

One UN Impact Fund

The One UN Impact Fund has been designed to deliver better developmental results and impact of UN programmes and projects in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It will broaden the donor base and effectively channel donor funding by fostering integrated solutions and collective action of the various UN entities in the country to respond to national priorities in an agile and cost-effective manner. The fund is set to support strategic initiatives in the five priority areas of the Cooperation Framework agreed between Iran and the United Nations for the period 2023-2027.

Global Context

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 72/729, adopted in 2018, aims to better position the United Nations development system to address a full range of issues, including peacebuilding, humanitarian and development challenges and opportunities. It also promotes the use of pooled funding mechanisms to ensure an impactful contribution at country level and shape the country-based programming, aligned with the Cooperation Framework.

Iran Context

UN Iran faces a complex funding environment, influenced by external factors and characterized by strong support for humanitarian response. A limited donor base, unpredictability of funding, and a rising share of tightly earmarked funds are among other bottlenecks and constraints to achieving sustainable development results in the I.R. of Iran. **However, strategic, flexible, and predictable funding is crucial for delivering sustainable development in the I.R. of Iran in the next years.**

United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework

The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), which outlines the five-year framework of cooperation between the UN and the Government of the I.R. of Iran, was signed at the end of 2022. The framework comprises five pillars and will contribute to equitable, inclusive, sustainable and resilient development in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNSDCF Pillars:



1. Socio-economic resilience



2. Public health management



3. Environmental protection and climate action



4. Disaster risk reduction and management



5. Drug control and management

To efficiently respond to sudden onset emergencies including natural disasters, an emergency window may be activated.

The UNSDCF vision is based on a repositioning of the United Nations Development System, that aims to shift from agency-specific project-level and sector-based approaches to collaborative and integrated solutions.

The One UN Impact Fund responds to the UN reform and expectations of the donor community for more strategic funding, effective aid, and efficient financing instruments.



The One UN Impact Fund is a powerful leverage for the UNSDCF framework for the I.R. of Iran, as one of the new generation of financing tools that pool donor funds and channel them to targeted development initiatives by:

- Promoting quality programming, new approaches and synergies among UN agencies and development actors in the country.
- Leveraging financing for strategic priorities and complementing UN agency's specific resource mobilization efforts.
- Pulling together agencies' expertise and capacity for catalytic joint programmes and programming to accelerate sustainable development in the country.
- Promoting cross-thematic collaborations, including the promotion of humanitarian-development nexus activities.





Why invest in the One UN Impact fund?



The Fund will help Member States deliver on their political commitment to the Funding Compact, UN reform, and implementation of SDGs in the country.



The Fund will help maximize impacts and results by pulling expertise and competencies into one strategic financing instrument, which means more value for money for donor contributions.



The Fund will catalyze joint UN programs and programming and holistic and multi-sectoral solutions to address complex development challenges in the country.



The Fund is a powerful tool for leveraging and mobilizing additional resources and attracting new donors.



Governance of the One UN Impact Fund

A cutting-edge governance framework composed of selected representatives of UN agencies and the donor community will ensure effective prioritization processes and implementation of the One UN Impact Fund. The Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office, which is the dedicated UN expert body, will be responsible for the financial administration of the Fund, ensuring the highest standards of transparency and accountability.



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