

FUNDING WINDOWS

UNDP's pooled thematic funds



Newly emerging areas of concern, unprecedented development contexts, and evolving country priorities require accelerated and ambitious solutions to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as called by the Decade of Action. UNDP and its partners are responding to this call, working with countries to effectively tackle complexity and demonstrate results envisioned in [UNDP's Strategic Plan 2022-2025](#).

The Funding Windows are UNDP's primary vehicle for supplying thematic non-core funding, a critical complement to UNDP's regular resources. In line with the Secretary-General's 'Funding Compact', UNDP's Funding Windows provide flexible and pooled funding options to countries coupled with rapid and effective oversight, reporting, and accountability principles and mechanisms. They also provide partners with greater coordination of their contributions and enhanced transparency and visibility.

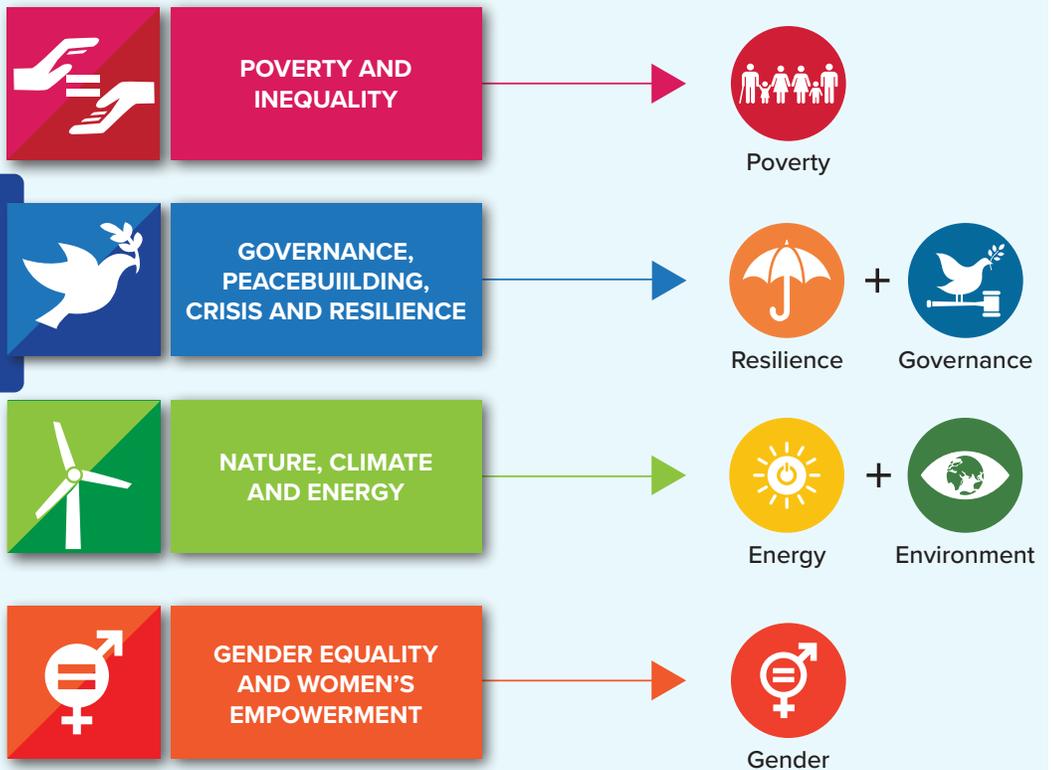
The Funding Windows pooled resources are allocated as catalytic investments to respond to emerging development priorities and bolster integrated action within the UN system. These funds enable UNDP to pilot, scale up and accelerate initiatives and respond with agility and innovation to the greatest needs. Decisions are driven by global strategic direction, regional priorities, country demand and are accompanied by technical and policy experts from across the organization.

A fast-track Crisis Response channel exists to quickly allocate resources and deliver support in complex and highly volatile contexts, amplifying and multiplying the effect of UNDP core investments.

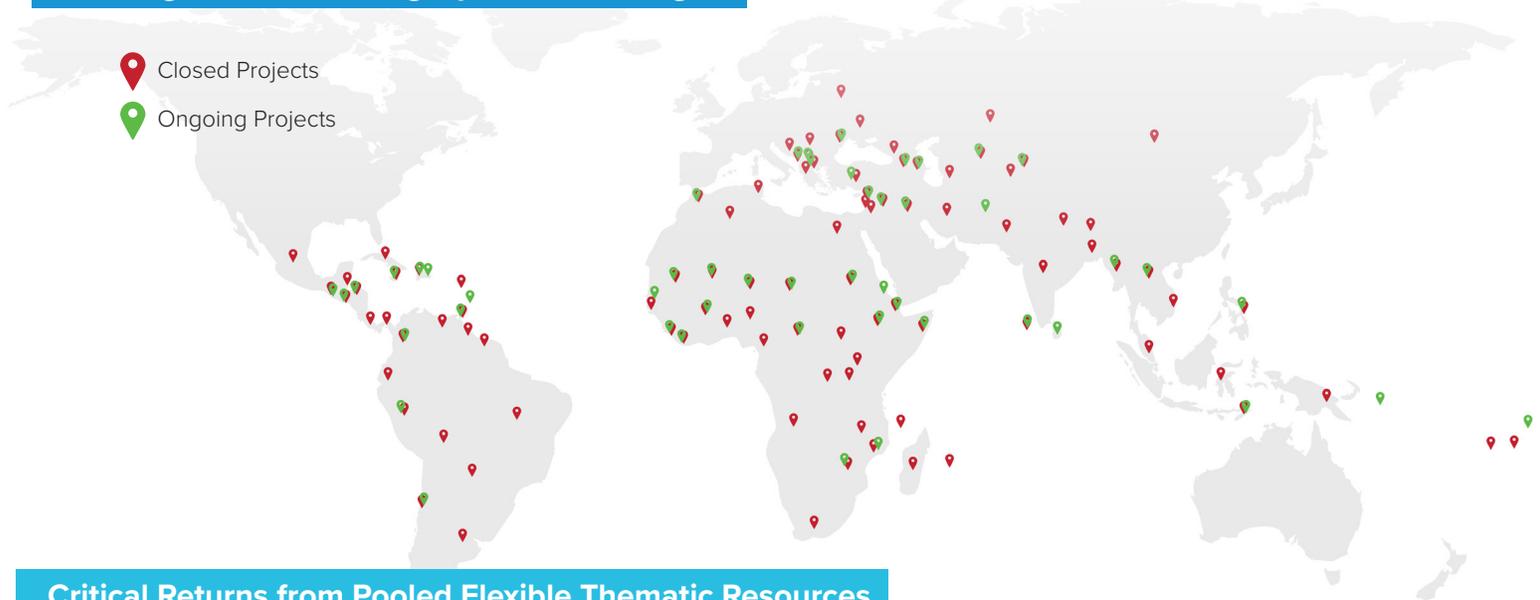
UNDP relies on flexible contributions to fulfill our mandate to end poverty, build democratic governance, rule of law, and inclusive institutions.

Alignment with UNDP's 6 Signature Solutions

- Four sub windows
- Democratic Governance
 - Conflict Prevention and Sustaining Peace
 - Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Crisis Response



Funding Windows Geographical Coverage



Critical Returns from Pooled Flexible Thematic Resources

After contributions to core, support to the Funding Windows provides the next best option. These provide UNDP with unparalleled flexibility to:



FOCUS ON GREATEST NEEDS

Resources are directed to where they are needed most – to top global, regional or country priorities – including reacting swiftly to new needs in volatile contexts. Specific emphasis is placed to ensure those most marginalized and excluded are not left behind, reinforcing a rights-based approach. At least 15% of resources are allocated to interventions that focus on empowering women and gender equality.



PROVIDE INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

Leveraging its global network of policy experts, resources allow UNDP to design integrated, multi-sectoral interventions to achieve greater impact and reach the SDGs. Each proposal funded is designed for its context, is ambitious yet realistic, and will lead to transformative and measurable results.



RESPOND RAPIDLY TO CRISIS

Through fast-track approval procedures, UNDP provides flexible funds quickly in response to sudden crises, kick-starting developmental actions and safeguarding development gains in often deeply humanitarian situations, and complementing core resources.



INVEST WITH CATALYTIC PURPOSE AND HIGH LEVERAGE

Pooled resources have a track record of incubating and scaling-up successful initiatives and leveraging important additional resources. In addition, this funding drives collaboration with other local and international partners, including strengthening UNDP's integrator role across the UN.

Value of the Funding Windows Mechanism

The Funding Windows help UNDP and partners deliver stronger development results.



MORE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT THROUGH COORDINATED FUNDING

The Funding Windows provide a single conduit - for pooled resources or earmarked funds to specific projects - to liaise with partners and channel contributions. In the new multilateral funding reality, this enables UNDP to enhance coordination and leverage the mosaic of funding sources, modalities, geographic and thematic preferences for greater development impact. The Funding Windows ensures and prioritizes complementarity between pooled and earmarked funds, where resources are allocated directly to countries against corporate strategic priorities.



MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCIES

Shared oversight, planning, monitoring and reporting mechanisms reduce transaction costs, which translates into maximum resources directed to country-level interventions. This includes a simplified agreement template and accelerated process. Importantly, pooled resources benefit from a reduced General Management Support (GMS) rate.

Additional Features of the Funding Windows

Partners can count on building a strong partnership with UNDP with certainty of meeting the highest development standards.



INCLUSIVE PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Two modalities are in place for partners to stay engaged and build ownership. Technical Engagement Groups, under each of the thematic windows, for substantive policy dialogues on emerging development priorities. Funding Windows' annual Advisory Group to review the fund's results, performance and direction.



TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

The [Funding Windows Portal](#) provides up-to-date tracking of contributions received, allocations approved, utilization recorded and project details, giving partners an immediate overview of the fund's management. A consolidated annual report highlights results achieved across all four Windows, as well as lessons learned, contributions received, and expenditures recorded.



VISIBILITY

UNDP recognizes Funding Windows partners by featuring them in: the [Funding Windows Portal](#), the annual [Funding Windows report](#), [UNDP's Annual Report](#), the [Funding Compendium](#), and other relevant corporate materials and social media (#FundingWindows). Country offices are encouraged to use events and publications to acknowledge partners' support.



In 2021, Funding Windows exceeded the corporate gender target for the third year in a row, delivering over 15% of pooled funds on dedicated gender empowerment interventions.

FUNDING WINDOWS MAKING A DIFFERENCE DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

UNDP Funding Windows facilitated a swift response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and enabled UNDP to target its socio-economic impacts between March and December 2020. In early 2020, UNDP launched the COVID-19 Rapid Response Facility with \$30 million of repurposed funds to provide immediate support to 110 governments in early response and recovery efforts, including creating cash-for-work opportunities for women and disseminating information on COVID-19 risks.



Funding Windows 2021 Examples

Niger

Over 12,000 people successfully returned to their communities as a result of community-based reconciliation and reintegration efforts, advanced with radio messages in Hausa, Fulani and Kanuri languages and the deployment of two peace caravans in 40 localities, reaching approximately 1 million people in host, refugee and IDP communities.

Georgia

Support to women leaders' advocacy led to local government's agreeing to enhanced local facilities, such as a new stadium and public garbage disposal. Leadership and advocacy training resulted in women's voices being heard at the local level as well as in global discussion on the impact of the conflict.

Lebanon

FW's support culminated in the adoption by the Council of Ministers of an updated national anti-corruption strategy to strengthen its fight against corruption.

Ecuador

The first mandatory presidential election debates improved electoral transparency and information for voters.

Haiti earthquake Crisis Response

Nagorno-Karabakh region Crisis Response

Myanmar Crisis Response

Tigray Region Crisis Response

Mozambique Cabo Delgado Crisis Response

Sri Lanka

Sign language interpretation of Parliament's 2022 Budget reading provided opportunity for over 4% of hearing-impaired citizens to follow live proceedings for the first time.

BECOME A FUNDING WINDOWS CONTRIBUTOR

Contributions from Member States, foundations, private sector and High Net Worth Individuals are welcome. Partners can contribute at the window-level, pooling funds for greater impact and flexibility, target their resources to specific countries or regions, or earmarked funds to projects.



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* In accordance with the UN A/RES/72/279 guidelines on levy application, pooled thematic funding is exempt from the 1% coordination levy.