UNDP SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

INTEGRATED NATIONAL FINANCING FRAMEWORKS (INFFs)

Strengthening national development plans with financing strategies to drive sustainable development and climate action

The Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) helps countries chart their own course in the design and implementation of their sustainable financing architecture. While national development plans and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) roadmaps lay out what needs to be financed, INFFs focus on how to finance them.

Governments are using their INFFs to align budgets, public and private sector policies, and finance flows, to deliver holistic frameworks for financing sustainable national development tailored to their specific needs, priorities and institutions. **Country ownership** is fundamental to ensuring long-term political alignment and the sustained success of the INFF process.

Introduced in the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda, INFFs are recognized and promoted by major global action agendas as a key tool to mobilize financing for SDGs, including the Compromiso de Sevilla, SDG Stimulus, Doha Programmes of Action for Least Developed Countries, Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States, Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries and G20 discussions. It also serves as a key initiative of the Sevilla Platform of Action to scale country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action.

WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

86
COUNTRIES USING INFFS

50
COUNTRIES IMPLEMENTING INFF REFORMS

$16 BILLION
NEW FINANCE LEVERAGED FOR SDG INVESTMENT IN 17 COUNTRIES

±$32 BILLION
FOR SDG ALIGNMENT

DESIGNING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL FINANCING FRAMEWORK

INFF design begins with government and stakeholders. UNDP convenes diverse public and private entities, facilitates their collaboration to build consensus on the priorities, and lays out the path to implementation. A **Development Finance Assessment,** supported by UNDP, helps to shape this process by mapping the national financing landscape, tracking trends in public and private finance, and assessing the policies and institutions that govern these flows.

UNDP facilitates **financing dialogues,** complemented by technical support, to design a risk-informed financing strategy. This includes independent expert reviews, peer review facilitation and other technical inputs in response to demand from government.

Financing strategies represent the sovereign articulation of each country's financing priorities. UNDP supports countries in creating a comprehensive national financing strategy, typically embedded within a medium-term development plan and/or Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, that aligns public, private, domestic and international finance to national priorities.

DELIVERING FINANCING POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

To help countries deliver INFFs that truly drive progress towards the SDGs, UNDP embeds experts in government ministries and provides technical support, building capacity to establish robust systems that support strategy implementation. This includes **technical assistance** in **financing reforms** and convening **public-private financing dialogue platforms.**

Public finance policy and reforms play a critical role in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of resource allocation by ensuring that government spending is better aligned with national development priorities and social needs.

Private finance policy and reforms unlock new sources of capital by introducing creative financial instruments and mechanisms that attract investment from diverse sectors.

UNDP also supports the creation of monitoring frameworks to track public and private financing flows, and their contribution toward sustainable development outcomes. Its experts assist government partners' use of diverse data sources to support accurate progress monitoring and reporting.

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNANCE OF FINANCING

UNDP supports the development of **transparent governance and accountability mechanisms** that coordinate financing policy reform, and track financial flows and investments and their alignment with national development priorities while strengthening accountability and participation.

With UNDP's technical assistance, countries have made notable progress in enhancing financing institutions and governance. Additionally, the INFF approach can be effectively applied at the **subnational level,** providing local governments with tailored strategies to mobilize and align financing for sustainable development. This approach is crucial for addressing region-specific challenges and capitalizing on localized opportunities.

FACILITATING EXCHANGE AND LEARNING BETWEEN COUNTRIES

The INFF Facility advances knowledge exchange and offers access to technical guidance on INFFs. Through its **INFF Knowledge Platform**, the Facility provides a forum for countries to learn, share experiences and connect with the growing INFF community of practice. It allows governments and UNDP country offices to access technical guidance and learn from other national INFF experiences. UNDP conducts an annual **INFF survey** to understand how countries are implementing the INFF approach and the progress and outcomes achieved.

At the same time, the **INFF Knowledge Exchange** brings together policymakers, practitioners and other INFF stakeholders across countries to share valuable insights into designing and delivering INFFs that drive SDG progress. More than 70 countries have participated in INFF knowledge exchanges across bilateral, regional and global platforms to share learning in advancing INFF implementation.

PARTNERSHIP

The INFF Facility is a joint flagship initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the European Union and the Governments of Italy, Spain and Sweden.

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