persons with disabilities across all sectors, such as accessibility, access to disability support services, protection from discrimination, and more.⁶

The SOF focuses on three intersecting strategic approaches to equip national stakeholders with the knowledge and practical tools for disability inclusive policies and services at the national level in both development and humanitarian contexts, to address the gaps in achieving the essential preconditions for CRPD implementation, and to support disability mainstreaming of national development plans to achieve disability inclusive SDGs.



The UNPRPD new Strategic Framework points out the links between SDGs and CRPD and allows to integrate them into national SDG planning.

Mr. Gerard Quinn

Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

UNPRPD MPTF'S Strategic and Operational Framework

1

Catalytic funding for national and multi-country joint programming on disability inclusion, which can be further broken down into three workstreams:

a. Country-level joint programmes to accelerate CRPD implementation:

Nationally owned, joint programmes on national priorities to advance systemic reforms on the essential preconditions for CRPD implementation through a multi-sectoral response.

b. Disability inclusive national development planning and monitoring:

Dedicated resources to support country level implementation of the SDGs to increase disability inclusion and the commitment to leave no one behind through the UN's collective response and planning systems.

c. Multi-country joint programmes to pilot CRPD implementation tools:

Multi-country joint programmes to pilot and refine knowledge management tools that provide concrete guidance on workable solutions for CRPD implementation, focusing on the preconditions for disability inclusion with the added value of gathering learning across countries.

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Knowledge management and lessons learned:

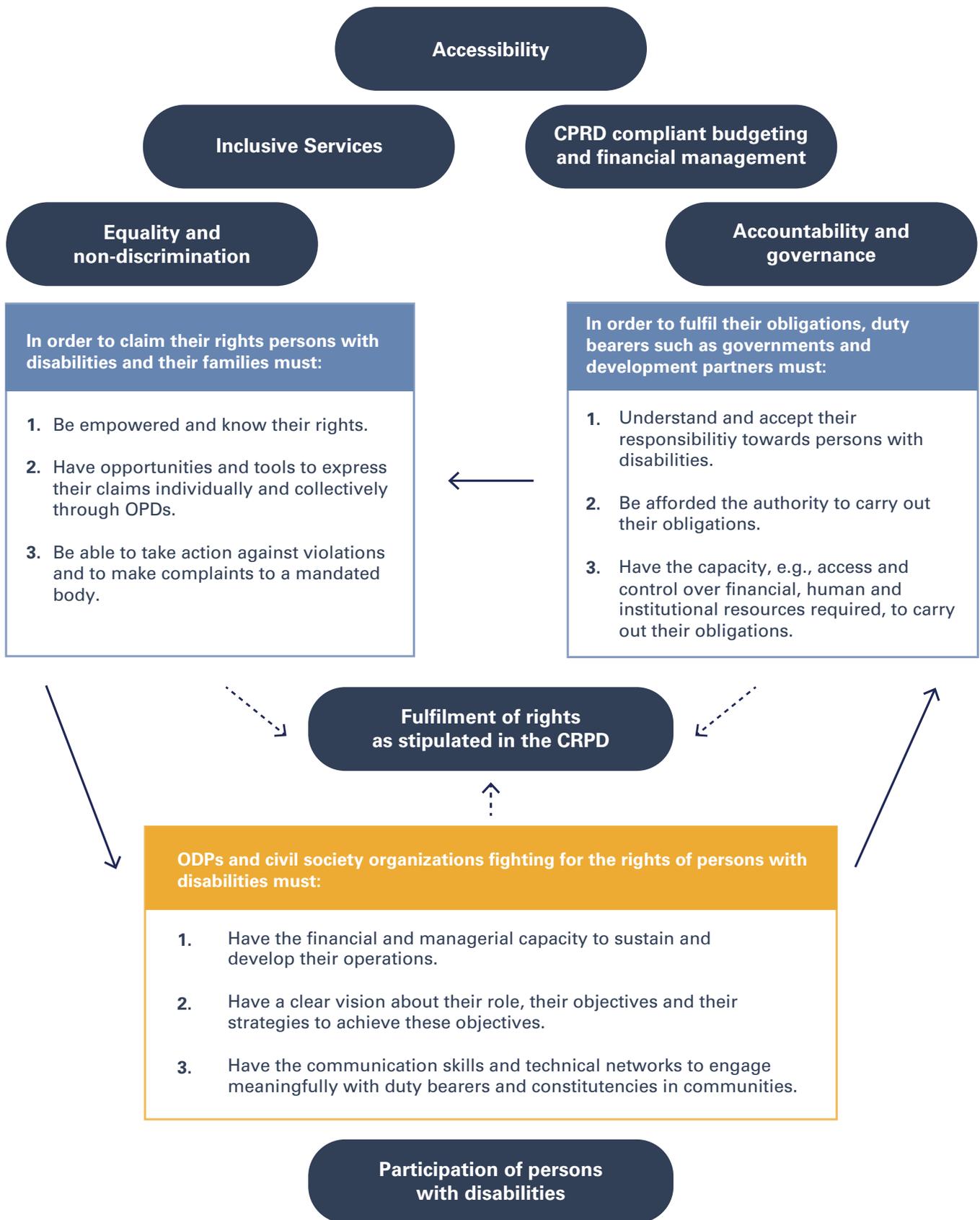
Drawing on programmatic experience, systems, and tools that capture knowledge and evidence on CRPD implementation methods, approaches, and practices on structural interventions at country level to address gaps in technical knowledge on the essential preconditions for CRPD implementation and programme delivery.

3

Context-relevant capacity building to support inclusive systems and policies:

Targeted capacity building to address gaps in UNPRPD MPTF joint programmes, secure a unified understanding of the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs, translate the CRPD and SDGs into practical implementation, and address challenges in programme implementation.

Figure 2
Preconditions to disability



The Three Cross-Cutting Approaches

In addition, UNPRPD MPTF has adopted three Cross-Cutting Approaches to be intrinsically applied across all of UNPRPD MPTF's work, including its structures, programmes, and processes:

Participation

Enabling full and effective participation of persons with disabilities

Enabling full and effective participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations

UNPRPD MPTF recognizes the central importance of effective and meaningful participation and consultation with persons with disabilities, which is integrated into UNPRPD MPTF's governance and programme structures, outputs and tools, training and technical assistance, and programme planning, implementation, and monitoring.

Inclusion

Ensuring the inclusion of marginalized and underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities

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UNPRPD MPTF promotes and supports the inclusion of persons with certain types of disabilities who may experience even greater marginalization and persons with disabilities who face intersectional discrimination due to disability and other intersecting identities or characteristics to ensure representation in policies, programmes, and services.

Gender

Addressing gender inequality and advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

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UNPRPD MPTF takes a multi-pronged, transformative approach to address intersectional discrimination faced by women with disabilities through gender mainstreaming, gender-specific targeted interventions, and the empowerment and participation of women and girls with disabilities.



Muhammed, learning pottery skills as part of the rehabilitation and training process at the Deaf Reach School and College in Karachi.
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Programme results 2020

Where we worked

In 2020, UNPRPD MPTF supported 23 country programmes, five multi country programmes and one global programme to advance the implementation of the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs. All of UNPRPD MPTF joint programmes must adopt a multi-stakeholder approach, led by at least two UN participating organizations, government, OPDs, and broader civil society. In addition, joint programmes must meaningfully involve OPDs, and country programmes should respond to local needs. For UNPRPD MPTF's programmes, 2020 has been a year of transition to the new strategy.



2020 Spotlights

52%

of programmes reported actions **influencing broader development planning processes**, including the UNSDCF

50%

of programmes revised programme workplan to **address COVID-19**

81%

of country-level joint programmes that **accelerated CRPD implementation** by improving preconditions for disability inclusion

41%

of programmes focused on **advancing gender equality**

19%

of programmes **focused on underrepresented groups**

67%

of programmes **developed knowledge**

22,592

of stakeholders with **increased knowledge and capacities** to design/reform and deliver inclusive policies and systems for CRPD and/or SDG implementation

Country Programmes

Advancing the rights of persons with disabilities requires joint efforts to fill knowledge gaps and to build skills of all stakeholders.

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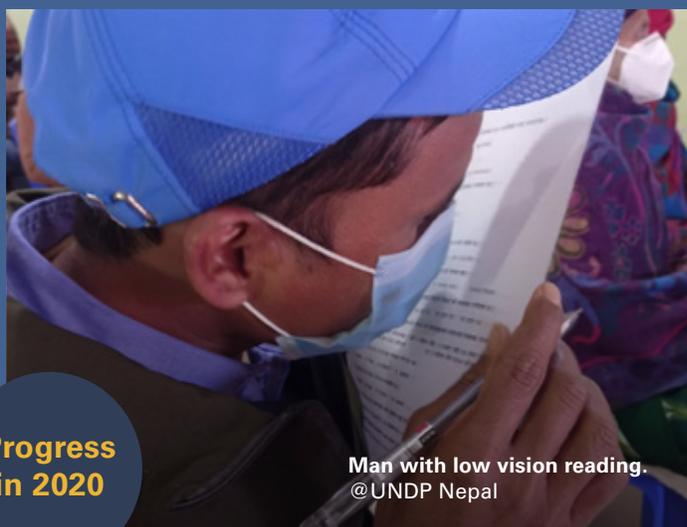
stakeholders received capacity building training.

National stakeholders are equipped with the knowledge and practical tools for disability inclusive policies and systems

Advancing the rights of persons with disabilities requires joint efforts to fill knowledge gaps and to build skills of all stakeholders, including government officials, frontline staff, OPDs, UN agencies, civil society, and others. UNPRPD MPTF programmes address this through capacity building initiatives and the development of knowledge tools that generate, capture, share, and apply knowledge to inform systems changes. In 2020, capacity building efforts and knowledge tools covered a wide range of topics and included the participation of diverse stakeholders, including OPDs. Below are a few examples to demonstrate UNPRPD MPTF's approach.

In 2020 country programmes conducted multi-stakeholder trainings for decision-makers, frontline workers, services providers, UN staff and OPDs, reaching 22,592 stakeholders. 5633 women and girls and 670 persons with disabilities⁷ also benefited from these through trainings, and generated 100 system strengthening studies, guides and tool-kits to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities through inclusive policies, laws and services.

**Progress
in 2020**



Man with low vision reading.
@UNDP Nepal

Participants increased their understanding of disability issues and inclusive governance strategies.

Capacity Building

In **Nepal**, UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women, and WHO partnered to deliver a programme aimed broadly at ensuring that policies are both gender- and disability-responsive through a range of interlinked interventions, and capacity building played a key role. For example, the capacities of 84 OPD representatives, 72 female elected representatives, and 114 community leaders from women's organizations and other community-based organizations, including from marginalized communities, were built on gender responsive and disability inclusive governance processes through a series of seven trainings. A key focus of three of the trainings was to build the capacities of OPDs on how to participate in local governance processes to advocate for their rights. Participants were able to examine the existing barriers to accessing information, services, and decision-making processes and strategies to promote gender responsive and disability inclusive governance at the local level.

As a result, participants increased their understanding of disability issues and inclusive governance strategies. Issues concerning gender and disability were increasingly raised by both women's organizations and OPDs in district and provincial interactions and advocacy efforts, and the inclusion of persons with disabilities in local coordination committees and local development processes were a central goal. The programme will continue to follow up with participants and track the community level advocacy to diversify local governance processes.



I really believe that UNPRPD focus on data and evidence will help us all to advocate for the CPRD-compliant services that are needed, to target interventions more appropriately, to define the clear application for the programmes and to work out whether we are achieving those goals and targets.

Ms. Hannah Kuper

Director of the International Centre for Evidence in Disability,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Capacity building has also played a key role in advancing disability sensitization and technical knowledge on methods to support persons with disabilities.

In **Bhutan**, UNICEF, UNDP, and WHO collaborated to build the capacities of OPDs and create a new policy environment conducive to the CRPD, which still has not been ratified in Bhutan. Capacity building has also played a key role in advancing disability sensitization and technical knowledge on methods to support persons with disabilities and ensure they can realize their rights. For example, the Disabled Persons Association of Bhutan (DPAB), the first umbrella OPD in Bhutan which was launched in March 2020, in partnership with the Ability Bhutan Society and Wangsel Institute conducted Disability Equality Training workshops where persons with disabilities equipped 200 public transport personnel, including taxi and bus drivers, with the practical skills to provide inclusive and accessible transportation services to persons with diverse types of disabilities in Thimpu. Through these capacity building activities, OPDs with less experience gained skills and built links in the community, demonstrating how they can provide expertise on the practical application of disability inclusive policies. In addition, direct service providers gained an understanding of the practical ways they can improve disability inclusion in services. The Disability Equality Training programme now has an action plan to expand the number of persons with disabilities as facilitators, establishing persons with disabilities as agents of change rather than recipients of assistance.

Knowledge Tools

In **China**, ILO, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, and UNFPA partnered to deliver a programme to strengthen the capacities of OPDs to promote disability inclusion and evidence-based research and to raise awareness among decision-makers while testing scalable interventions. A study was undertaken on cultural norms and discriminatory practices as well as the aspirations of women and girls with disabilities to generate evidence and to address stigmatization of women and girls with disabilities.

In **Benin**, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WHO worked together to deliver a programme that aimed to improve national legal and policy frameworks across sectors following the recently adopted Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to improve access to community-based rehabilitation in four pilot communes (Malanville, Karimama, Za-Kpota, and Cotonou), Benin's most marginalized communes. A combination of capacity building and the development of a practical guide was used to build knowledge and skills of local officials and community-based organizations to identify persons with disabilities, especially children, in the community and make referrals to appropriate services. This was intended to fill a gap and ensure that persons with disabilities, especially children, are able to overcome stigmatization in the community and access rehabilitative services.

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Achieving the Preconditions of Disability Inclusion

Reforms to advance the rights of persons with disabilities often fall short because of the lack of the essential building blocks or preconditions that are necessary to ensure disability inclusion⁸. These preconditions are the foundational aspects that are indispensable in addressing the requirements and rights of persons with disabilities and should be considered in public policy making and programming across all sectors through a multi-sectoral approach. The preconditions of disability inclusion are equality and non-discrimination, service delivery, accessibility, participation of person with disabilities, CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management, and accountability and governance. The preconditions of disability inclusion will be a central element of UNPRPD MPTF joint country programmes to accelerate CRPD implementation.

In 2020, countries reported progress on advancing the preconditions to disability inclusion with 8 (38%) countries reporting specific targeted results on equality and non-discrimination; 16 (76%) countries advanced inclusive service delivery, disability assessment and disability support services, 6 countries reported targeted interventions on CRPD compliant budgeting, accountability and governance (29%); 5 countries on accessibility measures (24%).

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**UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
handing over tablets to OPDs.
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Autonomy, Voice, and Participation of Persons with Intellectual or Psychosocial Disabilities

UNPRPD MPTF is committed to ensuring that underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities are included in all programmes and actively encourages programmes focused on supporting and empowering these groups. In Serbia, OHCHR, UN Women, UNDP, UNFPA, and ILO partnered to address the legally permitted automatic deprivation of legal capacity based on disability, which was affecting the right to equality and non-discrimination of persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.

The programme focused on the normative legal and policy framework as well as practices and attitudes in the justice, health, and social welfare systems with the meaningful engagement of OPDs.

The programme supported drafting legislative amendments and developing strategic frameworks, building capacities of stakeholders, developing mechanisms for supportive decision-making, and building capacities to support a self-advocacy movement. The National Organization of Persons with Disabilities and Mental Disability Rights Initiative were supported to deliver advocacy campaigns to reform the legal capacity regime and to empower self-advocates.

The programme resulted in the following outcomes:

- Preparation of amendments to legislation that are ready to be adopted
- Approval of a section on legal capacity in the National Disability Strategy 2020-2024
- Trained judges on disability-based discrimination and CRPD Article 12
- Increased awareness of parents and family members on supportive decision-making
- Initiation of a movement of self-advocates and enhanced capacity of young people with intellectual disabilities on self-advocacy
- Collaboration with human rights organizations working on legal capacity cases
- Improved public awareness on legal capacity issues.



Women with disabilities identifying herself at electoral poll.
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***In Malawi,
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Accountability and Governance

UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, and UNDP worked together in **Malawi** to strengthen the precondition of accountability and governance by improving the quality and availability of disability data. More specifically, the programme aimed to increase disability disaggregated data collection, monitoring, and public reporting on disability rights and improve participation of persons with disabilities, especially underrepresented groups, in decision-making processes. Activities supported the review and validation of the Malawi Housing and Census Thematic Report on Disability, progressing data collected using the Washington Group Questions in 2019 with the support of UNPRPD MPTF. The report provides evidence, using disaggregated data, to inform policy and programmes and ensure that persons with disabilities are included in these decisions. In addition, district disability forums were established as a coordination mechanism to amplify the voices of persons with disabilities, 28% of District Development Plans now incorporate disability issues, which is a positive step towards greater inclusion in decision-making processes.

CRPD-Compliant Budget and Finance Management

In **Peru**, ILO, UNESCO, and UNFPA delivered a joint programme focused primarily on advancing the right to employment for persons with disabilities in five local municipalities.

Activities aimed to progress towards CRPD-compliant budget and financial management processes that are inclusive, since budget is a major barrier to ensuring inclusive employment policies and practices. Capacity building activities to design a new results-oriented and inclusive budget programme were undertaken, and recommendations were made to the Municipal Offices of the Attention of Persons with Disabilities (OMAPED) in Lince and San Martin municipalities for modifying roles and functions related to budget management. An instructive guide for results-based and inclusive budget management for employment policy was created.

Service Delivery

Many of UNPRPD MPTF joint programmes focused on service delivery. As part of the new strategy, UNPRPD MPTF is transitioning towards programmes on service delivery that focus on disability assessment and referral services and disability support services across sectors. Disability assessment and referral services aim to identify the kind and extent of disability a person has, to receive information about their disability, and to ensure they are referred to appropriate supports, whereas disability support services aim to support persons with disabilities to have autonomy, be independent, yet participate in the community. A key step for many countries in ensuring CRPD-compliant services is deinstitutionalization or replacing long-stay hospitals, asylums, orphanages, and other isolated institutions with independent living in the community.

In **North Macedonia** UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and UN Women worked together to build a local model for deinstitutionalization of adults and children with disabilities and to strengthen inclusive service delivery, which included persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities. For adults, this included personalized community services to assess, plan, coordinate, and monitor the supports for each individual in their homes, including the provision of personal assistance services.

In addition, community supports, such as work assistance and job coaching, were analyzed in anticipation of incorporating them into community-based living services for adults. For children, programme partners worked with the education sector to develop norms, competencies, and tasks for educational and personal assistance in the classroom to enable inclusive education, resulting in 1,071 education and personal assistants directly supporting children with disabilities in mainstream schools and a guide for training education and personal assistants.

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Equality and Non-Discrimination

In **Morocco**, UNESCO, UNDP, UNFPA, and WHO partnered to tackle stigma and discrimination experienced by persons with disabilities and to promote equality and non-discrimination as part of a human rights based approach, laying the groundwork for inclusive governance mechanisms and service provision. A study on perceptions of persons with disabilities was undertaken and includes preliminary recommendations and measures to tackle negative beliefs and misperceptions of persons with disabilities.

OPDs were actively involved in the programme's technical committee, as well as the design of the study, organizing and participating in the interviews and focus groups to collect data in four cities, and in drafting the recommendations. The programme produced ten videos and ten podcasts with multi-lingual translation to raise awareness. A draft national framework of indicators on disability as a component of diversity in media was developed, contributing to national dialogue. In addition, a network of journalists has been sensitized on disability inclusion and will be part of a media campaign to combat negative social norms and to promote equality and positive perceptions of persons with disabilities.

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OPDs Engagement in UNPRPD MPTF Programmes

UNPRPD MPTF recognizes the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in the implementation and monitoring of the CRPD at country level in accordance with CRPD Articles 4.3 and 33.3 and CRPD Committee General Comment 7. Therefore, meaningful engagement of OPDs is essential at all levels of UNPRPD MPTF programmes. This includes OPD engagement in programmes during the design, implementation and monitoring phases, ensuring that OPDs are included on programme management committees overseeing the governance and management of programmes and in programme activities, such as trainings, the development of knowledge tools, meetings with government and other stakeholders, etc.

The level of participation is important, and OPDs should take on leadership, co-leadership or co-delivery, focal point, and consultative roles. In addition, they should provide technical support on areas of expertise and based on lived experiences of having a disability. Thus, OPDs must be empowered to lead on programme elements and to shape programme strategies, while increasing their capacities, to ensure a human rights-based approach that is meaningful.

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All UNPRPD MPTF programmes in 2020 included the involvement of 273 OPDs in a wide range of activities tailored to the local context. For example, in **Bhutan**, UNICEF, UNDP, and WHO partnered to deliver a programme to support a new policy environment to ratify the CRPD and encourage meaningful participation of OPDs. The Disabled People's Association of Bhutan (DPAB) was launched in March 2020 to become the first functioning umbrella OPD in Bhutan, providing a central coordinating OPD for national advocacy and participation. DPOB served on the programme's Technical Committee and were involved in the planning and decision-making processes of the programme. Programme activities focused supporting DPOB to deliver Disability Equality Training (DET) to CSOs, transport workers, and the Gross National Happiness Commission, as key government planning body, to raise awareness of targeted stakeholders and to build the skills and links of OPDs within the community, demonstrating how OPDs can provide expertise on the practical application of disability inclusive policies. In addition, this new umbrella OPD were supported to mobilize on the evolving COVID situation and contributed to the Gender Contingency Plan and worked with the National Commission for Women and Children in the COVID response. By focusing on strengthening OPDs - the main civil society mechanisms for participation - the policy environment in Bhutan is more conducive to the CRPD and disability inclusive policy reforms.



Positioning “Nothing about us without us” at the center of operation of UNPRPD from day 1 is very important for us. Since then, everything was done in line with this principle.

Vladimir Cuk
Executive Director, The International Disability Alliance

Mainstreaming Disability into National Development Plans and Monitoring Processes

In Timor Leste, the UNPRPD MPTF programme supported the UNCT's efforts to ensure that the UN's Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025.

Disability inclusion has often been a silo in international development, leading to separate programmes, systems, and processes. The principle of 'Leave No One Behind' at the core of the SDGs requires development stakeholders to consider persons with disabilities as a significant constituent group in national development planning processes. This has become more urgent as efforts to achieve the SDGs in the Decade of Action are stepped up. In 2020, 52% of the countries reported actions influencing broader development planning processes including the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF).

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Consultation with OPDs.
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In **Zimbabwe**, disability inclusion in the UN Common Country Analysis (CCA) process was supported by UNPRPD MPTF. The UNCT provided relevant disability inclusion materials to the consultants leading the CCA and facilitated the engagement of OPDs and the UNPRPD MPTF programme advisory group, ensuring that persons with disabilities and UNCT members directly involved in the delivery of disability inclusive programmes were able to influence this central UN planning process at the country level in Zimbabwe. There are also indications that the UNCT has linked its activities in UNPRPD MPTF-funded programmes, UN national development planning processes, and efforts to implement UNDIS in Zimbabwe's UNCT to ensure a more cohesive approach to disability inclusion across programmes, systems, structures, and processes.

Multi-Country Programmes

Although country programmes make up the majority of UNPRPD MPTF's funding, several multi-country programmes were supported to promote learning across countries, to produce and test knowledge tools, and to identify and share good practices.

These multi-country joint programmes require at least two UN participating organizations as implementing partners and meaningful participation of OPDs. Two of the four programmes focused on under-represented groups of persons with disabilities and/or women with disabilities, and the other two programmes ensured inclusion of under-represented groups.

A guide in Easy Read format on how to advance the political participation of persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities was created.

Right to Public Life for Persons with Psychosocial and Intellectual Disabilities

UNDP and OHCHR partnered with Inclusion International, an international network of persons with intellectual disabilities, to address legal, institutional, communication, and social barriers experienced by persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities when exercising the civil and political **right to participate in public life**, in particular the intersection of CRPD Articles 29 and 12. The programme was implemented in **12 countries** with virtual consultations in an additional 13 countries. Facilitators were trained to work with focus groups of persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, and a facilitator's guide for the focus groups was developed. Sixteen focus groups were conducted in nine languages, which contributed to a practical guide. A guide in Easy Read format on how to advance the political participation of persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities was created, including good practices and recommendations. The programme has generated knowledge on how to best support national stakeholders in legal capacity reforms, institutional reforms, and supportive decision-making mechanisms for persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.

Intersectional Approaches to Address Disability Inclusion

UN Women, UNICEF, OHCHR, and IDA worked on a programme to strengthen understanding on intersectional approaches to address disability inclusion. The programme was targeted at UNCTs, governments, OPDs, and other stakeholders to gain understanding of good practices. Programme partners coordinated a global inter-agency forum on intersectional issues to increase channels for dialogue on intersectionality. In addition, a policy brief on intersectionality and the rule of law was developed. A survey has been used to gather evidence on strengths, needs, and gaps experienced by UNCTs, OPDs, and CSOs, and a literature review has been initiated, and plans are underway to develop an inter-agency toolkit.

Capacity building activities to build technical knowledge on inclusive education, universal design for learning, and accessible digital textbooks were delivered in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda.

Accessible Digital Textbooks

UNICEF, UNESCO, the Ministries of Education in participating countries, the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), and the National Union of Disabled People of Uganda (NUDIPU) partnered to deliver a programme in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda to **enhance inclusive education through quality, accessible digital textbooks**. Capacity building activities to build technical knowledge on inclusive education, universal design for learning, and accessible digital textbooks were delivered and a technical working group was established in Kenya comprised of government, OPD, UN agencies, and CSOs to provide technical advice, guidance and oversight to the programme. In addition, several internal guidance notes have been produced, and an accessible digital textbook prototype was piloted in Rwanda on Grade 1 English in five schools. OPDs are actively involved in providing technical advice and developing guidance notes, including underrepresented groups, such as persons with deaf blindness. The programme has contributed to Rwanda's signing of the Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access to published works by visually impaired persons with print disabilities and generating interest in improving the foundational skills of children with disabilities, e.g., influencing the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) to invest in accessible digital textbooks, using similar approaches by the UNPRPD MPTF programme.

CRPD-Compliant Social Protection for Persons with Disabilities

In partnership with the UN COVID Fund, a short course was delivered in collaboration with Bonn Rhein Sieg University for government, UN, and OPD representatives from 30 countries.

ILO, UNICEF, and IDA collaborated on a multi-country programme to **increase inclusive, CRPD-compliant social protection coverage for persons with disabilities** in seven countries. Capacity building played a key role in the programme with 16 webinars for multi-stakeholders at country level, the GLAD Network, UN staff, and, in particular, national OPDs through regional workshops. In partnership with the UN COVID Fund, a short course was delivered in collaboration with Bonn Rhein Sieg University for government, UN, and OPD representatives from 30 countries, providing a more in-depth understanding of inclusive social protection for development. In addition, technical assistance was provided to UNCTs and governments in Jordan, Kenya, and the Philippines on various aspects of disability inclusion of social protection, leading to a pilot disability data management system in Bantangas Province in the Philippines. Two background papers on the design of cash transfer systems and accessibility of delivery mechanisms were created to support national advocacy, and OPDs in India, Lebanon, and the Philippines were supported to draft position papers. The two background papers influenced ILO's Flagship Report, 'World Social Protection Report 2020-2022', and there has been growing awareness and focus on disability inclusive social protection, including evidence of increased investment in inclusive social protection programmes funded by UNICEF and Norway.



Group of persons participating in capacity building activity.
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UNPRPD MPTF Programming Responding to COVID-19

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National programmes to support disability inclusive response and recovery

Cambodia

UNDP and OHCHR utilised additional funding to support an existing project on the access to justice for persons with disabilities in six provinces in Cambodia, which seeks to strengthen coordination mechanisms between the national and sub-national levels through access to basic social and legal aid services. With this additional funding, the programme added a situational analysis on the impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities and supported the inclusion of OPDs and disability inclusion in the national recovery plans.

Global Programme to Build Back Better

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The global programme worked closely with 44 country teams¹⁰ and aimed to expand its reach to other countries through the generation of guidance and practical tools.

The global programme totalled nearly \$2 million USD and was made possible with a contribution from the Australian Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade on top of its annual contribution to UNPRPD.

The programme sought to deliver the following results:

- 1 UN country teams have **better understanding and capacity** to develop and support a disability inclusive response to COVID 19
- 2 **OPDs are supported** to engage in planning, implementation, and monitoring of disability inclusive responses to COVID 19 emergencies
- 3 **Evidence, analysis, and programmatic guidance** is generated for countries to influence recovery plans.

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The implementing organizations were ILO, OHCHR, UNDESA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, WHO, IDA, and IDDC, who developed global, regional, and country level outputs, including a range of webinars, checklists, briefs, guidelines, data collection through surveys, reports, case studies and other tools to influence and inform COVID recovery plans to be inclusive of persons with disabilities in line with the CRPD. While many activities will continue into 2021, participating organizations undertook activities in 2020 to build capacities, engage and consult with OPDs, initiate and develop knowledge products and tools, collect evidence, analyse the impact of COVID responses, and support global and country driven responses to address challenges faced by persons with disabilities. Moreover, the global programme has ensured that many activities focus specifically on women and girls with disabilities and on persons with disabilities in humanitarian settings.

Each implementing organization was responsible for implementing the global programme in their target sectors and countries, working with national stakeholders, especially national OPDs. Programmatic areas of focus responded to the gaps and recommendations identified by the UN Secretary General's [Policy Brief: A Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19](#), to which UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat contributed.

Some key topics covered in 2020 include:

- Expanding social protection systems in the COVID-19 context and beyond
- Mitigating impacts of school closures on children with disabilities and their families
- Protecting persons with disabilities in institutions
- Ensuring access to inclusive health services and continuity of disability support services
- Guaranteeing inclusive measures and services to prevent and respond to violence against persons with disabilities, including gender-based violence
- Disability rights monitoring methods during the COVID-19 crisis
- Analysis of OPD engagement in COVID-19 responses and encouraging collaboration with UN agencies
- Inclusive humanitarian responses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Overall, the global programme enabled implementing organizations to respond to the gaps across countries and address challenges that were specific to the evolving context while providing technical expertise unique to each organization. Collaboration through a multi-stakeholder approach was a critical element. For example, there was collaboration between UN agencies, such as UNFPA and UN Women developing synergies on checklists to promote women's rights and protection mechanisms, and ILO and UNICEF partnering on tools to advance social protection. In addition, a Technical Working Group with representatives from each implementing organization provided an unprecedented global platform for generating and sharing learning between programme partners and opportunities to discuss good practices.

The full and effective participation of OPDs was also a central component of the programme, and IDA played a key role at the global level as the main OPD partner involved in programme governance, strategic development, and technical support. OPD engagement at the country level included consultation with national OPDs, co-creation of outputs alongside national OPDs, and OPD-led activities.



Visually impaired health-care worker goes grocery shopping with assistance.
@UNFPA North Macedonia

Diverse products and tools were developed at both the global and country levels to respond to the evolving situation and to share learning across regions.

For example, OHCHR commissioned the Association of Youth with Disabilities in Montenegro (AYDM) to conduct a socio-economic impact assessment of the COVID-19 response on persons with disabilities, providing technical support to gather evidence that will be used for national advocacy and CRPD reporting.

Capacity building activities served as a means of raising awareness, tackling new challenges brought on by the pandemic, and building technical understanding with diverse audiences, including persons with disabilities, UN staff, technical experts, frontline staff, government officials, private sector, and other civil society actors. For example, WHO delivered capacity building activities on the accessibility of telehealth services for persons with disabilities as well as capacity building activities on strengthening and expanding access to rehabilitative services during recovery, involving a wide range of stakeholders to address these emergent issues.

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Activities under the global programme continue to be delivered in 2021, and a global knowledge product will also be developed towards the end of the programme cycle. Additionally, UNPRPD MPTF will incorporate activities to respond and recover from the pandemic, including for example, through its Fourth Funding Round which will include a number of country level joint programmes focusing specifically on disability inclusive COVID-19 response and recovery.

Monitoring the Situation of Persons with Disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic



IDA produced a survey, the [COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor](#), to gather data to better understand the consequences and challenges of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities, exploring their experiences and the measures taken by governments to respond and support them. The subsequent [report](#) provides data on the situation of persons with disabilities and highlights the gaps in government responses, drawing on information across 134 countries.



Grace (centre) is a participant of Sightsavers' economic empowerment project for young people with disabilities in Uganda.
@Sightsavers

Lessons Learned

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UNPRPD MPTF provides a network of joint programming across regions and contexts and is committed to synthesizing knowledge and sharing lessons learned to diverse stakeholders to inform CRPD implementation.

Systems for knowledge sharing outlined in UNPRPD MPTF's strategy will be further detailed in 2021. In 2020, UNPRPD MPTF piloted capturing and distilling lessons in nine countries through consultations with UNCTs to inform the development of knowledge sharing systems and future programming. The joint country programmes participating in the consultations focused on strengthening inclusive data systems and advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

Some common lessons across UNPRPD MPTF country level joint programmes participating in the pilot include:

Policy or Systems Changes

- Donor conditionality of OPD engagement has played a role in ensuring participation of persons with disabilities
- CRPD Committee recommendations as well as vibrant national disability movements helped to address barriers to political will and created momentum for policy reform
- The inclusion of government stakeholders in programmes ensures government buy-in and provides insight on potential barriers on the practicalities of implementing systems changes.

Multi-Stakeholder Approach

- UNPRPD's joint programming approach led to increased technical expertise, pooling of resources, and inter-sectoral linkages across UN entities on disability
- Programme management committees have been very effective in bringing stakeholders together in the country and can build lasting relationships beyond the programme. OPDs should be represented on programme management committees, influencing programme strategies and providing insight on programme processes and outputs. In addition, OPDs can help ensure programmes are accessible and inclusive, e.g., advising on reports or workshops to make them accessible.

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- Coordination bodies and technical committees have helped to address concerns, queries, and hesitancy in applying disability inclusion to systems, and where OPD representatives have served on these bodies, they ensured inclusion was consistently considered and addressed many concerns of decision-makers and technical experts
- The disability movement in a country may not be fully aligned or may not represent diverse voices, and it is important to invest in the movement and promote collaboration between OPD actors to encourage diverse voices and to ensure disability inclusion is fully incorporated into policies, systems, processes, and structures for all persons with disabilities
- Promoting coordination and cooperation between OPDs and CSOs drives change and can help to sustain momentum for the programme but may also have lasting effects.

Knowledge Tools and Capacity Building

- Government officials, civil servants, and frontline workers should be encouraged to undergo continuous education and training to ensure new staff are proficient on disability inclusive practices beyond the cycle of the UNPRPD MPRTF programme
- Local models built and tested at the local level through a multi-sectoral approach were successfully scaled up to the national level
- Assessments of services should include OPDs and ensure their meaningful participation in order to effectively identify gaps in services and generate workable solutions
- Many UNCTs worked with OPDs at the local level or with OPDs who were new to UN programmes and learned that it was important to adapt to the advocacy methods used by these organizations to ensure meaningful participation. For example, meetings with local authorities were often preferred over formal letters to government or policy briefs. It is, therefore, important to adapt to the diverse needs of OPDs, and OPDs representing marginalized groups and local level OPDs may require these types of adaptations, depending on their experience. In addition, supporting the organizational development of OPDs helped to build capacities essential to managing funding from UN entities, reporting on programme progress, and engaging in fundraising beyond the UN-PRPD programme.

In addition, the pilot to capture lessons revealed lessons that are specific to the focus of the programme.

Lessons learned on strengthening Inclusive Data Systems

Joint country programmes in Malawi and Namibia aimed to improve disability data collection and reporting systems, including through the use of the Washington Group Questions and build capacity and coordination of data collection and analysis mechanisms. Lessons across both programmes include:

Policy or Systems Changes

- International cooperation and funding have been useful in providing much needed financial support and exposure to technical training on internationally agreed data collection approaches, thus serving as a catalyst
- Disability data collection should be linked to broader 'leave no one behind' principle of SDG monitoring systems to improve disability mainstreaming
- Putting in place a disability strategy that links to data or an inclusive national statistics strategy can provide an entry point for disability inclusive data collection
- A review or mapping of the data collection architecture can help to identify gaps in the system that may affect plans for disability inclusion and is a useful exercise early in the programme cycle

Technical and Programmatic Practicalities

- International cooperation and funding have been useful in providing much needed. Data sharing protocols helped to ensure interoperability of data systems
- The definition of disability, as outlined by the data collection process, should be agreed locally and early in the process
- Data collection tools should align with the local context, and census findings reflecting the local context should be used for advocacy at the local level. In other words, it is helpful to think about how data can and should be used at the local level when developing data collection tools and before initiating data analysis
- Data analysis should be included in financial and technical supports and considered at the planning stages
- Data dissemination should go beyond national level and consider the local level. Local level advocacy and forums or mechanisms to discuss data findings are critical since advocacy should not be limited to national policy making. District disability forums can be set up to serve this function and to help coordinate in a decentralized system of governance
- Strengthening OPDs at the sub-national level has helped to ensure that data is accurately collected and problems are addressed locally and ensure that enumerators include persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities should also serve as trainers of enumerators since they have a better understanding of functional limitations
- Linking national programmes to global strengthening processes can help to build capacities and networks, including high-level leaders.

Lessons Learned on Advancing the Rights of Women and Girls with Disabilities

UNPRPD MPTF adopted the advancement of the rights of women and girls with disabilities in line with Article 6 of the CRPD as a Cross-Cutting Approach of its Strategic and Operational Framework, and aims to integrate it across programmes, policies, publications, and governance. All programmes must be inclusive of women and girls with disabilities and UNPRPD MPTF prioritizes funding programmes that specifically focus on the rights of women and girls with disabilities. There were six joint country programmes that focused on women and girls with disabilities or included significant programme focus on women and girls with disabilities in North Macedonia, Serbia, Timor Leste, Uruguay, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Programmes examined a range of topics, including access to sexual and reproductive health (SHR) services, access to gender-based violence (GBV) response services, economic empowerment, and decision-making. Lessons across six programmes include:

Intersectional Approaches

- Increasing awareness of disability mainstreaming in the women's sector and gender mainstreaming in the disability sector led to an intersectional approach across disability and gender
- Programmes on gender and disability offered opportunities to build bridges between women's organizations and OPDs, increasing synergies and knowledge in both movements that may not have otherwise happened
- UN entities served as brokers in expanding civic engagement space for OPDs and elevated the visibility of the rights of women and girls with disabilities and their movements
- Assessments of services should include both gender and disability inclusion simultaneously to ensure intersectional links are made and catalytic changes can be made to mainstream systems.

Technical Support and Capacity Building

- The technical expertise of UN entities, particularly on methods for advancing gender equality, played a key role across programmes
- A good starting point in ensuring gender- and disability-inclusive services is to sensitize service providers on gender and disability and make communications more accessible, since this is often the first point of contact for women who require services and to raise awareness in the community
- Capacity building of community and religious leaders, women's organizations, public authorities, and service providers was key to addressing gender- and disability-based stigma and discrimination and in influencing decision-making
- Mentoring women with disabilities can help to build the capacities and confidence of women and girls with disabilities, thus strengthening their representation and inclusion in both disability and women's movements.

UNPRPD MPTF will continue to capture learning across programmes that advance the implementation of the CRPD and refine its programme design according to the learning.



Woman with disability attending electoral poll
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Fourth Funding Round

In August 2020, UNPRPD MPTF launched its Fourth Funding Call for Proposals for country level joint programmes reflecting the direction of UNPRPD MPTF’s Strategic and Operational Framework 2020-2025.

Critical new elements of this funding round included the focus on the essential preconditions for disability inclusion to advance the CRPD, a dedicated funding stream to support disability mainstreaming in national plans to implement the SDGs, and a stronger emphasis on UNPRPD MPTF’s Cross-Cutting Approaches and the meaningful participation of organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), including women with disabilities and other underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities. Joint programmes were required to adopt a multi-stakeholder approach, including UN entities, governments, OPDs, and broader civil society as a cornerstone. Proposals focused on two main funding objectives:

110

qualifying UNCTs submitted an expression of interest.

2 objectives

CRPD implementation and inclusive SDGs.

Objective 1: CRPD implementation: To advance CRPD implementation at the country level by focusing on the essential preconditions for disability inclusion across sectors, translating these into concrete policies, programmes, and/or services which lead to systemic changes through a cohesive, inter-sectoral approach.

Objective 2: Inclusive SDGs: To improve and increase the implementation of disability inclusive SDGs at the country level by providing fundamental support to the UN’s collective response to the SDGs to address national priorities and gaps concerning persons with disabilities in SDG national planning.

In addition, UNCTs focusing programmes on COVID-19 response and recovery plans, women and girls with disabilities, and / or underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities were strongly encouraged. Expressions of Interest (EOI) were submitted through the Resident Coordinator from 110 qualifying UNCTs out of 132 UNCTs where the UN operates. The EOIs provided basic, contextual information on the country and priority areas of UNCTs and their potential partners. An independent panel of five experts reviewed the EOIs, scoring them in relation to the call objectives, UNPRPD MPTF’s Cross-Cutting Approaches, contextual relevance, CRPD compliance of priorities, opportunities for collaboration, and multi-stakeholder approach, with additional points to UNCTs that prioritized COVID-19 response and recovery, women and girls with disabilities, and / or underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities.

Based on the results of the assessment, the Management Committee decided to fund based on a three-tiered approach:

Tier 1

26 UNCTs, comprised of the top scoring 20% from each sub-region, were selected for immediate with budget envelopes for high- and upper middle-income countries capped at \$400,000 and lower middle- and low-income countries capped at \$700,000. Tier 1 UNCTs will begin the Induction Phase in 2021, receiving \$100,000 for each country to deliver the Induction Workshop, conduct a Situational Analysis, and complete the Full Proposal.

Tier 2

30 countries, comprising of the top scoring 25% following Tier 1 for each sub-region, were placed into a pipeline for joint programming, pending newly acquired funds and subject to review by the end of 2022.

Tier 3

54 countries, comprising of the remaining countries, were placed in a second pipeline of budget envelopes of \$100,000 to support a Situational Analysis and Objective 2 of the funding round, pending available funding and subject to review by the end of 2022.



Group photo at the Inclusive Education and Disability Equality Training workshop held in 2019 in Sichuan, China.
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UNPRPD MPTF's Contributions to the UN System

UNPRPD's Contribution to the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy

Launched in 2019, UNDIS is a cohesive, system-wide policy and accountability framework promoting disability inclusion through a 'whole-of-system' approach throughout the UN.

UNPRPD MPTF contributed to the establishment of UNDIS, and UNDIS has also provided a great opportunity for a strengthened and more impactful UNPRPD MPTF.

The policy establishes the UN's vision for disability inclusion and reaffirms a common commitment at the highest levels. The UN entity accountability framework includes fifteen common-system indicators focused on leadership, strategic planning and management, inclusiveness, programming, and organizational culture. The UNCT accountability scorecard includes fourteen indicators focused on the same four pillars.

UNPRPD MPTF contributed to the establishment of UNDIS, and UNDIS has also provided a great opportunity for a strengthened and more impactful UNPRPD MPTF. UNPRPD MPTF's direct role in supporting disability inclusion at the country level through joint programming to implement the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs, combined with knowledge management and capacity building, has the potential to directly and indirectly contribute towards several of the UNDIS indicators at both UN entity and UNCT levels. These include joint initiatives¹², capacity building of UN staff¹³, consultation with persons with disabilities¹⁴, collaboration and coordination¹⁵, and system-wide planning and monitoring at country level¹⁶.

At the global level, UNPRPD MPTF has contributed to the implementation of UNDIS by participating in some of the UNDIS working groups and by providing input into several key publications to advance UNDIS.

Several working groups were established to identify priorities and entry points to strengthen COVID response and recovery. UNPRPD MPTF participated in three working groups on the following topics: socio-economic response and recovery, health response and recovery, and funding within COVID related mainstream funds. The working groups provided technical support and tools within the UN system.

At the country level, UNPRPD MPTF has made significant contributions towards the implementation of UNDIS.

Table 1

UNPRPD's Contribution to the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy at the country level

UNDIS indicator and UNPRPD MPTF'S role	Contributions to achieving indicators in 2020
<p>INDICATOR 12 Joint Initiatives UNPRPD MPTF provides funding and support for country level joint programmes to advance disability inclusion, thus contributing the number of UNCTs submitting resource mobilization proposals, receiving technical support, and receiving funding for joint programmes integrating disability inclusion.</p>	<p>49 countries supported through UNPRPD funded joint programming to advance the implementation of the CRPD and the achievement of disability inclusive SDGs.</p>
<p>INDICATOR 14 Capacity building of UN staff UN entity offices at country level are active participants in capacity building activities as a central component of UNPRPD programmes.</p>	<p>UNPRPD projects supported multi-stakeholder trainings for decision-makers, frontline workers, services providers, UN staff and OPDs, reaching 22,592 stakeholders. 100 system strengthening studies, guides, and toolkits to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities through inclusive policies, laws and services including resources for inclusive COVID-19 recovery efforts.</p>
<p>INDICATOR 5 Consultation with persons with disabilities UNPRPD MPTF engages systematically with OPDs at country level in programme design, implementation, management, and monitoring, providing technical advice to UN entities and UNCTs on effective OPD participation in joint programming on disability inclusion.</p>	<p>Through UNPRPD MPTF programmes 273 OPDs participated in legislative, policy, and system-level changes to advance the implementation of the CRPD and disability inclusive SDGs.</p>

UNDIS Funding Window

In June 2020, UNPRPD MPTF established an earmarked funding window for UNDIS to channel resources to support costs related to UNDIS implementation.

The Executive Office of the Secretary General (EOSG) Disability Team developed practical tools, such as action plans, templates, fact sheets, etc., and provided technical assistance to more than 30 UN entities and UNCTs to facilitate the implementation of UNDIS. Capacity building activities, such as webinars, technical guidance notes, and direct technical support, were aimed at raising awareness on UNDIS and building knowledge on UNDIS implementation strategies and procedures. A wide range of topics were covered, such as the UNCT Accountability Scorecard, individual indicators, and alignment with other UN processes.

In July, ten countries, of which 8 delivered UNPRPD joint programmes, participated in a first-year pilot of the UNCT Accountability Scorecard, taking into account regional representation and diversity of contexts. The ten countries included Benin, Fiji, Guatemala, Iraq, Malawi, Namibia, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Vietnam. The pilot included a baseline assessment on disability inclusion by completing the Scorecard, followed by targeted action plans across programmes and operations.



Bhuban Roy tending to his crops while his wife Urmila Devi assists him.
@WHO/NOOR/Arko Detto

UNPRPD MPTF's Contribution to UN Reform

UNPRPD MPTF liaised with the UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) while developing its new strategy to ensure alignment with relevant UN reform elements and processes.

UNPRPD MPTF is committed to a 'One UN Approach' and to aligning with UN reform. UNPRPD MPTF's joint programming approach integrates the various competencies of participating UN organizations into one common programme, reducing overlaps, maximizing synergies, and facilitating learning across organizations within the UN system.

UNPRPD MPTF liaised with the UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) while developing its new strategy to ensure alignment with relevant UN reform elements and processes. Consequently, UNPRPD MPTF's strategy includes a new funding workstream on disability inclusive national development planning and monitoring, providing funding to UNCTs to ensure disability inclusion in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and related processes, such as the Common Country Analysis (CCA).

This collaboration with the DCO continued on UNPRPD MPTF's Fourth Funding Round, resulting in UNPRPD MPTF Expressions of Interest submitted by UNCT Resident Coordinators following a country-wide discussion and identification of priorities, thus ensuring that priorities are set by the needs of the country through collaboration analysis of the context. UNPRPD MPTF also contributed to a DCO training of Resident Coordinators on best practices for disability inclusion at country level, e.g., engaging with OPDs, gender and disability mainstreaming, etc., and DCO participated in UNPRPD MPTF's side event to launch the new strategy at the 13th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD.



These types of partnerships with pool funding provide a big boost to UN Reform.

Mr. Brian Williams

Chief of the Policy and Programme Branch A. I.,
UN Development Coordination Office

Table 2

UNPRPD inputs for an inclusive UN reform in 2020

UN Reform Guiding Principles	UNPRPD's Approach	Achievement in 2020
RC Leadership	UNPRPD proposals submission fully coordinated by RCOs	111 RCs replied to the 4th Funding round
Inclusive UNSDCF	Strengthened focus to support inclusive UN development plans	<p>100% countries applying to 4th round stated initial interest to address inclusive development planning</p> <p>52% of UNPRPD countries reported influencing development planning</p>
Integrated Joined Programmes	Through the UNPRPD 9 UN entities join efforts at to advance disability inclusion at country level	71 country offices were involved in UNPRPD programme implementation
Capacity Building	Capacity building to UNCTs on disability inclusion is a core element of PRPDs programmes	Over 22,000 stakeholders including UNCTs trained on inclusive GBV prevention and response, inclusive education, inclusive employment and business, inclusive governance, inclusive data, disability support services and COVID-19 recovery
Knowledge	Knowledge generation and learning are instrumental in all UNPRPD programmes to promote innovation and best practices on disability inclusion	100 knowledge tools have been produced and disseminated in across over 50 countries



Children with disabilities and early childhood intervention in Croatia.
@UNICEF/Vanda Kljajo

Communications, Partnerships, and Outreach

In 2020 UNPRPD MPTF significantly enhanced its efforts to increase visibility and engage in strategic communications within the UN system and external partners, such as donors and research centers.

UNPRPD MPTF engaged in numerous platforms, events, and conferences, sharing experiences and learning from country, regional, and global programming to advance the implementation of the CRPD and inclusive SDGs.

UNPRPD MPTF provided informational resources on COVID-19 from UNPRPD MPTF initiatives and its partners through its website throughout the pandemic. There are useful resources with over 100 links to articles, tools, and guidance on inclusive COVID-19 response and recovery, boosting traffic on the website and increasing exchange within the disability community.

UNPRPD MPTF also significantly increased its presence in social media, mainly through Twitter. For example, UNPRPD MPTF's Twitter followers tripled and weekly tweets were provided on programme initiatives and activities, as well as upcoming events. UNPRPD MPTF's programme on 'Advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities in Zimbabwe' was highlighted in *El Pais* in March 2020. The article reflected on the progress in making GBV and SHR services inclusive to women with disabilities.

UNPRPD MPTF participated in several events organized by UN Agencies, donors, and academia, presenting on UNPRPD MPTF programmes and strategy. In 2020, however, many of the events that UNPRPD MPTF participated in were focused on the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, UNPRPD MPTF contributed to the initial formal discussion on the impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities organized by WHO and the Executive Office of the Secretary General.

During the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP), delayed until December 2020 and carried out remotely, UNPRPD MPTF was featured in over 15 events covering a range of topics. UNPRPD MPTF multi-country programmes on social protection, political participation, and inclusive human rights monitoring mechanisms were highlighted through events at COSP.



With support from DFAT, a strategic collaboration with CBM Global Inclusion Advisory Group was established to pilot the situational analysis methodology in four UNPRPD countries (Nepal, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, Uruguay).

In addition, the UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat organized a high-level event at COSP to present the new Strategic and Operational Framework. High level speakers from the UN Development Cooperation Office, UN Multi Partner Trust Fund Office, International Disability Alliance, as well as government and OPD programme partners offered compelling perspectives on the importance and relevance of pooling efforts for disability inclusion. The event was moderated by Mr. Haoliang Xu, Head of the Bureau of Programme of UNDP and chair of UNPRPD MPTF, and it was sponsored by the Swedish Development Cooperation Agency and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

UNPRPD MPTF also reached out to research centers and think tanks in order to increase efforts for knowledge generation and development in programmes. With support from DFAT, a strategic collaboration with CBM Global Inclusion Advisory Group was established to pilot the situational analysis methodology in four UNPRPD countries (Nepal, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, Uruguay). In addition, in September 2020 the “Disability Under Siege – UNPRPD Analytical Framework” project has been funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)- UK Research and Innovation, to develop an analytical framework to promote and support the implementation of a disability-inclusive response and recovery from COVID-19. The project will run for a period of 12 months from September 2020 to August 2021.

The framework will cover the sectors of Health, Education, Economy/Employment, and Social/Community. It will be produced using participatory methods to ensure that it reflects the priority of disabled people from the Global South.



GLAD Network Steering Committee members at a meeting in Washington D.C., February 2020.
@GLAD

UNPRPD MPTF continued to strengthen relationships with existing partners and prospective donors. As a member of the Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network Steering Committee, UNPRPD MPTF actively participated in working groups on education and social protection.

SIDA's mission to UNPRPD Programme in Zimbabwe

For the first time UNPRPD MPTF organized a donor's mission to a country programme.

In March 2020, Ms. Karin Ericsson and Ms. Josine Kanamugire from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) visited the UNPRPD MPTF programme in Zimbabwe, which focused on the barriers encountered by women with disabilities, transformation of cultural norms, and inclusive design and delivery of GBV and SHRH services. SIDA representatives had an opportunity to participate in programme activities, including consultations with OPDs and meetings with UN and government representatives and other donors in the country.

SIDA noted that the multi-stakeholder approach of UNPRPD programmes was a key for success, bringing together government, UN system, and OPDs in Zimbabwe to strategize and collaborate on advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

SIDA representatives were pleased to see how the UNPRPD MPTF programme under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator has contributed to UN system wide development processes, including the Common Country Analysis (CCA) and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF).



SIDA visit in Zimbabwe, meeting with the RC.
@UNESCO Zimbabwe



Boy with developmental delays, climbs a jungle gym at a local park.
@ WHO/Blink Media/Daiana Valencia

Looking Forward

In 2021, the focus of UNPRPD MPTF's activities will be on the following priorities:

- 1 Respond to High Demand by Increasing Country Level Investment**

With over 80 countries in two tiers of UNPRPD MPTF's pipeline for funding, there is a very high demand for funding to deliver country level joint programmes on disability inclusion. To meet this growing demand, and thus advance the UNDIS at country level, UNPRPD MPTF seeks to raise more funds and expand its capacity to respond to the requests for more country level joint funding.
- 2 Continue to Ensure High-Quality Programmes and Results**

UNPRPD MPTF will focus heavily on supporting the 26 countries that are planning to launch UNPRPD-funded programmes under the Fourth Funding Round. This will include a review of UNPRPD MPTF's Programme Quality Assurance Framework and further development of its Results Framework, ensuring the overall effectiveness and impact of UNPRPD MPTF-funded programmes.
- 3 Maintain Support to Countries on Inclusive COVID-19 Recovery**

UNPRPD MPTF will generate learning upon completing the global programme on COVID-19 response and recovery, which will conclude in 2021. This learning will inform strategies to adjust UNPRPD MPTF's work. UNPRPD MPTF will continue to support joint country programmes on COVID-19 recovery plans and processes. In addition, this learning will provide insight on how UNPRPD MPTF can enhance its collaboration and partnerships to address the ongoing national and global impacts of COVID.
- 4 Generate and Share Learning on UNPRPD MPTF's Revised Systems**

UNPRPD MPTF revised many of its processes and systems in 2020 to align with the new Strategic and Operational Framework. In 2021, UNPRPD MPTF will continue to build new systems and examine how these new systems and processes are functioning, working with its partners to continually improve them. UNPRPD MPTF will evaluate its new systems next year to ensure effectiveness and that they are fit for purpose.
- 5 Enhance the Capabilities of the Technical Secretariat**

UNPRPD MPTF Technical Secretariat will review its existing capacity and capabilities and explore strategies and resources to meet the growing needs and demands for disability inclusive programming and to ensure the Technical Secretariat is fit for purpose in implementing the new strategy.
- 6 Global Disability Summit in 2022**

Norway has announced that it will host the second Global Disability Summit in 2022. UNPRPD MPTF will work with IDA and GLAD Network to build on the achievements of the first Global Summit in the United Kingdom in 2018 and contribute to the strategies and plans for the next Global Summit.

Annual Financial Report of the Administrative Agent

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020

Definitions

Allocation	Amount approved by the Policy Board for a project/programme.
Approved Project/Programme	A project/programme including budget, etc., that is approved by the Policy Board for fund allocation purposes.
Contributor Commitment	Amount(s) committed by a donor to a Fund in a signed Standard Administrative Arrangement with the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), in its capacity as the Administrative Agent. A commitment may be paid or pending payment.
Contributor Deposit	Cash deposit received by the MPTF Office for the Fund from a contributor in accordance with a signed Standard Administrative Arrangement.
Delivery Rate	The percentage of funds that have been utilized, calculated by comparing expenditures reported by a Participating Organization against the 'net funded amount'.
Indirect Support Costs	A general cost that cannot be directly related to any particular programme or activity of the Participating Organizations. UNDG policy establishes a fixed indirect cost rate of 7% of programmable costs.
Net Funded Amount	Amount transferred to a Participating Organization less any refunds transferred back to the MPTF Office by a Participating Organization.
Participating Organization	A UN Organization or other inter-governmental Organization that is an implementing partner in a Fund, as represented by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MPTF Office for a particular Fund.
Project Expenditure	The sum of expenses and/or expenditure reported by all Participating Organizations for a Fund irrespective of which basis of accounting each Participating Organization follows for donor reporting.
Project Financial Closure	A project or programme is considered financially closed when all financial obligations of an operationally completed project or programme have been settled, and no further financial charges may be incurred.
Project Operational Closure	A project or programme is considered operationally closed when all programmatic activities for which Participating Organization(s) received funding have been completed.
Project Start Date	Date of transfer of first instalment from the MPTF Office to the Participating Organization.
Total Approved Budget	This represents the cumulative amount of allocations approved by the Policy Board.
US Dollar Amount	The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars and due to rounding off of numbers, the totals may not add up.

Introduction

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the UNPRPD Disability Fund is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of its obligations as Administrative Agent, as per the terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the UNDP MPTF Office and the Participating Organizations, and the Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) signed with contributors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, is responsible for concluding an MOU with Participating Organizations and SAAs with contributors. It receives, administers and manages contributions, and disburses these funds to the Participating Organizations. The Administrative Agent prepares and submits annual consolidated financial reports, as well as regular financial statements, for transmission to contributors.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the UNPRPD Disability Fund. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00>). The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars and due to rounding off of numbers, the totals may not add up.

2020 Financial Performance

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the UNPRPD Disability Fund using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December 2020. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00>.

1 Sources and uses of funds

As of 31 December 2020, 9 contributors deposited US\$ 45,620,640 in contributions and US\$ 498,850 was earned in interest. The cumulative source of funds was US\$ 46,119,491. Of this amount, US\$ 32,108,444 has been net funded to 11 Participating Organizations, of which US\$ 24,404,088 has been reported as

expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ 456,206. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the UNPRPD Disability Fund as of 31 December 2020.

Table 1
Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2019	Annual 2020	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	10,553,958	9,633,175	45,620,640
Fund earned interest and investment income	107,961	108,986	491,576
Interest income received from participating organizations	-	4,153	7,274
Refunds by administrative agent to contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-
Total: Sources of Funds	10,661,918	9,746,314	46,119,491
Use of Funds			
Transfers to participating organizations	3,239,006	3,730,770	25,669,115
Refunds received from participating organizations	(8,495)	(103,824)	(376,923)
Net Funded Amount	3,230,511	3,626,946	25,292,192
Administrative agent fees	105,540	96,332	456,206
Direct costs: (policy board, secretariat...Etc.)	1,105,645	3,220,000	6,816,252
Bank charges	172	320	2,073
Other expenditures	-	-	-
Total: Uses of Funds	4,441,868	6,943,599	32,566,723
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent			
Opening fund balance (1 January)	4,530,001	10,750,052	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	10,750,052	13,552,767	13,552,767
Net funded amount (includes direct cost)	4,336,156	6,846,946	32,108,444
Participating organizations' expenditure (includes direct cost)	4,756,717	6,666,861	24,404,088
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			7,704,356

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December 2020. The UNPRPD Disability Fund is currently being financed by 9 contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December 2020 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2020. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2020.

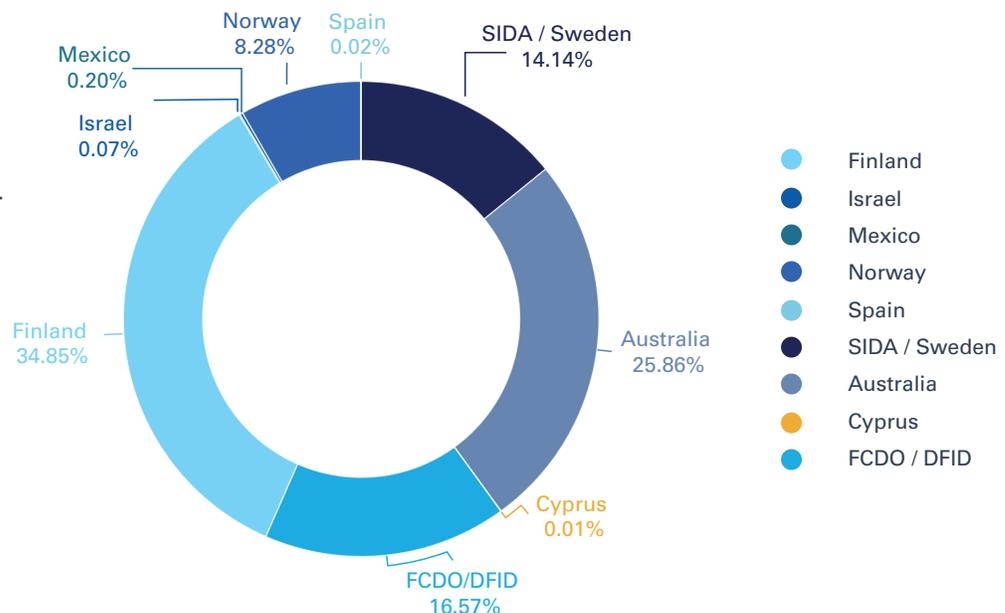
Table 2

Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2020
(in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020 Deposits	Total Deposits
Australia / Australian Agency For Int'l Development	11,714,382	9,616,210	2,098,171	11,714,382
Cyprus	5,160	5,160	-	5,160
DFID / FCDO	7,478,773	6,013,463	1465310	7,478,773
Finland	15,741,350	13,969,727	1,771,623	15,741,350
Israel	35,000	35,000	-	35,000
Mexico	100,000	80,000	20,000	100,000
Norway	3,757,645	2,620,726	1,136,919	3,757,645
Spain	12,378	12,378	-	12,378
Sweden / SIDA	6,775,953	3,634,801	3141152	6,775,953
Grand Total	45,620,640	35,987,465	9,633,175	45,620,640

Figure 1

Deposits by contributor,
(cumulative as of
31 December 2020)



Interest income is earned in two ways: 1) on the balance of funds held by the Administrative Agent (Fund earned interest), and 2) on the balance of funds held by the Participating Organizations (Agency earned interest) where their Financial Regulations and Rules allow return of interest to the AA.

As of 31 December 2020, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ 491,576. Interest received from Participating Organizations amounts to US\$ 7,274, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ 498,850. Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3

Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020
(in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	CURRENT Year Jan-Dec-2020
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	382,590	108,986	491,576
Total: Uses of Funds	382,590	108,986	491,576
Participating Organization			
ILO		924	924
UNDESA	81		81
UNESCO	3,041	3,229	6,270
Total: Agency Earned Interest	3,122	4,153	7,274
Grand Total	385,711	113,139	498,850

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Policy Board and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2020, the AA has transferred US\$ 25,669,115 to 11 Participating Organizations (see list below).

Table 4 provides additional information on the refunds received by the MPTF Office, and the net funded amount for each of the Participating Organizations.

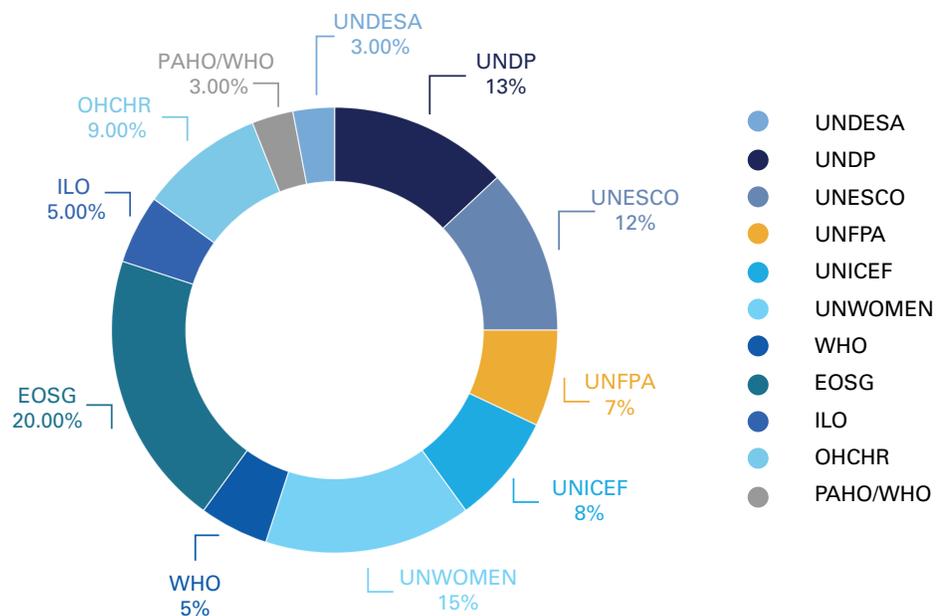
Table 4

Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019			Current Year Jan-Dec-2020			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
EOSG	1,049,850		1,049,850	749,000		749,000	1,798,850		1,798,850
ILO	3,047,270	(67,657)	2,979,613	200,000	(32,807)	167,193	3,247,270	(100,463)	3,146,806
OHCHR	1,248,550	(89,668)	1,158,882	326,638		326,638	1,575,188	(89,668)	1,485,520
PAHO/WHO	189,257		189,257	122,076	(345)	121,731	311,333	(345)	310,988
UNDESA	53,500	(45,626)	7,874	98,440		98,440	151,940	(45,626)	106,314
UNDP	5,107,449		5,107,449	473,548	(48,744)	424,804	5,580,997	(48,744)	5,532,254
UNESCO	1,836,597	(5,320)	1,831,277	447,196	(17,350)	429,846	2,283,793	(22,670)	2,261,123
UNFPA	1,398,609	(399)	1,398,210	263,500		263,500	1,662,109	(399)	1,661,710
UNICEF	4,957,107	(9,596)	4,947,511	286,918	(4,579)	282,339	5,244,025	(14,174)	5,229,851
UNWOMEN	1,219,412		1,219,412	563,010		563,010	1,782,422		1,782,422
WHO	1,830,743	(54,833)	1,775,910	200,444		200,444	2,031,187	(54,833)	1,976,354
Grand Total	21,938,345	(273,099)	21,665,245	3,730,770	(103,824)	3,626,946	25,669,115	(376,923)	25,292,192

Figure 2

Transfers amount by Participating Organization for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2020



5 Expenditure and financial delivery rates

All final expenditures reported for the year 2020 were submitted by the Headquarters of the Participating Organizations. These were consolidated by the MPTF Office. Project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization, and are reported as per the agreed upon categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting.

The reported expenditures were submitted via the MPTF Office's online expenditure reporting tool. The 2020 expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00>.

Table 5
Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years As Of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Cumulative	
EOSG	1,798,850	1,798,850	269,472	1,154,902	1,424,374	79.18
ILO	3,247,270	3,146,806	2,153,455	420,234	2,573,689	81.79
OHCHR	1,575,188	1,485,520	1,000,997	249,238	1,250,235	84.16
PAHO/WHO	311,333	310,988	100,684	135,900	236,584	76.07
UNDESA	128,904	106,314	7,874		7,874	7.41
UNDP	5,580,997	5,532,254	3,720,006	740,687	4,460,693	80.63
UNESCO	2,283,793	2,261,123	1,286,835	232,201	1,519,035	67.18
UNFPA	1,662,109	1,661,710	872,302	1,536,847	2,409,149	144.98
UNICEF	5,244,025	5,229,851	3,895,185	444,335	4,339,520	82.98
UNWOMEN	1,782,422	1,782,422	735,572	511,850	1,247,422	69.98
WHO	2,009,786	1,976,354	1,317,076	95,972	1,413,049	71.50
Grand Total	25,624,678	25,292,192	15,359,457	5,522,166	20,881,623	82.56

5.1 Expenditure reported by participating organization

In 2020, US\$ 3,626,946 was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ 5,522,166 was reported in expenditure. As shown in table above, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ 25,292,192 and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ 20,881,623. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of 83 percent.

5.2 Expenditure by project

Table 6 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by Participating Organization.

Table 6

Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020
(in US Dollars)

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
ARMENIA					
00091319 UNPRPD Armenia Improving Acces	UNDP	218,528	218,528	218,526	100.00
00091319 UNPRPD Armenia Improving Acces	UNICEF	330,978	330,978	330,978	100.00
Armenia Total		549,506	549,506	549,504	100.00
BENIN					
00108684 Delivering as One to Advance D	UNDP	100,000	100,000	95,313	95.31
00108684 Delivering as One to Advance D	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	99,947	99.95
00108684 Delivering as One to Advance D	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	99,662	99.66
00108684 Delivering as One to Advance D	WHO	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
Benin Total		400,000	394,921	98.73	100.00
BHUTAN					
00111046 Advancing the rights of people	UNDP	171,200	171,200	161,374	94.26
00111046 Advancing the rights of people	UNICEF	127,150	127,150	127,150	100.00
00111046 Advancing the rights of people	WHO	101,650	101,650	51,610	50.77
Bhutan Total		400,000	400,000	340,133	85.03

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
BOLIVIA						
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	OHCHR	50,241	50,241	50,220	99.96
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNESCO	143,444	143,444	116,482	81.20
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNFPA	103,158	102,759	101,734	99.00
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNICEF	145,555	145,148	145,152	100.00
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	WHO	106,700	106,363	60,760	57.13
Bolivia Total			549,098	547,954	474,349	86.57
CAMBODIA						
00109167	Access to justice without barr	OHCHR	189,166	189,166	183,484	97.00
00109167	Access to justice without barr	UNDP	313,403	313,403	255,468	81.51
Cambodia Total			502,569	502,569	438,951	87.34
CHINA						
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	ILO	105,966	105,966	105,966	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNDP	161,966	161,966	161,866	99.94
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNESCO	201,966	201,547	201,547	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNFPA	28,000	28,000	28,000	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNICEF	52,100	52,100	52,256	100.30
China Total			549,998	549,579	549,635	100.01

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
COSTA RICA						
00084088	UNPRPD Costa Rica National pla	ILO	223,588	215,657	215,657	100.00
00084088	UNPRPD Costa Rica National pla	UNDP	326,412	326,412	326,361	99.98
Costa Rica Total			550,000	542,069	542,018	99.99
DJIBOUTI						
00116198	Advancing the rights of person	UNDP	217,963	217,963	199,479	91.52
00116198	Advancing the rights of person	UNFPA	90,935	90,935	68,208	75.01
00116198	Advancing the rights of person	UNICEF	91,102	91,102		0
Djibouti Total			400,000	400,000	267,686	66.92
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC						
00115410	Capacity Building for Soc Incl	PAHO/WHO	101,757	101,757	27,482	27.01
00115410	Capacity Building for Soc Incl	UNDP	182,013	182,013	92,374	50.75
00115410	Capacity Building for Soc Incl	UNICEF	106,251	106,251	32,390	30.48
Dominican Republic Total			390,021	390,021	152,246	39.04
EGYPT						
00091321	UNPRPD Egypt Jobs and Skills	ILO	317,295	307,938	250,997	81.51
00091321	UNPRPD Egypt Jobs and Skills	UNDP	232,702	232,702	171,085	73.52
Egypt Total			549,997	540,640	422,082	78.07

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
ETHIOPIA						
00093449	Support to ADF - Regional proj	UNDP	414,000	414,000	413,882	99.97
00095517	UNPRPD R2 Promoting social inc	ILO	549,675	549,675	549,675	100.00
Ethiopia Total			963,675	963,675	963,557	99.99
FIJI						
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	ILO	64,200	64,200	64,195	99.99
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	OHCHR	200,000	200,000	155,903	77.95
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	UNICEF	243,000	239,574	239,574	100.00
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	WHO	42,800	42,680	42,680	100.00
Fiji Total			550,000	546,454	502,351	91.93
GUATEMALA						
00109261	Addressing Labor Inclusion for	OHCHR	107,643	107,643	107,565	99.93
00109261	Addressing Labor Inclusion for	UNDP	184,714	184,714	184,619	99.95
00109261	Addressing Labor Inclusion for	UNESCO	107,643	107,643	107,629	99.99
Guatemala Total			400,000	400,000	399,814	99.95
INDIA						
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNDP	199,876	199,876		0
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNESCO	150,000	149,705	149,705	100.00
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNICEF	200,000	200,000	199,957	99.98
India Total			549,876	549,581	349,662	63.62

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
INDONESIA						
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	ILO	278,747	273,882	273,882	100.00
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	UNESCO	78,875	77,342	77,342	100.00
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	WHO	169,852	169,852	169,851	100.00
Indonesia Total			527,474	521,076	521,075	100.00

KOREA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REP						
00112316	UNPRPD - DPRK - Leveraging Ear	UNICEF	200,002	200,002	75,789	37.89
Korea, Democratic People's Rep Total			200,002	200,002	75,789	37.89

MALAWI						
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNDP	100,000	100,000	96,729	96.73
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	61,629	61.63
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	22,574	22.57
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	98,667	98.67
Malawi Total			400,000	400,000	279,599	69.90

MEXICO						
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	PAHO/WHO	87,500	87,155	87,155	100.00
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	UNDP	375,002	375,002	375,002	100.00
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	UNICEF	87,500	87,500	87,591	100.10
Mexico Total			550,002	549,657	549,748	100.02

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF						
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	OHCHR	138,052	134,318	134,318	100.00
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	UNDP	163,111	163,111	163,100	99.99
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	UNICEF	104,570	102,881	102,881	100.00
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	WHO	144,160	140,945	140,944	100.00
Moldova, Republic of Total			549,893	541,255	541,244	100.00
MOROCCO						
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	UNDP	87,587	87,587	107	0.12
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	UNESCO	142,854	142,854	66,225	46.36
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	UNFPA	90,608	90,608	70,014	77.27
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	WHO	78,645	78,645	5,199	6.61
Morocco Total			399,694	399,694	141,546	35.41
MOZAMBIQUE						
00084087	UNPRPD Mozambique UN Partnersh	UNDP	100,366	100,366	100,223	99.86
00084087	UNPRPD Mozambique UN Partnersh	UNICEF	239,680	238,353	238,353	100.00
Mozambique Total			340,046	338,719	338,577	99.96

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
NAMIBIA						
00113184	UNPRPD_R3_ Access to Services	UNDP	122,748	122,748	64,590	52.62
00113184	UNPRPD_R3_ Access to Services	UNFPA	99,428	99,428	95,217	95.77
00113184	UNPRPD_R3_ Access to Services	UNICEF	177,824	177,824	87,901	49.43
Namibia Total			400,000	400,000	247,708	61.93
NEPAL						
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	UNDP	176,505	176,505	64,695	36.65
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	71,167	71.17
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	WHO	153,500	153,500	85,802	55.90
Nepal Total			530,005	530,005	321,663	60.69
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY						
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	ILO	74,900	74,332	74,332	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	UNDP	48,150	48,150	48,150	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	UNICEF	135,890	135,890	135,890	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	WHO	90,950	90,950	90,950	100.00
Occupied Palestinian Territory Total			349,890	349,322	349,322	100.00
PAKISTAN						
00109169	Moving from Charity model to R	UNWOMEN	400,000	400,000	397,234	99.31
Pakistan Total			400,000	400,000	397,234	99.31

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
PERU						
00109170	Access to decent employment fo	ILO	111,815	111,815	109,622	98.04
00109170	Access to decent employment fo	UNESCO	117,433	117,433	117,188	99.79
00109170	Access to decent employment fo	UNFPA	123,401	123,401	120,800	97.89
Peru Total			352,649	352,649	347,610	98.57

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA						
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNDP	100,000	100,000	99,843	99.84
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	91,600	91.60
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	91,973	91.97
Republic of North Macedonia Total			400,000	400,000	383,417	95.85

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA						
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNDP	100,000	100,000	99,843	99.84
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	91,600	91.60
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
00110653	Working bottom up ? building a	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	91,973	91.97
Republic of North Macedonia Total			400,000	400,000	383,417	95.85

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
SERBIA						
00109257	Autonomy, Voice and Participat	ILO	24,610	24,487	24,487	100.00
00109257	Autonomy, Voice and Participat	OHCHR	122,611	122,611	107,884	87.99
00109257	Autonomy, Voice and Participat	UNDP	106,433	106,433	106,433	100.00
00109257	Autonomy, Voice and Participat	UNFPA	30,890	30,890	987,641	3197.28
00109257	Autonomy, Voice and Participat	UNWOMEN	114,918	114,918	114,916	100.00
Serbia Total			399,462	399,339	1,341,360	335.90
SOUTH AFRICA						
00085929	Strengthening Disability Inclu	OHCHR	140,170	98,443	98,443	100.00
00085929	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNDP	113,420	113,420	113,554	100.12
00085929	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNICEF	96,300	96,300	96,300	100.00
00125195	Strengthening Disability Inclu	OHCHR	32,100	32,100		0
00125195	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNDP	80,965	80,965		0
00125195	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNICEF	86,918	86,918		0
South Africa Total			549,873	508,146	308,297	60.67
SUDAN						
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	UNESCO	251,980	251,716	164,008	65.16
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	UNICEF	117,700	117,700	117,700	100.00
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	WHO	180,000	150,999	80,999	53.64
Sudan Total			549,680	520,415	362,707	69.70

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
TAJKISTAN						
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	UNDP	155,000	155,000	154,995	100.00
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	UNICEF	213,071	213,071	213,071	100.00
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	WHO	181,929	181,929	181,929	100.00
Tajikistan Total			550,000	550,000	549,995	100.00

TIMOR-LESTE						
00109007	Empower for Change - Reducing	UNWOMEN	279,090	279,090	226,342	81.10
00109007	Empower for Change - Reducing	WHO	120,910	120,910	63,415	52.45
Timor-Leste Total			400,000	400,000	289,757	72.44

TOGO						
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	OHCHR	39,572	39,572	39,572	100.00
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	UNICEF	345,504	345,504	345,504	100.00
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	WHO	163,072	162,323	162,323	100.00
Togo Total			548,148	547,399	547,399	100.00

TUNISIA						
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	ILO	65,000	50,891	50,891	100.00
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	OHCHR	261,095	216,888	214,422	98.86
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	UNDP	38,958	38,958	22,983	58.99
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	UNICEF	185,000	184,502	184,502	100.00
Tunisia Total			550,053	491,239	472,798	96.25

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
UGANDA						
00092230	UNPRPD Uganda Promoting Rights	UNESCO	226,417	206,258	206,258	100.00
00092230	UNPRPD Uganda Promoting Rights	UNICEF	317,790	317,790	317,790	100.00
Uganda Total			544,207	524,048	524,048	100.00

UKRAINE						
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	UNDP	415,800	415,800	415,800	100.00
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	UNICEF	58,900	58,900	58,900	100.00
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	WHO	58,900	58,890	58,888	100.00
Ukraine Total			533,600	533,590	533,588	100.00

UNITED NATIONS						
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNDESA	30,464	7,874	7,874	100.00
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNDP	64,200	15,456		0
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNICEF	160,179	157,930	157,930	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	ILO	125,201	92,890	92,890	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	UNFPA	21,400	21,400	21,400	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	UNICEF	139,101	134,522	134,522	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	WHO	117,699	117,699	117,699	100.00
00096832	Enhancing multi-stakeholder di	UNICEF	128,400	128,400	128,400	100.00
00112679	Formulation of a UN system-wid	EOSG	1,049,850	1,049,850	1,065,061	101.45
00112679	Formulation of a UN system-wid	ILO	124,997	99,324	99,324	100.00

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
UNITED NATIONS						
00113185	Advancing participation of per	UNDP	99,992	99,992	57,031	57.04
00115083	Towards inclusive social prote	ILO	589,590	589,590	276,481	46.89
00115083	Towards inclusive social prote	UNICEF	110,410	110,410	22,857	20.70
00116192	Advancing inclusive education	UNESCO	345,985	345,985	33,749	9.75
00116192	Advancing inclusive education	UNICEF	353,150	353,150	219,034	62.02
00121258	Understanding how to use an in	UNWOMEN	99,510	99,510	51,991	52.25
00122664	UN joint programme to support	ILO	200,000	200,000		0
00122664	UN joint programme to support	OHCHR	199,106	199,106	149,816	75.24
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNDESA	98,440	98,440		0
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNDP	199,983	199,983		0
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNESCO	200,000	200,000	46,251	23.13
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNFPA	200,000	200,000	132,170	66.08
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNICEF	200,000	200,000	74,910	37.46
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNWOMEN	400,000	400,000	56,934	14.23
00122664	UN joint programme to support	WHO	199,020	199,020		0
00122780	Supporting national implementa	OHCHR	95,432	95,432	8,609	9.02
00123376	Implementation of the un disab	EOSG	749,000	749,000	359,313	47.97
United Nations Total			6,301,109	6,164,964	3,314,246	53.76

Country / Project No. And Project Title	Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Approved Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
URUGUAY						
00109025	The right to equality and non-	PAHO/WHO	122,076	122,076	121,947	99.89
00109025	The right to equality and non-	UNFPA	215,975	215,975	189,471	87.73
00109025	The right to equality and non-	UNWOMEN	188,904	188,904	138,198	73.16
Uruguay Total			526,955	526,955	449,615	85.32
VIET NAM						
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	ILO	150,000	144,474	144,474	100.00
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	UNDP	210,000	210,000	210,000	100.00
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	UNICEF	190,000	190,000	190,000	100.00
Viet Nam Total			550,000	544,474	544,474	100.00
ZAMBIA						
00109891	Promoting disability inclusion	ILO	241,686	241,686	240,817	99.64
00109891	Promoting disability inclusion	UNFPA	158,314	158,314	152,855	96.55
Zambia Total			400,000	400,000	393,672	98.42
ZIMBABWE						
00108075	Advancing the Rights of Women	UNDP	100,000	100,000	87,109	87.11
00108075	Advancing the Rights of Women	UNESCO	317,196	317,196	232,650	73.35
00108075	Advancing the Rights of Women	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	88,464	88.46
Zimbabwe Total			517,196	517,196	408,224	78.93
Grand Total			25,624,678	25,292,192	20,881,623	82.56

5.3 Expenditure reported by category

Project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization and are reported as per the agreed categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. See table below.

2012 CEB Expense Categories

1. Staff and personnel costs
2. Supplies, commodities and materials
3. Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation
4. Contractual services
5. Travel
6. Transfers and grants
7. General operating expenses
8. Indirect costs

Table 7

Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020
(in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Cumulative	
Staff & Personnel Cost	269,472	1,154,902	1,424,374	79.18
Suppl, Comm, Materials	2,153,455	420,234	2,573,689	81.79
Equip, Veh, Furn, Depn	1,000,997	249,238	1,250,235	84.16
Contractual Services	100,684	135,900	236,584	76.07
Travel	7,874		7,874	7.41
Transfers and Grants	3,720,006	740,687	4,460,693	80.63
General Operating	1,286,835	232,201	1,519,035	67.18
Programme Costs Total	14,346,217	5,155,856	19,502,073	100.00
¹⁷ Indirect Support Costs Total	1,013,240	366,309	1,379,549	7.07
Total	15,359,457	5,522,166	20,881,623	

6 → Cost recovery

Cost recovery policies for the Fund are guided by the applicable provisions of the Terms of Reference, the MOU concluded between the Administrative Agent and Participating Organizations, and the SAAs concluded between the Administrative Agent and Contributors, based on rates approved by UNDG.

The policies in place, as of 31 December 2020, were as follows:

- The Administrative Agent (AA) fee: 1% is charged at the time of contributor deposit and covers services provided on that contribution for the entire duration of the Fund. In the reporting period US\$ 96,332 was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2020, US\$ 456,206 has been charged in AA-fees.
- Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations: Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ 366,309 was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations.

7 → Accountability and transparency

In order to effectively provide fund administration services and facilitate monitoring and reporting to the UN system and its partners, the MPTF Office has developed a public website, the MPTF Office Gateway (<http://mptf.undp.org>). Refreshed in real time every two hours from an internal enterprise resource planning system, the MPTF Office Gateway has become a standard setter for providing transparent and accountable trust fund administration services.

The Gateway provides financial information including: contributor commitments and deposits, approved programme budgets, transfers to and expenditures reported by Participating Organizations, interest income and other expenses.

In addition, the Gateway provides an overview of the MPTF Office portfolio and extensive information on individual Funds, including their purpose, governance structure and key documents. By providing easy access to the growing number of narrative and financial reports, as well as related project documents, the Gateway collects and preserves important institutional knowledge and facilitates knowledge sharing and management among UN Organizations and their development partners, thereby contributing to UN coherence and development effectiveness.

The Fund governance mechanism may approve an allocation to a Participating Organization to cover costs associated with Secretariat services and overall coordination, as well as Fund level reviews and evaluations. These allocations are referred to as 'direct costs'. In the reporting period, direct costs charged to the fund amounted to US\$ 3,220,000. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2020, US\$ 6,816,252 has been charged as Direct Costs.

Table 8

Direct Costs

Participating Organization	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate
UNDP	6,816,252	3,522,465	52%
Total:	6,816,252	3,522,465	52%

Endnotes

1. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/disability>
2. <https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus/disability-inclusion>
3. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/who-2019-ncov-vaccination-and-disability-policy-brief-2021.1>
4. https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sg_policy_brief_on_persons_with_disabilities_final.pdf
5. <https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus/disability-inclusion>
6. For more details on the preconditions, see UNPRPD's briefing, The preconditions necessary to ensure disability inclusion.
7. Sex disaggregated data and disaggregated data on persons with disabilities is not available for all trainings and the numbers may be higher.
8. For more information, please see UNPRPD MPTF's brief - The preconditions necessary to ensure disability inclusion across policies, services and other interventions.
9. Cambodia, Nepal, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe.
10. Argentina, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Niger, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.
11. Uruguay, Serbia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia, North Macedonia, Malawi, Namibia, Timor Leste
12. Indicator 12 of the UNDIS Entity Accountability Framework and Indicator 8 of the UNCT Accountability Scorecard.
13. Indicator 14 of the UNDIS Entity Accountability Framework and (draft) Indicator 13 of the UNCT Accountability Scorecard.
14. Indicator 5 of the UNDIS Entity Accountability Framework and (draft) Indicator 5 of the UNCT Accountability Scorecard.
15. (draft) Indicator 4 of the UNCT Accountability Scorecard.
16. (draft) Indicators 2, 3, 9, and 10 of the UNCT Accountability Scorecard.
17. Indirect Support Costs charged by Participating Organization, based on their financial regulations, can be deducted upfront or at a later stage during implementation. The percentage may therefore appear to exceed the 7% agreed-upon for on-going projects. Once projects are financially closed, this number is not to exceed 7%.



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