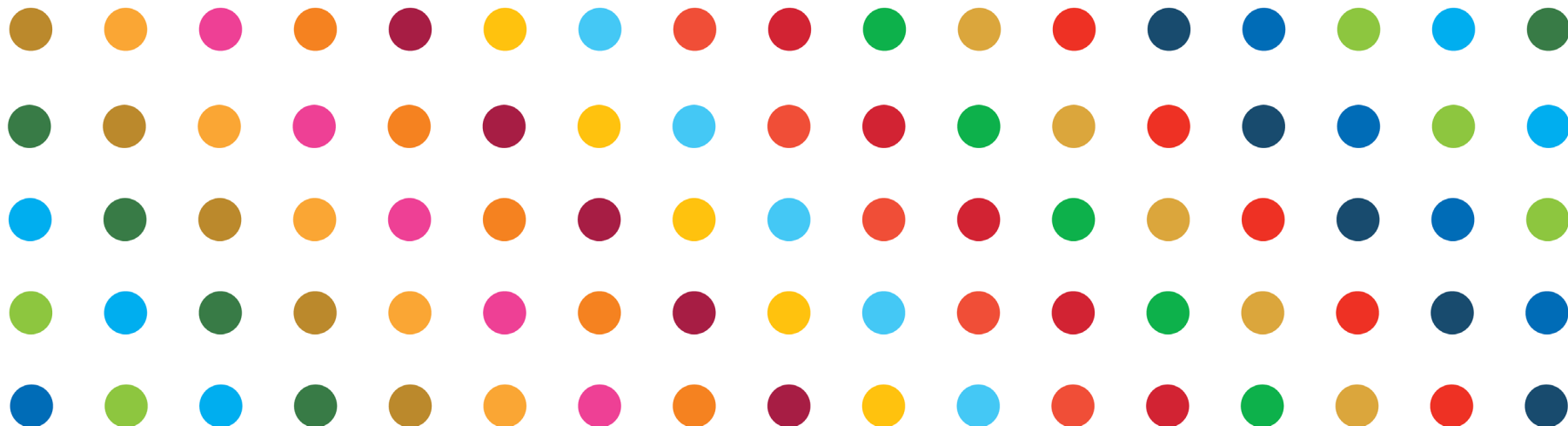




Joint Steering Committee

3rd meeting, 20 February 2023



11:00 – 11:10 **Introductory remarks by the Joint Steering Committee co-chairs**

Mr Bujar Osmani, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ms Rossana Dudziak, United Nations Resident Coordinator

11:10 – 11:30 **Presentation**

2022 Results and 2023 Joint Workplan highlights for Outcomes 1, 2, 3 and 4

UN JSC members, Outcome Groups chairs

11:30 – 11:50 **Discussion and reflections**

alignment of priorities with the focus on the current crisis impact and sustainability of joint action

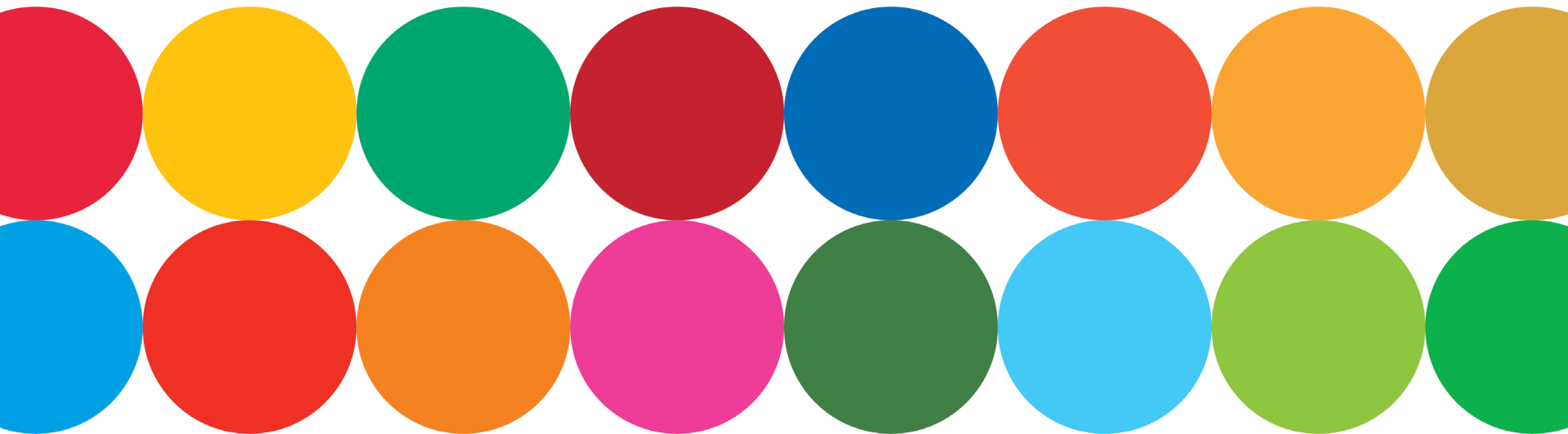
Government, UN JSC members

11:50 – 12:00 **Endorsement of the 2023 Joint Workplan and closing remarks**



Introductory remarks

by the Joint Steering Committee co-chairs



SDCF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, OUTCOMES

Prosperity & People
SDGs

Strategic priority

1. Sustained and inclusive economic and social development

Outcomes by 2025

1. **Inclusive Prosperity** - The living standard of all people in North Macedonia is improved through equal access to decent work and productive employment generated by an inclusive and innovative business ecosystem

2. **Quality Services for All** - People in North Macedonia have universal access to rights-based quality social services – healthcare, education, and necessary social and child protection - rooted in systems resilient to emergencies.

Planet SDGs

2. Climate action, natural resources and disaster risk management

3. **Healthy Environment** - People in North Macedonia benefit from ambitious climate action, sustainably managed natural resources and well-preserved biodiversity through good environmental governance and disaster resilient communities

Peace SDGs

3. Transparent and accountable democratic governance

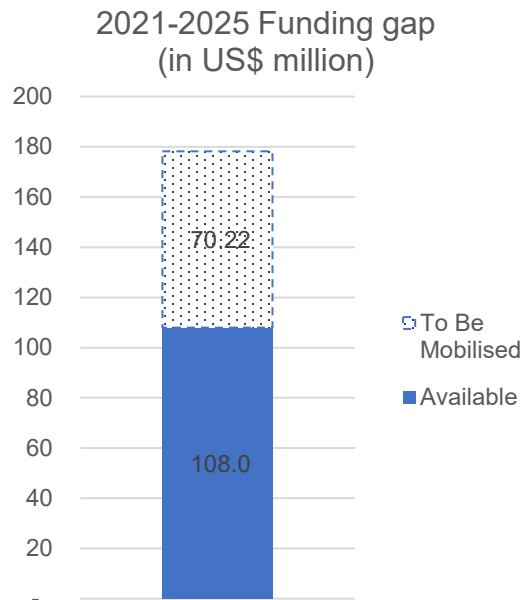
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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OVERVIEW 2021-2025 and 2023

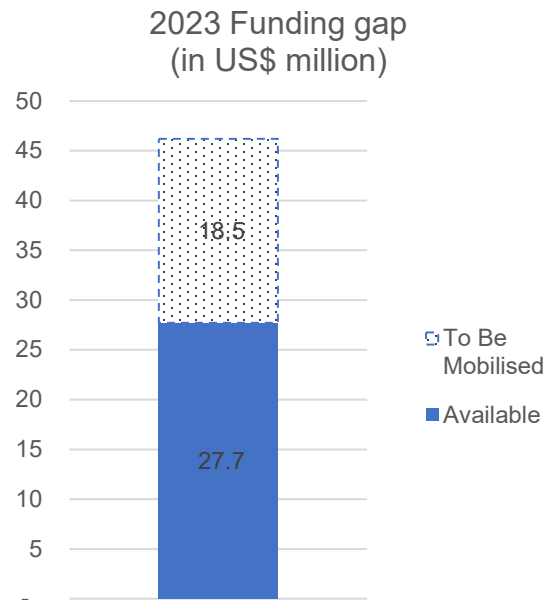
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\$178.2 M



2023 TOTAL REQUIREMENT

\$46.2 M



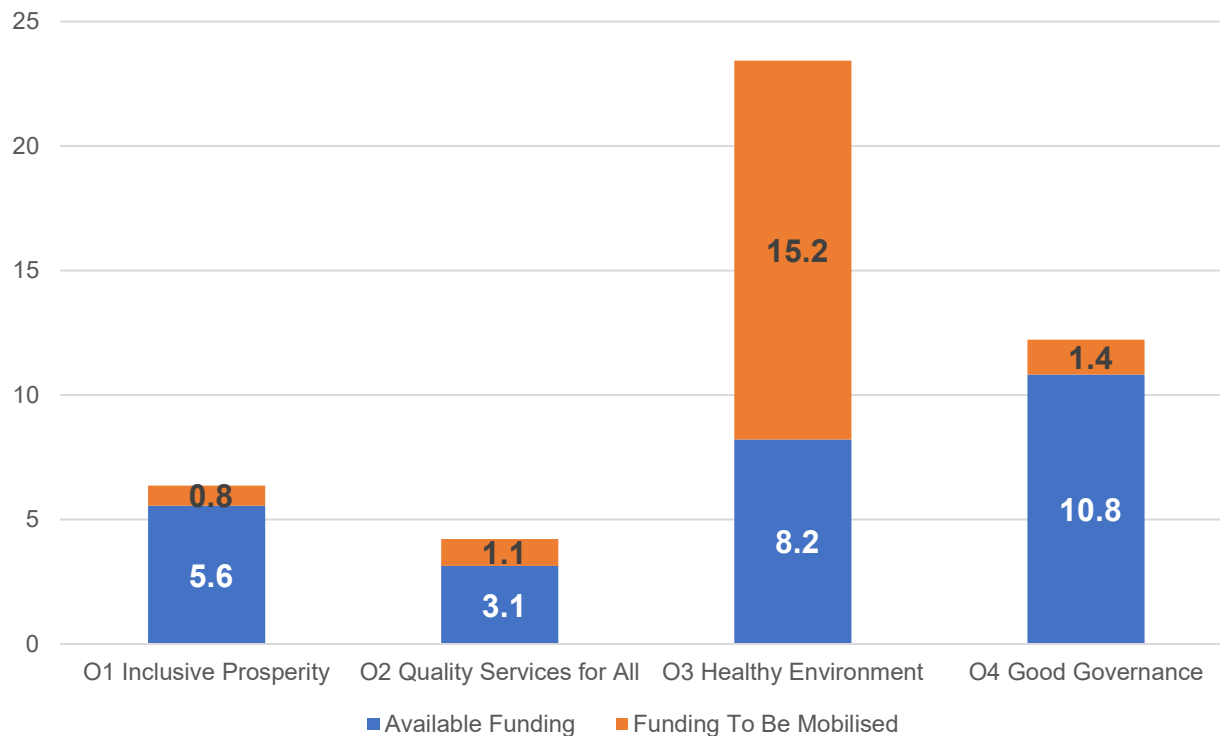
RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OVERVIEW 2023

2023 TOTAL REQUIREMENT

\$46.2 million

Significant pipeline / start of new projects expected in Outcome 3 in 2023

2023 SDCF JWP Financials
(in million USD)



6 UN Joint Programmes in implementation in 2022

- **Evidence-based migration policy planning and discourse in North Macedonia**
 - Migration MPTF, implemented by IOM, UNHCR and UNFPA, USD \$1,500,000
- **From Knowledge and Engagement - to Empowerment and Participation (KEEP)**
 - UNPRPD Fund, implemented by UNDP, UNICEF, and UNFPA, USD \$400,000
- **Regional Youth Project**
 - UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women and UNICEF, \$4.5m of which \$0.65m for MK activities
- **Green Financing Facility to Combat Climate Change and Air Pollution**
 - UNDP, IOM and UNECE, \$7.97m / \$46m
- **Identifying Systemic Pathways for Responding to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy and Finance**
 - UNDP, UNICEF and FAO, \$0.25m
- **Bio-hack My World**
 - UNDP and UNICEF, \$0.25m

2021-2025 North Macedonia United Nations
Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework

2022 Results & 2023 Joint Workplans





Outcome 1 **Inclusive prosperity**



JWP OUTCOME 1 INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY OUTPUTS



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Outcome 1 outputs by 2025

- 1.1: **Sustainable enterprises created** as generators of employment through strengthened value chains and increased capacities to adopt new business models
- 1.2: **Women and vulnerable/excluded persons** benefit from supportive environment through tailored employment measures and a more dynamic and inclusive skilling system that responds to labour market needs for all people
- 1.3: Enhanced and gender-responsive policy and regulatory measures that foster entrepreneurship and financing for inclusive and green growth in line with EU standards
- 1.4: Improved quality of employment through reduced under-employment, informality and adequate protection at work in compliance with international labour standards
- 1.5: Policies and capacities strengthened for sustainable and competitive rural economy aligned with EU, with focus on small farms and women farmers



OUTCOME 1 INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY OVERVIEW

UN entities

FAO, ILO, UNDP, UN Women, IOM, UNHCR, UNESCO, ITU

National partners

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy; Ministry of Education and Science, Employment Services Agency; Fund for Innovation and Technological Development; Trade Unions; Chambers of Commerce; Economic and Social Councils; Employers organizations; Farmers Associations, Producer organizations

Estimated 2023 Budget / Required Funding

\$ 6,356,280

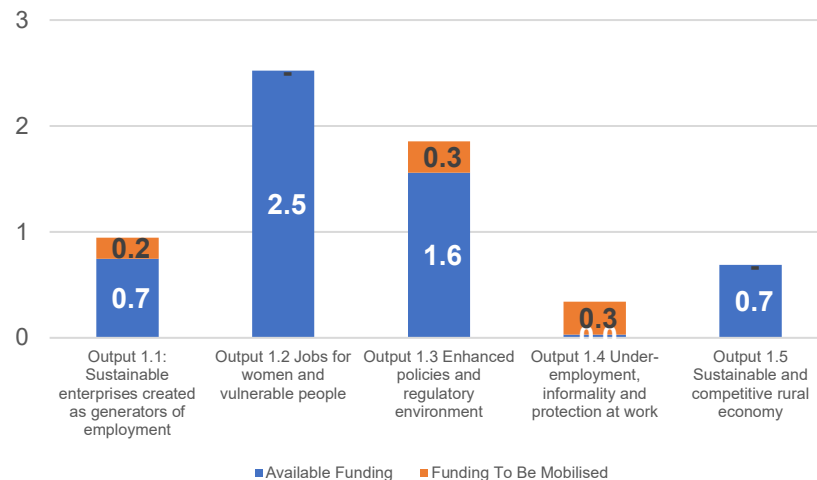
Available funding

\$ 5,551,279

Funding to be mobilised

\$ 805,001

2023 Funding Situation – Inclusive Prosperity (in million USD)



Output 1.1: Sustainable enterprises created as generators of employment

- **1204 jobs were created**, by supporting **671 businesses** with counselling and mentorship and other interventions such as green measures, internships and the Community Works Programme (in 52 municipalities).
- Of these at least 359 were Roma, 36 people with disabilities (23 persons self-employed) and 34 are created through green investments.
- **117 licenced providers of care services** for elderly and PwD created and **28 NGOs capacitated** to assist.
- **Opportunities enhanced for cultural and creative actors** through informed decision-making, capacity-building, support to public-private partnerships, networking and funding.

Output 1.2 Jobs for women and vulnerable people

- **5,351 people benefited from activation and employment support** of which 54% women and almost 70% young (2,379 Roma and 152 persons with disabilities).
- **147 people upskilled through Future Skills** training for digital transformation and green transition in: construction, renewable energy and textile.
- **Youth Guarantee** implementation plans improved **registering 20185 young NEET people (success rate 43%)**, of which 7419 (3595 women) were employed within 4 months. Of this 2400 young NEET (1553 women, 193 Roma and 6 PwD) were registered with assistance of NGOs.

Output 1.3 Enhanced policies and regulatory environment

UN provided support for development of:

- new law to enable ESA implement recent trends in labor activation of vulnerable, with instruments for implementation of social contracting model.
- green transition measures of companies introduced in the Governmental OPE 2022 with 333k USD allocated.
- concept for completion of vocational skills by adults in the Regional Inclusive Centers of Excellence.
- new digital tool HANA providing access to written data in Albanian for blind persons.
- first National Food Security Strategy, through a consultative and participatory process, analytical evidence and proposal for inter-institutional national coordination mechanism.
- Amendments to the Law on Sale of State-owned Agricultural Land to make privatization of state-owned agricultural land fully operational.
- Tripartite process for drafting of the new Labour Relations Law (LRL);
- analysis of alignment of legislation with the ILO Convention on ending violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work, No. 190 - validated and entered parliamentary process;
- More than 20 institutional stakeholders with competencies in diaspora-related issues, capacitated in development and implementation of diaspora engagement projects to support the socio-economic development.
- Co-creation of Digital Innovation Profile as basis for the ICT Strategy 2023-2027.

Output 1.4 Under-employment, informality and protection at work

- **106 State Labour Inspectors trained** on labour Relations Law and supported with an e - learning platform, new website with digital applications for employers and workers and new IT and measurement equipment
- A pilot measure implemented with HOTAM to **simplify employment procedures and lower contribution to social security for seasonal workers in Ohrid and Struga.**
- Validated **gap analysis aimed to improve safety and health** of jobs in construction, mines, agriculture.

Output 1.5 Sustainable and competitive rural economy

- **consolidated 2 710 ha** of agricultural land owned by **2 455 agricultural landowners (630 women)** in nine land consolidation areas with plans for improvement of drainage, irrigation and roads networks and full agricultural infrastructure in the village of Egri.
- Follow-up land consolidation, combined with construction of agricultural infrastructure, benefitting **523 agricultural landowners in Dabjani and Chiflik.**
- preparatory assessment for the Food and Veterinary Agency to **upgrade the National Animal Information System (NAITS)** in line with EU standards.
- **70 women farmers benefited** from increased financial support (from 3,000 € to 6,000 €) aimed for women agricultural producers (Measure 115) in more gender responsive manner.

JWP OUTCOME 1 INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY EXPECTED RESULTS in 2023

- *Throughout 2023, UN will work to:*
- Create internationally **competitive and resilient SMEs** and support circular economy in key economy sectors, including the creative and culture sectors.
- **Enhance employability of vulnerable groups**, such as youth, hard to employ people and people with disabilities with right set of skills, support services and lifelong learning.
- Enhance a gender-responsive business environment and **modern, standards aligned regulatory framework and social services**, while setting the base for digital development.
- Focus on **food security** in the context of the current multidimensional crisis, and **productive engagement of diaspora** in the country development.
- Improve **quality of jobs**, focusing on Health and Safety.
- **Mainstream gender aspect** in the respective agri and rural development policies, advance **land consolidation** and mobility and strengthen **animal health management**.

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$$2 + 7 = 9$$

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$$6 + 4 = 10$$



Outcome 2: **Quality Services for All**



JWP OUTCOME 2 QUALITY SERVICES FOR ALL OUTPUTS



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Outcome 2 outputs by 2025

2.1 **Health system** is strengthened to provide universal access to affordable high quality and people-centred services to promote healthy lifestyles and address population-specific health needs and risk factors, including in emergencies.

2.2 Quality and affordable **education** is provided in trauma-informed, gender-responsive and inclusive learning environments to children and young people in the country to raise learning outcomes, enable their socio-emotional development and empower them with skills for transition to the labor market.

2.3: **Social protection system** is resilient to external shocks and strengthened to deliver progressively improved services to all persons in need, especially to those left behind.

2.4: Improved multisectoral response to prevent and address **all forms of violence** based on victims/survivor-centred approach, including harmful practices and discriminatory gender norms and stereotypes.



OUTCOME 2 QUALITY SERVICES FOR ALL OVERVIEW

UN entities

IOM, OHCHR, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF,
UN Women, WHO, UNDP

National and other partners

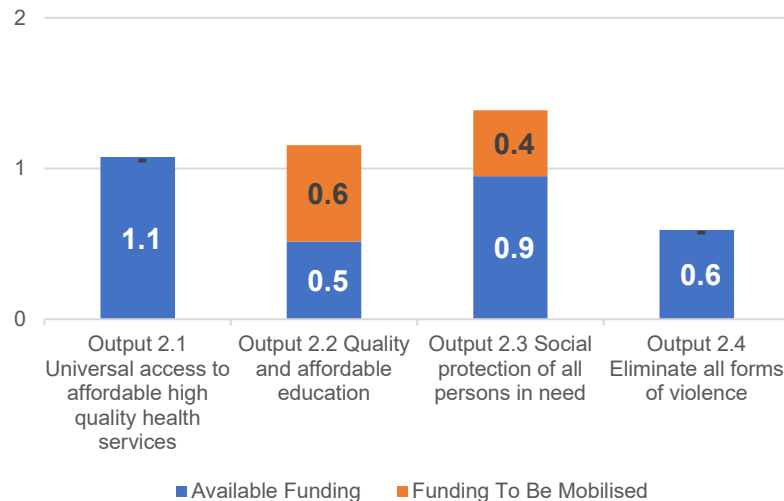
Ministry of Health; Ministry of Education and Science; Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; Health Institutes, Associations or Directorates; Vocational Training Institutes; Trade Union of Health Workers; Civil Society; Academia, Private Sector

Estimated 2023 Budget / Required Funding **\$ 4,210,846**

Available funding \$ 3,134,593

Funding to be mobilised \$ 1,076,253

2023 Funding Situation - Quality Services for All
(in million USD)



QUALITY SERVICES FOR ALL - KEY RESULTS IN 2022

Health

- ❖ **Primary Health Care reform** - Improved telemedicine and remote-monitoring of patients
- ❖ **Mental health** – necessary research undertaken, pilot interventions in Kocani and Gevgelija, and Action plans for the Community Based Mental Health Centers
- ❖ Introducing **health promoting schools** – Action plan for the Health Promoting Schools developed; pilot schools for 2023 identified; Health-Behavior of School-aged Children study
- ❖ Strengthen **NCDs surveillance and monitoring** – nutrition, obesity (childhood)
- ❖ **Sexual and reproductive health** - Mobile SRH services enabled to improve access to these services of vulnerable women and girls in underserved areas, Budget for mobile gynecological clinics, from the national programme for Cervical Cancer prevention and early detection has been doubled
- ❖ **Perinatal care** - six national perinatal networks of care, assessed needs and provided trainings, drafting Pediatric Care Master Plan
- ❖ **Social determinants and health equity gaps** determined
- ❖ **Vaccines (+COVID)** -surveillance, coverage and management

Education

- ❖ **Transforming Education Summit** – opportunity to renew country’s commitment to improved learning outcomes - consultations with over 600 youth, students, teachers, municipal officials, parliamentarians and CSOs
- ❖ Comprehensive and quality **in-service and pre-service professionals' capacity** development, **over 18,000 teachers** trained (inclusive and digital learning, importance of good mental health and well-being for increased students’ learning, creativity and productivity, support early inclusion, learning and development of children with developmental delays and disabilities)
- ❖ **National programme on Social and Emotional Learning - network of 192 peer support teachers in 71 preschools reaching 1366 preschool teachers.**
- ❖ **Quality and inclusive learning tools and resources** including digital resources (ex. Eduino online learning platform), that are in line with the pre-primary, primary and secondary education curricula
- ❖ **Digital Skills Assessment** in North Macedonia completed
- ❖ **National Youth Strategy 2023-2027** development underway, **school guide for community engagement** of students in secondary schools developed and implemented in 20 secondary schools with 215 students
- ❖ Strategy on **Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)** developed

Social and child protection

- ❖ **Digital Learning Platform** within MLSP, fully functional. Special training modules for service providers of assistance, reception and inclusion of asylum seekers and integration of persons under international protection developed
- ❖ Continued provision of targeted and specialized services for **migrants, refugees and asylum seekers**
- ❖ Cross-sectoral **Parenting Strategy** (2022-2030) and costed Action Plan (2022-2024) developed; **Improved parenting skills** with Mellow Parenting programme introduction; **Bebbo parenting app** so far used by around 6500 users; 130 parents/caregivers provided with counselling on caregiving and positive parenting techniques, through **Parenting Help Line**
- ❖ Capacity building on general **foster care provision** and specialized foster care
- ❖ The **social sector frontline workers** provided with tools to improve personal resilience
- ❖ Concept for **cross-sectoral system approach of early intervention services** developed, introduced trans-disciplinary, child-centered and family-oriented early intervention model
- ❖ Developed capacities for expansion of the **human-rights based model of disability and needs assessment of children and youth in the North-East, East, Vardar and South-West planning regions**, which will complete the introduction of the new model as a single-entry point for support services and benefits throughout the country.
- ❖ **Capacities of almost all social welfare professionals (197) from all 30 CSW for case management through a comprehensive mentorship programme improved**

Fight against all forms of violence

- ❖ **Operationalization of the Law on Prevention and Protection of VAW and DV** – focus on vulnerable groups
 - ✓ **Legal framework** – 11 bylaws and Programme for reintegration of victims developed
 - ✓ Mapping the current situation of the collection and reporting of GBV data
 - ✓ **Raising awareness** - campaigns and events
 - ✓ **Program** for domestic and sexual violence **perpetrators**
 - ✓ **Capacity building of service providers (institutions and CSOs)** for multi-sectorial response to GBV/DV and services for victims of all forms of violence
 - ✓ 2 new specialized services for psycho-social support and free legal aid opened in Strumica and Stip, assisting 200+ women survivors of violence
- ❖ **Child Online Protection** National Assessment conducted

Health - *recovered and reformed health care system to provide improved services to all citizens*

- ❖ **Primary Health Care reform** – Policy implementation unit established, continued capacities building support, design and rollout of new digital tools, National patient safety plan development, continues support for increase and improvement of the home visiting services
- ❖ **Mental health** – development of national plan for strengthening mental health of children and adolescents
- ❖ **Health promoting schools** – Action plan for the Health Promoting Schools developed; pilot schools for 2023 identified; Health-Behavior of School-aged Children study
- ❖ Strengthen **NCDs surveillance and monitoring**
- ❖ **Sexual and reproductive health** - Mobile SRH services continued provision,
- ❖ **Maternal and newborn health** - continued technical support for implementation of the perinatal death surveys and for implementation of the Master Plan for Perinatal Care
- ❖ **Vaccines (+COVID)** -surveillance, coverage and management

Education

- ❖ **Quality and inclusive learning tools and resources**, including digital resources, that are in line with the pre-primary, primary and secondary education curricula
- ❖ **Evidence-based communication for education and child protection** (including CWDs and minorities)
- ❖ Comprehensive and quality in-service and pre-service **professionals' capacity development**
- ❖ **Pre-school education policies and associated programs conducive** to safe, healthy, gender-responsive, inclusive and adequately resourced environments
- ❖ Advocacy, knowledge exchange and community engagement on issues of interest and benefit of **youth**
- ❖ Supporting the inclusion of refugee, asylum seeker and migrant children through development of a training programme for teachers (through Resource Centres)
- ❖ Roll-out the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support training modules and toolkits to an increased number of school support staff

Social and child protection

Continued support in:

- Development of **community-based care/services for children and families** experiencing adversity
- Strengthening the **child-care system** through capacity development of foster and kinship care, and creating community-based support system
- Development of **parenting programmes and helpline services**, including services to provide additional support for families who have particular needs
- Development of working materials and on-line training programmes aimed at **increasing the capacity of the social sector professionals**
- **Evaluation of major changes introduced in the country's social protection system** in the period 2016-2020: a) reform of the social protection cash benefits schemes, and b) the introduction of case management in the centers for social work
- Targeted and specialized services for **asylum seekers, migrants and refugees, transiting the country**
- Support Government to implement GRF pledge about Kosovo refugees by providing legal and expert support
- Mainstream refugee protection in all national programs by developing relevant policy papers and improving national referral procedures for vulnerable individuals

Fight against all forms of violence

- Operationalization of the Law on prevention and protection of violence against women and domestic violence by capacity building of institutions to **implement the Multi-Stakeholder Response Protocol** and the newly passed by-laws;
- Support implementation of the **GBV Law on local level with the municipalities** by supporting activities for **reintegration of victims and survivors**;
- Develop **Integrated model of collecting, reporting and analysis of GBV data** in all institutions
- Support building a **comprehensive program for perpetrators' rehabilitation**;
- Support the **helplines for victims and survivors in delivering quality services**;
- Support **generating comprehensive national and regional evidence on children's experiences of online child sexual exploitation and abuse** (Disrupting Harm Research)



Outcome 3: **Healthy environment**



JWP OUTCOME 3 HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT OUTPUTS



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Outcome 3 outputs by 2025

- 3.1: The enabling policy, regulatory environment, capacities at central and local level and community actions strengthened for low-emission development and multi-sector resilience to climate change
- 3.2: Solutions are identified and scaled-up at central and local levels for integrated, sustainable and inclusive management of natural resources (water, land, forests, biodiversity).
- 3.3: Capacities at central and local levels are strengthened to prevent and respond to the air pollution threats and health consequences in most vulnerable communities
- 3.4: Capacities at central and local levels are strengthened to identify multi-hazard risks and to plan, finance and implement effective disaster risk reduction and response, including human displacement, in line with the Sendai framework
- 3.5: National and local capacities strengthened, and awareness increased for waste reduction and efficient waste management (chemical, water, municipal waste, hazardous waste, medical waste – including in rural areas)
- 3.6: Adverse impacts of the unsustainable farming practices in the lake/river watersheds reduced





Climate Change

- Forth National Communication to UNFCCC, and Monitoring, Reporting Verification Platform - Paris Agreement
- HCFC (freon) phase-out management plan (monitoring of the refrigerants' recovery and recycling scheme; creation of a licensing system for refrigerant management)
- Handbook for environment and climate change in preschool and primary education verified by the Bureau for Development of Education; 90 teachers and educators trained; 100 young people engaged in designing environment solutions
- Country Earth Map tool finalized, providing info for sustainable agricultural policy
- First National Report on the Convention on Combating Desertification

Air pollution

- Air monitoring and coordination platform established
- Set of measures aimed at tackling the air pollution in Skopje (Source Apportionment Study and an Action Plan developed; energy efficiency measures in 129 households in Lisice implemented, more than 300 vulnerable families in Skopje supported to replace inefficient means of heating, development of regulations supported, public awareness increased)





Natural Resources

- Support to pending re-proclamation of Ohrid Lake Monument of Nature
- First National Red Books of reptiles and amphibians and 188 high nature value forests identified and guidelines for their management developed
- Water Management Strategy and a Biotope Map for the Skopje region developed
- Analysis of possible transmission paths of six-valent chrome into Rashche spring
- Feasibility Study for improvement of the irrigation system in Bregalnica River Basin
- Environmental action plans developed for Jegunovce, Zhelino, Saraj, Gazi Baba, Arachinovo and Lipkovo;



DRR

- INFORM index updated for all municipalities in the country
- Comprehensive set of measures for flood risk reduction implemented in Polog region and Drini River basin (e.g. riverbed restoration, stabilization of priority landslides, urban resilience measures in Tetovo and Gostivar, hydraulic modeling on Drini River)
- Public Health Emergency Operation Center (PHEOC) in Skopje set up
- Assessments, methodologies and digital solutions for health and earthquake risks introduced
- Regional training on DRR in heritage sites held in Ohrid



Waste

- 477.1 tons of HCH waste and 126.7 tons of contaminated solid excavated

OUTCOME 3 HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW

UN entities

FAO, IOM, ITU, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNITAR, UNOPS, WHO

National and other partners

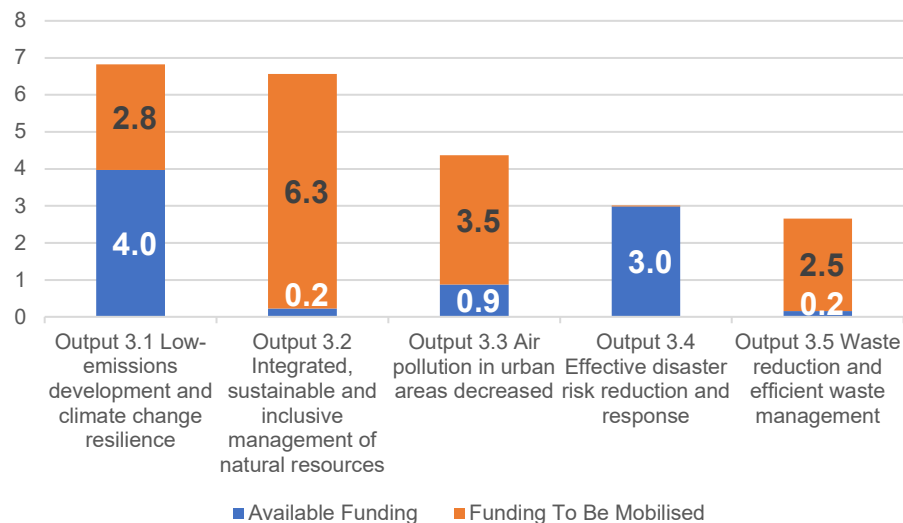
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Estimated 2023 Budget / Required Funding

\$ 23,426,526

Available funding	\$ 8,213,501
Funding to be mobilized	\$ 15,213,025

2023 Funding Situation - Healthy Environment
(in million USD)



2023 KEY ACTIVITIES - HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



Contributing partners:

Sweden, Joint SDG Fund, GEF, GCF, Montreal Protocol Fund, Adaptation Fund, EBRD, UNDP, UNICEF, FAO and IOM Funds

UN entities:

UNDP, UNIDO, FAO, UNICEF, IOM, UNECE



Contributing partners

EU, GEF, FAO, UNECE, UNESCO, UNEP Funds

UN Entities

FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO

• Climate change

- Supporting the implementation of the **enhanced Nationally Determined Contribution (eNDC)**, and development of the **National Adaptation Plan**
- Development of **National Plans on phase-out of HCFC and phase-down of HFC**
- **Favorable loans for SMEs and households for renewable energy and energy efficiency** through the Green Financing Facility, as well as for **returning migrants and remittance recipients** and encouraging productive use of remittance in renewable energy and energy efficient investments
- Development of high-quality data for decision making in the context of **climate- smart agriculture and agroecology**
- Guiding **education documents and policies incorporate contemporary and scientifically proven approaches to environment and climate change education**

• Natural resources

- **EU for Prespa Lake:** improved waste management, expansion of wastewater network, supporting sustainable agriculture and tourism, construction of border crossing “Markova Noga”, and strengthened transboundary cooperation
- Development of **Feasibility Study for the Ohrid Lake Coastal Zone Urban Plan**
- Development of **Soil Protection Strategy, Law on Soil Protection and Guidelines for Establishing Soil Quality Monitoring Programme**
- Strengthening national capacities for **sustainable management of forests, mountain landscapes and land, biodiversity conservation in the agriculture sector**
- Development of **Biodiversity Financing Plan**

2023 KEY ACTIVITIES - HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



Contributing partners:

EU, Sweden, UNICEF and IOM Funds

UN entities:

UNOPS, UNDP, UNICEF, IOM

Air pollution

- **Scaling up the actions to tackle the air pollution in the municipalities of Gostivar, Kavdarci, Kumanovo, Struga and Strumica** (caring out a comprehensive monitoring programme, development of source apportionment studies and action plans, implementation of measures in collaboration with the municipalities, strengthening capacities of the local inspectors, public awareness activities)
- **Improving air quality countrywide** through implementation of energy efficiency measures and replacement of heating systems in public buildings (hospitals, schools); new greener public transport in Skopje, greening public spaces and reforestation, extending the public heating in Skopje)
- Study on **inter-linkages between human mobility and air pollution** in Tetovo and development of an action plan of measures

Disaster Risk Reduction

- Strengthening the **integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk** management of the **Drini River Basin**
- **Improving resilience of the Polog region's communities** to flood (Early Warning System operational, stabilization of critical landslides completed, measures for increasing urban resilience implemented)
- Support to **preparedness for health emergencies and risk assessment**, including epidemics and pandemics health emergency preparedness
- Capacity building for implementation of the **Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF)**
- Implementation of **subnational INFORM Index** for Risk Management



Contributing partners

Switzerland, EU, Adaptation Fund, UK, Canada, Germany, USA, WHO Funds

UN entities:

UNDP, UNDRR, WHO, IOM



Contributing partners:

EU, North Macedonia, Norway, GEF, ITU, UNEP and UNITAR Funds

UN entities

UNOPS, UNIDO, ITU, UNEP, UNITAR

Waste management

- Cleanup of **HCH (lindane)** and remediation activities of the small basin of waste in OHIS complex
- Improvement of **solid waste management system** in the Prespa region
- Development of **Western Balkans e-Waste Monitoring System**



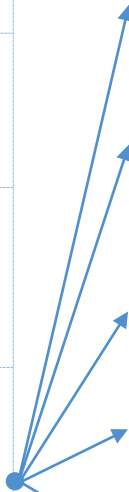
Outcome 4: **Good governance**

JWP OUTCOME 4 GOOD GOVERNANCE OUTPUTS



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3. Transparent and accountable democratic governance	4. People in North Macedonia benefit from improved rule of law; evidence-based, anticipatory and gender-responsive policies; greater social cohesion; and effective service delivery by transparent, accountable and responsive institutions

Outcome 4 outputs by 2025
4.1: Advanced rule of law, access to justice and protection and promotion of human rights for all, especially those left behind by inclusive and gender responsive legal, policy and institutional frameworks and capacity building
4.2: Capacities of central and local governments strengthened to: a) better plan, budget, monitor and track expenditure and leverage resources in a gender-responsive manner in support of accelerated sustainable development b) improve design and efficient delivery of quality public services (targeting excluded groups, including refugee /migration management) with improved social accountability and participation in decision-making.
4.3: Increased utilization of foresight and quality and disaggregated data for improved forward looking, evidence-based, results-oriented and transparent policy-making, responsive to the rights of women, men, girls and boys and vulnerabilities of the groups left behind, at all levels and in all contexts, including humanitarian
4.4: Social cohesion and trust improved through dialogue and meaningful participation by all, especially of the groups left behind.
4.5: Enhanced national and local capacities in asset recovery and countering corruption in public life through better enforcement of anti-corruption laws and preventive measures



JWP OUTCOME 4 GOOD GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

UN entities

UNDP, UN WOMEN, UNHCR, IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNODC, OHCHR, UNESCO

National and other partners

Prime Minister's Cabinet, MoI, MLSP, MFA, MISA, MF, MLSG, MoC, Bureau for Regional Development, State Audit Office, Public Revenue Office, Agency for Youth and Sports, National Bank, SSO, Academy of Judges and Prosecutors, Ombudsman, NHRIs, Parliament, Public Prosecutors Office, Customs Office, INTERPOL, National Commission for UNESCO, ZELS, NALAS, MYLA and other CSOs, academia and others

Estimated 2023 Budget / Required Funding

\$ 12,243,766

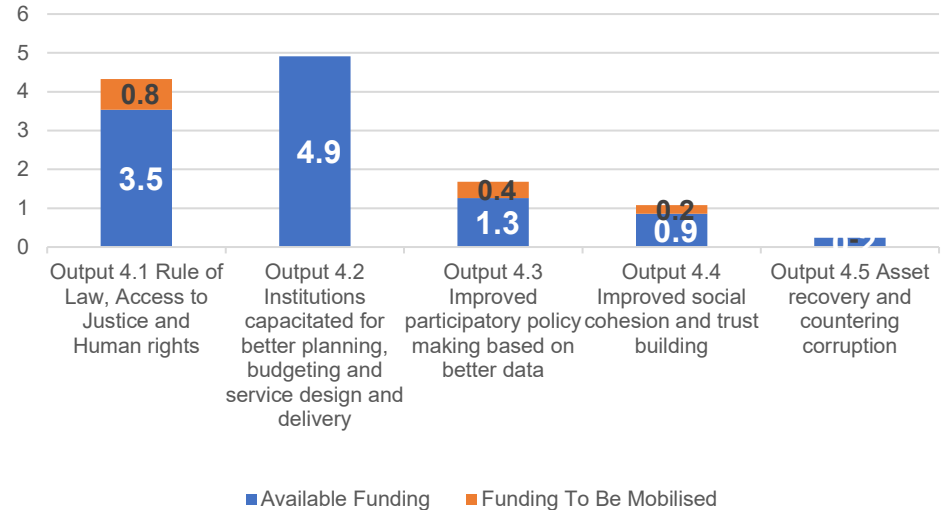
Available funding

\$ 10,816,632

Funding to be mobilised

\$ 1,427,134

2023 Funding Situation – Good Governance (in million USD)



1. Rule of law, access to justice, and human rights for all

- **National strategies adopted** - Equality and Non-Discrimination, Gender Equality, Strategy for Prevention and Justice for Children, National Roadmap on Migration Statistics. **Strategies under development** - Youth, Persons with Disabilities, Roma, Digital Transformation
- **Legislative and institutional reforms:**
 - EU Gender *Acquis* transposition,
 - Law on Citizenship and Civil Registry,
 - Child friendly justice, protection and compensation of GBV and other victims,
 - Criminal justice response to organized crime (firearms offences, trafficking in persons, financing of terrorism, illicit financial flows, and asset recovery)
 - Analysis and amendments to local government laws
- Enhanced capacities of the judiciary, Ombudsman and Anti-discrimination Commission
- Vulnerable people access rights and remedies, granted citizenship

2. Central and local government strengthened

- **National Development Strategy** – 2,500 citizens and development actors engaged in consultations, and 23 thematic baseline analyses developed to inform the strategy
- **EU negotiations skills** of the Government and Parliament enhanced
- **Transposition of EU Gender Equality Acquis and gender mainstreaming in EU integration processes** (SWG, IPA action documents, policies)
- **Public and local finance management** improved – transparency in public spending, auditing, transfer pricing and measuring the informal economy, **additional finances for municipalities**
- **170 local counselors and administration** increased knowledge on governance, oversight, anticorruption, public finance management and civil society engagement
- **19 new municipalities introduced digital services** for 300,000 people (total 46 municipalities)
- **National Model of e-Municipality** and Methodology for local digitalization developed

3. Forward-looking, evidence based and participatory policy-making

- **500 key stakeholders** trained on migration management and use of mirror statistics, Big data
- **National Roadmap on Migration Statistics** adopted
- **Gender statistics and data** based on SDG gender indicators

4. Social cohesion through dialogue and meaningful participation by all

- **Communications Strategy for Social Change** - 87 public events promoted positive narratives about most marginalized people
- **“Just a child” multimedia campaign** - 313,546 engagements and 315,783 views
- **3.883 women**, including the most vulnerable, demanded participation in decisions at local level
- **Western Balkan Youth Project** on building trust and understanding initiated

5. Anti-corruption and asset recovery

- **Anti-corruption and Illicit Finance Flow Roadmap & Asset Recovery Strategy**
- Collection, analysis and exchange of information on **small firearms and illicit trafficking**

In 2023, UN support will result in

- **First draft of NDS and Action Plan**, and development of **governance structure**
- Strengthen **EU negotiation skills** of Government and Parliament, and continue with transposition of EU gender acquis
- Align **justice for children system** with the recently revised law and the Convention on the Rights of Child, backed up with budget allocations
- Increase national capacities for reporting and follow up to the **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** and other international human rights mechanisms
- **End statelessness** - legal changes to recognize legal identity and equal rights of this marginalized people
- Improve **border management, protection sensitive entry and asylum systems**

In 2023, UN support will result in

- Accelerate **policy, legislative and institutional reforms** in line with international standards on rule of law, fundamental rights, especially of people left behind, gender equality, justice reform, and fight against corruption and organized crime
- Continue strengthen **capacities for anticipatory governance** and **demographic resilience**
- Pilot **migration module in the labour force survey**
- Create **gender statistics online platform** and further gender-responsive budgeting
- Support **implementation of the new Budget Law**, including public funding for primary education, social protection and services for persons with disabilities
- Increase **local government capacities in 20 new municipalities**

In 2023, UN support will result in

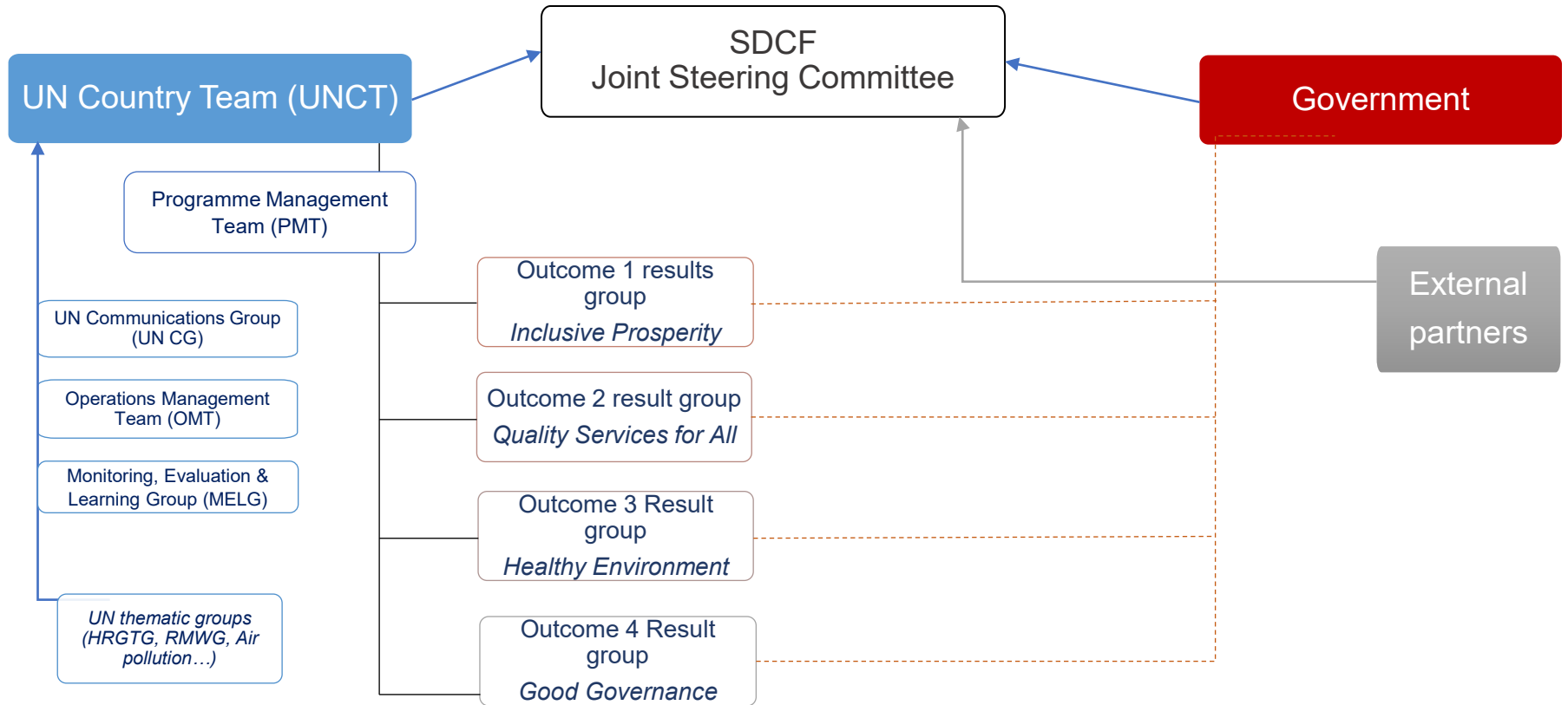
- Strengthen **social cohesion** through constrictive narratives and participation of all, especially youth, women and people left behind
- Continue support in developing the **National Youth Strategy and Action Plan**
- Support **local youth councils in 5 municipalities**, and promote youth engagement, mutual trust and understanding, media products and sports events
- Increase **capacities and collaboration between law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary** in countering digital sex crimes, financing of terrorism, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and firearms-related cases
- Support the implementation **Anti-corruption and Illicit Finance Flow Roadmap**



THANK YOU!

JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE – KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review and endorse the planned annual UN results by considering the evolving country context (annually).
- Direct SDCF adjustments through a formal revision and/or through annual results planned for the following year (annually).
- Review UN mid-year progress, challenges, opportunities and recommend measures for strengthening continued UN relevance and effectiveness in support of national priorities (bi-annually).
- Facilitate resolution of any external challenges that the UN may face in executing the SDCF (ongoing).
- Review UN joint resources mobilization strategies and recommend and support opportunities for SDCF funding and leveraging financing for 2030 Agenda (annually).
- Review and endorse the annual UN Country Results Report (annually).
- Assume the role of or appoint the Evaluation Steering Committee for the terminal SDCF evaluation (in 2024).
- Review and endorse the roadmap for the following SDCF cycle (in 2024).



UN CONFIGURATION

- **18 UN entities signatories**

14 with physical presence,
4 remote

- **Changes** (vs. 2016-2020 PSD)

UN-Habitat new;

UNODC and UNOPS

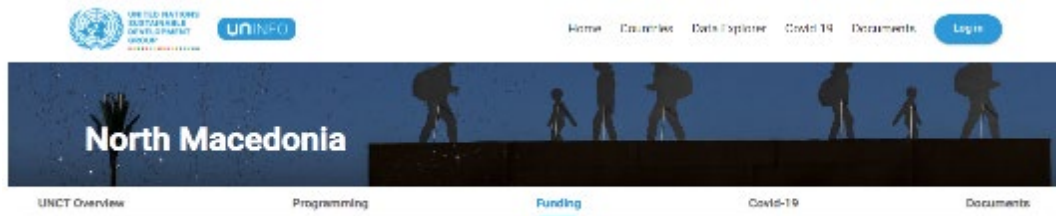
joined mid-term during last
period;

IAEA, ITU not signatory,

but participating; UNDESA

and UNCTAD out

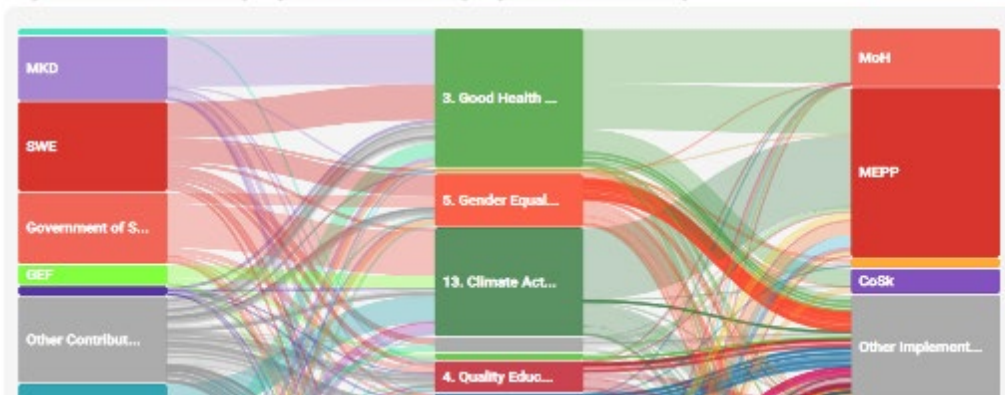
	Acronym	Full UN entity name	Physical presence	Resident status
1	FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization	Yes	No
2	ILO	International Labour Organization	Yes	Yes
3	IOM	International Organization for Migration	Yes	Yes
4	OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Yes	No
5	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme	Yes	Yes
6	UNDRR	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	No	No
7	UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	No	No
8	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme	Yes	No
9	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	No	No
10	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund	Yes	Yes
11	UN HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme	No	No
12	UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Yes	Yes
13	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund	Yes	Yes
14	UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization	Yes	No
15	UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	Yes	Yes
16	UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services	Yes	Yes
17	UN WOMEN	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	Yes	Yes
18	WHO	World Health Organization	Yes	Yes



Linking Investments, Partners and the Sustainable Development Goals in North Macedonia

This graphic shows how Investments are contributing to the work of different agencies and partners to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. The width of the lines represents the relative amount of resources being contributed. You can play with the filters to see how investments are targeted to different geographic areas, Sustainable Development Goals, UN agencies and national implementing partners.

Contributing Partners: Sustainable Development Goals: Implementing Partners:



Affordable and Clean Energy

Agency

WFP
UNEP
UNICEF

Contributing Partner

United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Population Fund
The Global Development Centre

Implementing Partner

United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Population Fund
North Macedonia Institute of Environment and Physical Planning

UN key functions



UN funding

Total Available: \$56,549,019

