



JOINT SDG FUND



TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

VISION

Collaborate. Invest. Accelerate. The Joint SDG Fund supports countries to accelerate their progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to deliver on the commitment of the 2030 Agenda by promoting cutting edge expertise and innovation across the United Nations Development System (UNDS) and a broad range of partners to strategically invest in SDG acceleration that is tailored to unique country contexts. The Joint Fund is seen by the Secretary-General as an essential part of the reform of the UNDS, as the “muscle” for Resident Coordinators and a new generation of United Nations Country Teams to help countries to deliver the SDGs. Through the Joint Fund, the Secretary-General is counting on Member States to financially incentivize a scaled-up response to the SDGs at country level by promoting a whole of government approach and by supporting collaboration amongst UN agencies and other development partners.

WHERE AND HOW THE FUND WORKS

The Joint SDG Fund supports countries in Latin America, Africa, Arab States, Europe and Central Asia, and Asia Pacific to accelerate progress towards the SDGs by integrating economic, social, and environmental policies and applying multi-dimensional and cross-sectoral approach to complex social challenges.

The Joint Fund is led by the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and chaired by the UN Deputy Secretary-General and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG). Under the direction of the SAG, the Operational Steering Committee is responsible for the management of operational, oversight, and technical aspects of the Joint Fund. The Joint Fund Secretariat, hosted by the United Nations Development Operations Coordination Office (UN DOCO), is responsible for coordination and technical support. Capital for joint fund programmes is routed via a pass-through mechanism where participating UN organizations receive funds through the Administrative Agent: the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT FUND

Joint SDG Fund operations are possible because of support from United Nations Member States, international organizations, the private sector, and philanthropic individuals. The Joint SDG Fund aims to mobilize \$290 million US dollars a year for SDG-focused development programmes that rely on strategic financing and integrated policy. The Joint SDG Fund receives support from the European Union and the governments of Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

PARTNERSHIPS

Reliable and inclusive partnerships are critical for long-term success. Resources and networks are needed to accelerate the SDGs and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Joint Fund exists to close the loop between UN Country Teams, governments, private sector, and civil society to help stimulate collective action for the betterment of humanity and our planet.

JOINT FUND FIRST CALL: SOCIAL PROTECTION / LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

The first call for concept notes focused on the themes of Leave No one Behind and Social Protection. The portfolio has a total value of \$72 million, which was awarded across 36 joint programmes, and includes programmes from 11 Least Development Countries (LDCs). 36% of the entire portfolio was awarded to programmes in African states. ILO, UNICEF, and WFP are implementing the joint programme on social protection (SP4SDG); the convening agency is WFP, with overall coordination by the Resident Coordinator’s Office.