SUSTAINABLE FINANCE HUB
INTEGRATED SERVICE
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(INFFs) AND PORTFOLIOS
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Supporting over 85 countries with 250 public financing policies that deliver comprehensive risk-informed financing strategies

Laying the groundwork for financing the SDGs

The Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) is a country-led approach to build a sustainable financing architecture. It provides guidance on resource allocation and tackles policy barriers to unlock private capital. INFFs bring together public and private sector policies and stakeholders to develop holistic frameworks for financing sustainable national development that suits each country’s specific needs. While national development plans and SDG roadmaps lay out what needs to be financed, INFFs set out how.

Building on its comparative advantage as a neutral player with access to partners across the public and private sectors, UNDP provides leadership and technical expertise to governments in designing INFFs based on their unique sustainable development priorities. It helps countries to strengthen planning and overcome obstacles to national-level financing for development.

Services

UNDP’s work with governments on INFFs covers:

1. Designing integrated national financing frameworks

The design of INFFs begins with building consensus among stakeholders. UNDP brings together diverse public entities and facilitates collaboration among them in laying out the path to implementation. This process is shaped by a Development Finance Assessment that maps the national financing landscape and tracks trends in public and private finance. It also assesses the policies and institutions that govern these flows.

In addition, UNDP facilitates financing dialogues designed to facilitate the agreement of an INFF Roadmap, complemented by technical support for risk-informed strategy design. It provides independent expert review using the lens of a financing strategy review checklist, facilitates peer review and provides other technical inputs and backstopping for technical teams.
2. Delivering risk-informed financing strategies

Financing strategies represent the national articulation of each country’s financing priorities. To deliver INFFs that truly drive progress towards the SDGs, UNDP embeds its experts in government ministries – building capacity to sustain the robust systems underpinning the strategy’s implementation. This includes technical assistance in financing reform and convening public-private financing dialogue platforms. UNDP also supports the creation of monitoring frameworks to track public and private financing flows, and the contribution of those funds toward sustainable development outcomes. Its experts assist government partners in harnessing a range of data to support accurate monitoring and reporting of progress.

3. Building country office SDG finance portfolios

As UNDP’s country offices support governments in designing INFFs, they move beyond their own areas of technical expertise to become trusted advisors on finance for the SDGs. In countries where the government has not yet opted to develop an INFF, building a holistic portfolio of SDG financing services can help to demonstrate the value of an integrated approach. Portfolio sensemaking helps country offices in taking a ‘balcony view’ of the services they provide, placing individual initiatives within the larger framework of sustainable finance. Country offices can use SFH expert panel reviews to help them to identify and position individual products as connecting with and creating entry points for other services. INFF training helps country offices to understand, position and pitch the INFF approach within the national context, in conjunction with SFH services in specific areas of financing and signature solutions such as gender equality and environment. Training is delivered in conjunction with the SDG Finance Academy.

More than 30 countries developing an INFF are institutionalising public-private financing dialogue platforms. UNDP provides technical assistance to establish these platforms, or to broaden the scope of an existing platform in order to host financing dialogues. This support includes technical assistance, analytical and facilitation support, and stakeholder/platform mapping support.

4. Accessing knowledge and expertise through the INFF Facility

The INFF Facility brings together UNDP, UN DESA, OECD, the European Union and the Governments of Sweden and Italy to provide technical assistance, facilitate knowledge exchange and provide access to technical guidance on INFFs. It helps governments and their partners to realize the potential of the INFF approach for transforming national financing systems and accelerating progress toward the SDGs.

The inff.org knowledge platform provides a forum for countries to share, learn and connect with the growing INFF community of practice. It allows governments and UNDP country offices to access technical guidance and understand INFF experiences in other contexts that can inspire and inform the approach taken within the national context. UNDP conducts an annual INFF survey to understand how countries are taking forward the INFF approach and the progress and outcomes being generated. This informs the INFF Dashboard, with data on INFF development in more than 85 countries – and the mix of financing solutions they are utilizing. Meanwhile, the INFF Knowledge Exchanges bring together policymakers, practitioners and other INFF stakeholders across countries to share valuable insights into designing and delivering INFFs that drive SDG progress.

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**Partnership**

UNDP country offices work with over 20 other UN agencies as well as the European Union, Sweden, Italy, Germany, IMF, World Bank, and other MDBs including the Asian Development Bank and Islamic Development Bank among others to support governments as they develop INFFs and deliver diverse public and private SDG-aligned financing solutions. The INFF Facility is a joint endeavour with UNDESA and OECD with support from EU, Italy, and Sweden. UNDP works closely with UN DESA, UNICEF, OECD, EU as well as many other partners including the International Monetary Fund and other International Finance Institutions in supporting Integrated National Financing Frameworks. Meanwhile, the UN Joint SDG Fund provides support to numerous countries in initiating INFFs.

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