

CORE FUNDING IN ACTION



The world faces numerous development challenges that require coordinated global action and a significant on-the-ground presence. **Unearmarked “core” resources enable UNDP to act as a “first responder,” tackling the root causes of crises** and directing resources where they are most needed. **Thanks to core funding, UNDP can maintain its global presence in 170 countries** while upholding the highest standards of transparency, oversight, and accountability. This ensures effective programming and maximum impact.

Investments in core resources have a significant multiplier effect, attracting additional non-core funding. Yet, in 2023, the proportion of UNDP’s core to total resources fell to 11%, moving farther away from the Funding Compact target of 30%.



GOVERNANCE, ELECTIONS AND THE RULE OF LAW

UNDP’s programmes have supported election participation by facilitating the registration of over 439 million voters by the end of 2023. UNDP’s core funding leverages an average of \$70 million per annum in non-core support on elections.



CRISIS PREVENTION, RECOVERY AND HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE NEXUS IN PRACTICE

UNDP spends 50% of its resources in fragile contexts, investing in all 60 countries defined as fragile by the OECD –boost recovery, build resilience and bring hope to the most fraught parts of the world.



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

Since 2022, UNDP has provided direct support to 118 countries of which 55 million people have gained access to renewable energy. The ambition is to provide clean, affordable energy to 500 million people.



GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

UNDP is supporting the Gender Seal, which is transforming gender inequalities. With a methodology rooted in learning and improving, organizations are supported in advancing results and impact that transform the lives of women and men for the better.



SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Recognizing a need to boost SDG financing, UNDP invested \$10.3 million to establish the Sustainable Finance Hub. This has led to \$15 billion in new development finance and aligned \$200 billion with the SDGs, transforming perceptions.



POVERTY ALLEVIATION

UNDP focuses on boosting job creation and social protection, investing in social services, and promoting financial inclusion to address poverty and gender inequality. Since 2022, UNDP has directly supported 130 countries, including 97 countries on jobs and livelihoods and 63 on social protection.



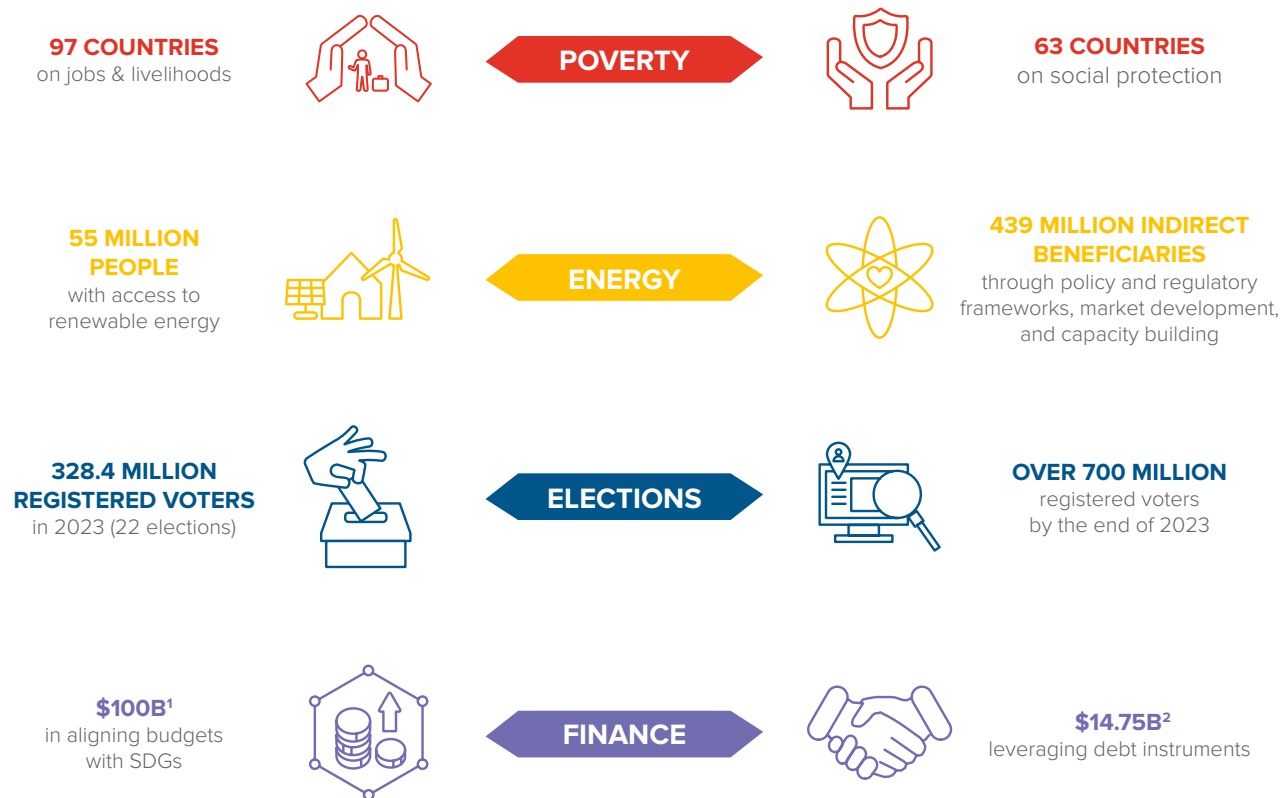
Core Resources for Crisis Response

When multiple crises occur, which is happening more frequently, having core resources allows us to respond rapidly and adaptably. TRAC-3 is UNDP’s primary facility for immediate action in cases of conflict or natural disasters, providing our Country Offices with the necessary resources to respond quickly as part of the UN’s overall response. TRAC-3 resources support ongoing response and recovery efforts by leveraging non-core resources.

For instance, when Cyclone Mocha caused significant death and destruction in Myanmar in 2023, \$650,000 from core resources was allocated to facilitate immediate actions such as repairing infrastructure, clearing debris obstructing essential services, repairing roofs, and establishing community kitchens to address urgent food needs. Additionally, core resources enabled UNDP to utilize its established presence in Rakhine State to engage with local communities and assist in clearing debris for other UN agencies to access immediately after the cyclone.

GLOBAL RESULTS AND IMPACT

UNDP plays a vital role in helping countries meet their development challenges and unlock opportunities for a sustainable and inclusive future. **By providing core funding, our partners directly contribute to UNDP's global results.** Since 2022, UNDP has provided direct support to:



1. UNDP defines 'alignment' as working with partners to contribute to increased SDG impacts from existing resources invested by public or private entities.

2. UNDP defines 'leverage' as working alongside other partners to contribute to the generation of new resources that will be invested in the SDGs by public or private entities

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DIGITALIZATION

Supported by core resources, UNDP has established a Chief Digital Office (CDO) to support digital transformation. The CDO has expanded support in digitalizing public services, governance, and infrastructure and in preparing digital ecosystems for future challenges, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Between 2022 and 2023, the CDO assisted over 30 countries in conducting Digital Readiness Assessments. UNDP also underwent an internal digital transformation, with over 520 staff participating in the Digital Fitness Programme and 3500 members joining the Digital Community of Practice.

ENERGY

The Africa Minigrids Program (AMP) is UNDP's most ambitious energy access program. Its goal is to support 500 million people in gaining access to clean energy. UNDP's core resources of \$7.2 million enabled co-financing, leveraging an additional \$32 million of GEF funding.

CORE FUNDING AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL

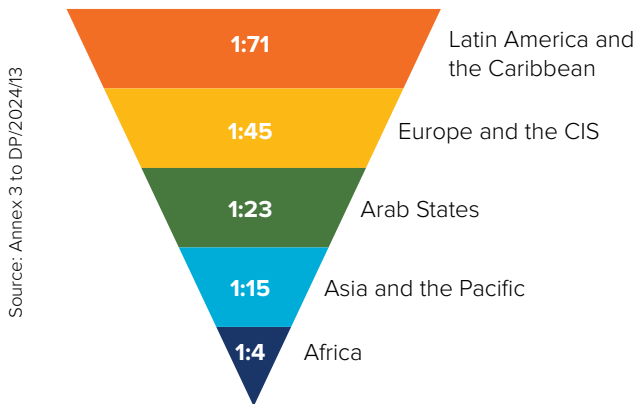
UNDP is committed to promoting efforts for donors to be recognized and visible at the country level, with the involvement of partners on the ground. UNDP aims to reach key decision-makers and relevant audiences in programme countries and donor capitals. Donor visibility efforts have been implemented in many UNDP programme countries globally. For instance:

- Production of project and programme [progress videos](#)
- [Social media activity](#)
- [Joint Op-Ed](#) with partners
- [Speaking opportunities](#) for partners

LEVERAGING POWER

Core funding is essential for UNDP to attract additional resources. In 2022-2023, **for every dollar spent on UNDP's core programs, an average of eleven additional dollars was secured in non-core resources.** In certain regions, this leverage can be as high as 71 times.

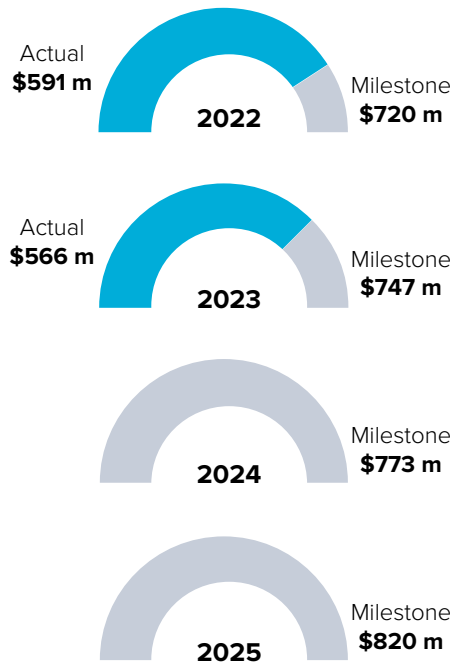
Core-to-non-core leveraging by regions:



Source: Annex 3 to DPI/2024/13

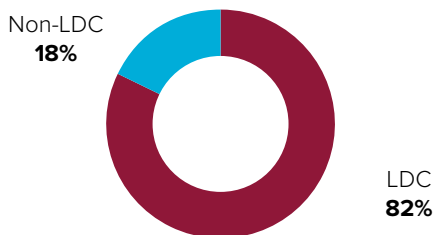
CORE MILESTONES

In 2022 and 2023, **UNDP fell short of its annual core targets as set out in the Strategic Plan 2022-2025**, and core funding has continued to decline each year.

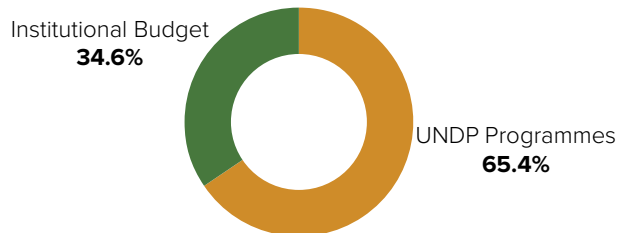


PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT

Out of this core programmatic budget, **over 80 percent of core resources are allocated to least developed countries (LDCs)** where development needs are greatest, and over 70 percent to low-income countries.

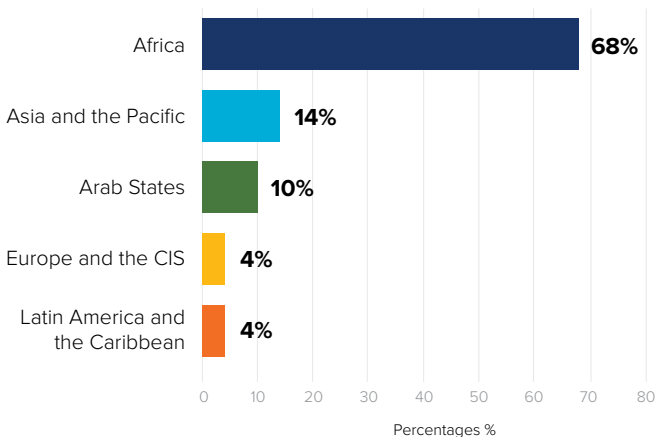


In 2022-2023, nearly **two-thirds of core funding was allocated to UNDP's programs**, while just over one-third was directed towards institutional expenses.



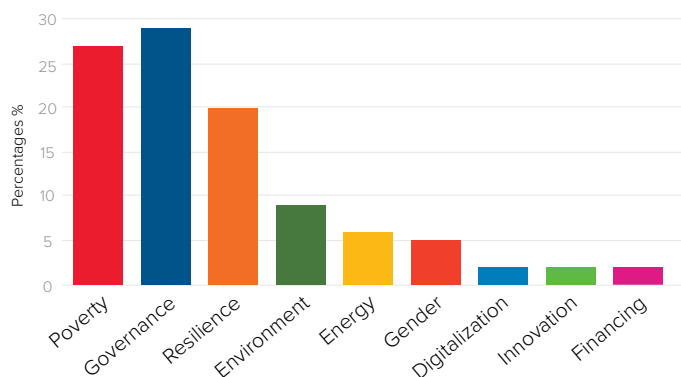
2022-2023 Core Allocation by Region

Regionally, the **largest recipient was Africa**, receiving over two-thirds of the programmatic core funding.



2022-2023 Core Allocation by Signature Solution and enablers

While **core resources support all signature solutions and enablers**, the largest portions are allocated to governance, poverty and resilience.



All figures and facts featured are for 2022-2023, unless otherwise indicated.

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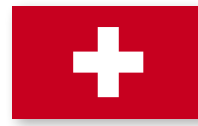
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