UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office
The UN Center of Expertise on Pooled Financing Services
Pooled Funds at the Service of the UN Development System Reform

United Nations (UN) pooled financing is key to advancing UN system reform and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. UN pooled financing offers a flexible, collaborative and efficient way to support Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) financing and to reach those furthest behind.

A shift in funding is at the heart of UN reform. To enhance the UN’s ability to deliver high-quality development support, at scale, the UN Secretary-General has formulated, among other objectives, an increase in contributions to UN inter-agency pooled funds. This includes a target to double funding of inter-agency pooled funds for development.

The UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office has an established track record of developing well-designed and professionally managed UN pooled funds.

“Pooled funding mechanisms have a strong track-record in strengthening coherence and coordination, broadening the contributor base, improving risk management and leverage, and provide better incentives for collaboration within the UNDS or across pillars in relevant contexts”

António Guterres
UN Secretary General

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The MPTF Office is the UN center of expertise on pooled financing. Hosted by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), it provides fund design, fund administration, and other professional services to UN entities, national governments and non-governmental partners.

With over 15 years and a cumulative portfolio of over US$15 billion, the MPTF Office has supported the joint action of UN entities, governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private sector in 138 countries.

The MPTF Office provides integrated services throughout the life cycle of its pooled funds, from their inception to their closure. These services are conducted separately from the Pooled Fund management and implementation roles, ensuring a neutral and professionally dedicated trustee function firewalled from all UN implementing entities, UNDP included.

The MPTF Office has accumulated its experience performing these core functions to expand the pooled fund-related services it offers and to become the UN center of expertise on pooled funding instruments.

MPTF Office operations are a touchstone for transparency. Its Gateway (mptf.undp.org) reports on fund administration in real time and makes information universally available online.

Indicated in its name, the work of the MPTF Office is about multi-partner collaboration. It draws an extensive network of public and private contributors and UN as well as non-UN implementing partners into financing platforms. Its breadth of expertise in facilitating partners working seamlessly together enables collective outcomes that traverse the 2030 Agenda.
The MPTF Office administers a variety of funds that support UN action on a range of humanitarian, transitional, development and climate change related challenges. For example:

- **Portfolio of Funds**

- **The Peacebuilding Fund** supports countries emerging from conflict. It provisions activities that contribute to post-conflict stabilization and to building peaceful and inclusive societies.

- **The Spotlight Initiative** is a global, multi-year partnership between the European Union and the UN to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

- **The Global Fund for Coral Reefs** is a blended finance instrument to mobilise action and resources to protect and restore coral reef ecosystems.

- **The Joint SDG Fund** supports UN Country Teams accelerate SDG achievement through strategic investments for integrated policy and financing.

- **The Central African Forest Initiative** supports countries with high forest cover to implement the Paris Agreement, fight poverty and fulfill the post-2020 biodiversity framework, including through innovative finance mechanisms such as results-based payments.

- **The Colombia Post Conflict Trust Fund** supports the efforts of the Government, the international donor community and the UN to achieve concrete results in the consolidation of peace.
Since 2004, MPTF Office-administered funds have helped 136 countries address their development, humanitarian, and peace and security challenges. As development contexts have substantially changed and countries’ priorities have evolved, the MPTF Office has evolved with them. It is providing new tools to encourage greater private sector engagement and supporting project implementation by UN partners, governments and NGOs. In 2021, it will revamp its fund management tools with the launch of the enhanced digital platform ‘Gateway’. The MPTF Office’s ultimate goal is to continue providing pooled funding services that improve collaboration to ensure better outcomes for the people we serve.

**US$ +15 billion**
cumulative portfolio

**US$ +1.5 billion**
deposits in 2020, a 20% annual increase

**+100**
governments, from the North and South, have contributed with financial resources

**23**
funds with private sector contributors

**+50**
participating UN entities

**+138**
programme countries directly benefitted

**95%**
of transfers within five days

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### MPTF Office Principles: Efficiency, Accountability and Innovation

#### Efficiency

in all business processes means that resources invested through the MPTF Office reach their destinations quickly and with low transaction costs. Cost-control and business process efficiency of MPTF Office fund administration are a mission-critical hallmark.

#### Accountability

depends on robust transparency standards. The MPTF Office publishes all available financial information in real time online. Mutual accountability among stakeholders with solid governance arrangements is central to fund design.

#### Innovation

takes different forms across all levels of MPTF Office services. It aims at ensuring top quality fund design and flexibility to adapt to the changing nature of SDG partnerships. For example, to attract and handle private capital in the form of blended finance, bonds or other financial instruments.

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