

## KEY MESSAGES: New Quantum Go-live Date – January 2023

- The planned full Quantum platform go-live date of September 2022 has been extended to January 2023. The Quantum Project Board decision, made in close consultation with our partner agencies, follows the assessment of several go/no-go criteria including system, data, user (including training) and support readiness.
- Good progress has been made over recent months to prepare for full launch in September, however more time is needed to improve our overall state of readiness of both the system and UNDP and our Quantum Consortium partners.
- January 2023 was selected as the next viable go-live date to avoid the last quarter of the year given the high level of delivery that occurs through the final months of the year.
- The decision means 2022 year-end activities and financial closure will be in ATLAS using the existing process, thus reducing risk and minimizing the impact on 2022 programme delivery and operations.
- The Project team continues to work closely with Bureaus, COs and partner agencies to fully prepare our teams for this important digital transformation initiative. This includes the completion of data cleaning activities, especially for project and vendor related data elements. The quality of data is essential in making a smooth and uninterrupted transition to Quantum and to ensure the accuracy of future reporting across all the corporate platforms that consume this data (Quantum, Quantum+, UNall, etc.).
- Quantum User Acceptance Testing will continue, with the extended timeline providing testers across UNDP and our UN partners with more time to become familiar with Quantum's functionality and features, in preparation for full go-live.
- The timeline has been adjusted however; the pace of project activities will continue. The focus continues to be on platform and user preparedness, resolving issues presented during UAT and ensuring users are trained and supported as we deploy Quantum.