



**JOINT  
SDG  
FUND**

# United Nations Joint SDG Fund

September 2024 Update



# Building on the SDG Summit Momentum: Activating the Transitions



António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General



**“Commit to fully support the UN development system to deliver better [...] including through delivery against the funding compact, capitalizing the Joint SDG Fund by at least US\$1 billion by September 2024.”**

[Political Declaration of the High-level Political Forum On Sustainable Development](#)

**The Joint SDG Fund stands as the UN’s premier innovative funding mechanism, strategically designed to catalyze profound policy transformations and ignite the strategic investments essential for realigning the world on course to achieve the SDGs.**


















[\(Stated in the Funding Compact 2.0, May 2024\)](#)

The UN Joint SDG Fund is recognized as a crucial component of UN’s solution on propelling the SDG transitions forward by financing and driving transformative development strategies, leveraging the UN development system’s expertise and networks. Its investments empower UNCTs to execute essential actions for the SDG transitions.

# The UN Joint SDG Fund

The Joint SDG Fund benefits from global commitments to the 2030 Agenda and brings the UN system and partners together for better results



 Spain	 Norway
 Sweden	 Ireland
 European Union	 Italy
 Netherlands	 Denmark
 Germany	 Belgium
 Switzerland	 Luxembourg
 Saudi Arabia	 Monaco
 Portugal	 Republic of Korea
 Poland	

## Strategic Advisory Group

- Chaired by the UN **Deputy Secretary-General**.
- Provides leadership and strategic direction to the Fund 5 largest donor countries and 7 programme countries: Spain, Sweden, EU, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Egypt, Kenya, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Chile, Uzbekistan, Civil Society Observer (BRAC).

## Donors

- 17 Member State funding.

## Operational Steering Committee

- Chaired by Director of the Development Coordination Office UN entities, UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, FAO, UN-Women, UNEP, ITU providing technical leadership on priorities. ECA (leverage regional assets), UN Global Compact (engagement with private sector), MPTF-O (administrative agent) join as ex-officio members.

## Joint SDG Fund Secretariat

- Responsible for the coordination and day-to-day management of the Joint SDG Fund.

# The UN Joint SDG Fund: How We Work

## CONTRIBUTIONS →

Targets set by the Funding Compact.



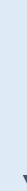
## JOINT SDG FUND →

Anchoring to Country Cooperation Frameworks.



## IMPLEMENTATION BY UN AGENCIES AT COUNTRY LEVEL

All resources are channeled to UN entities working in UN Country Teams through joint programmes across Funding Rounds.



## CORE FOCUS OF JOINT PROGRAMMES

### 1. SDG INTEGRATED POLICY

to accelerate SDG achievement through integrated policy transformations for leaving no one behind.

### 2. SDG FINANCING

to leverage resources by enabling environment measures and catalytic investments.

## 31 UN ENTITIES PARTNERS

DESA, FAO, IFAD, ILO, IOM, ITU, OCHA, OHCHR, UN-WOMEN, UNAIDS, UNCDF, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNEP, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, UNV, UNU-WIDER, WFP, WHO/PAHO, WHO.



**31 UN**  
*entity partners collaborating to accelerate the SDGs.*

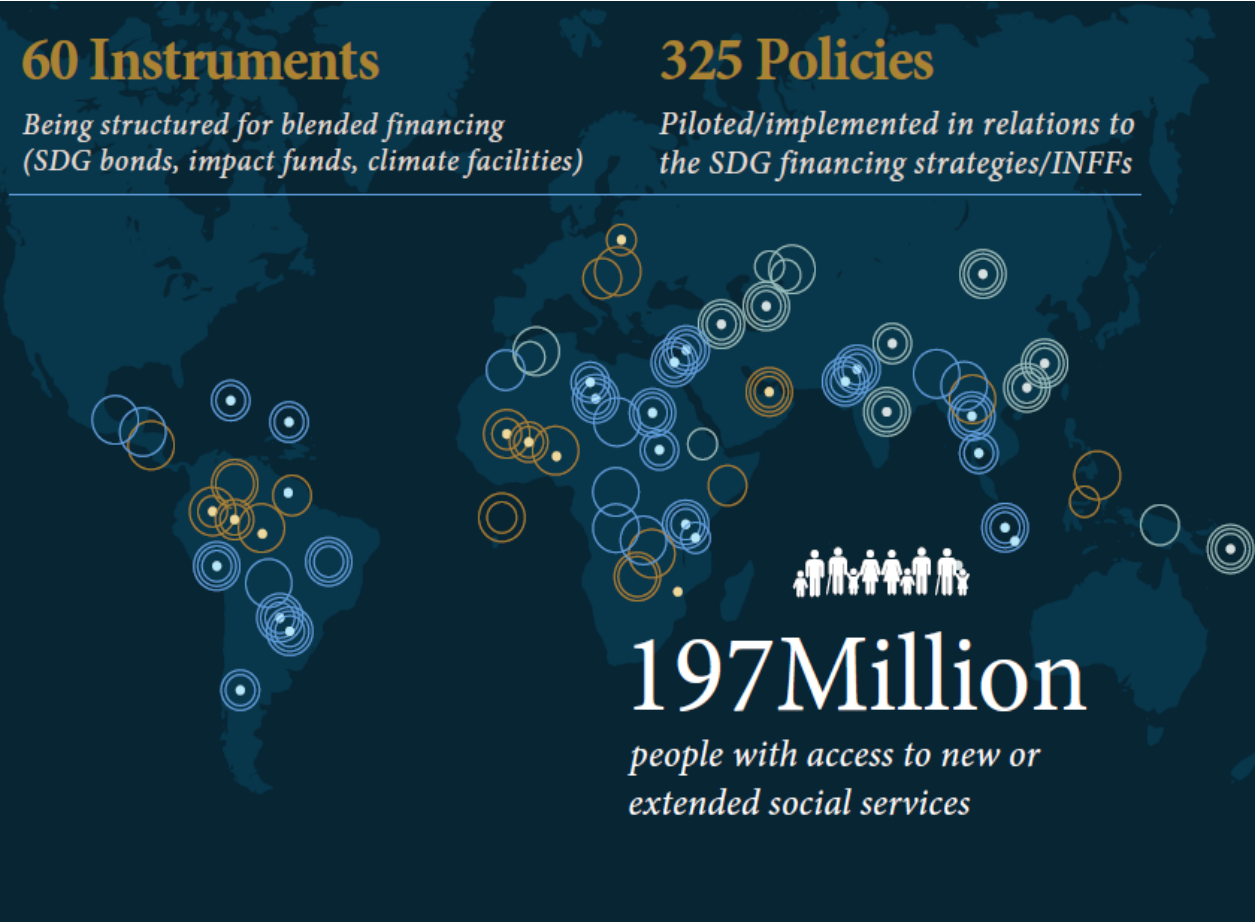
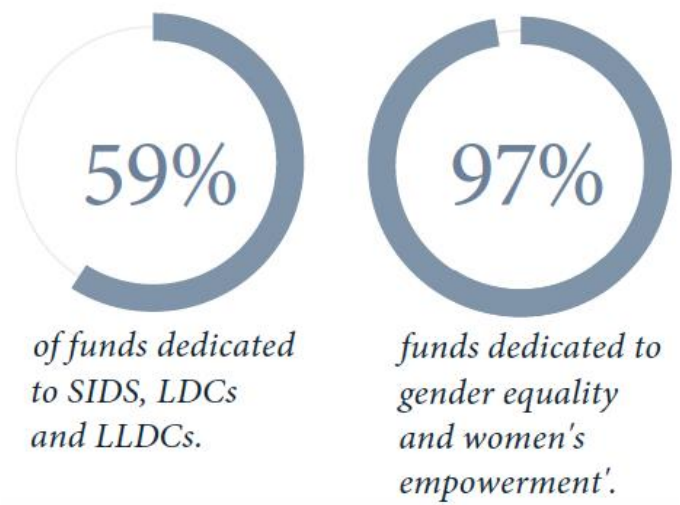
**122 UN**  
*country teams and multi-country offices operating joint programmes.*

**85 UNCTs**  
*implemented rapid assessments and actions in response to global cost-of-living crisis.*

**57**  **70**   
*SDG financing strategies developed and being launched.* *national or sub-national surveys conducted to assess the global cost-of-living crisis.*

**\$320 Million**  
*budgeted in financial commitments for SDG acceleration.*

**\$4.96 Billion**  
*unlocked in additional resources to finance the SDGs.*

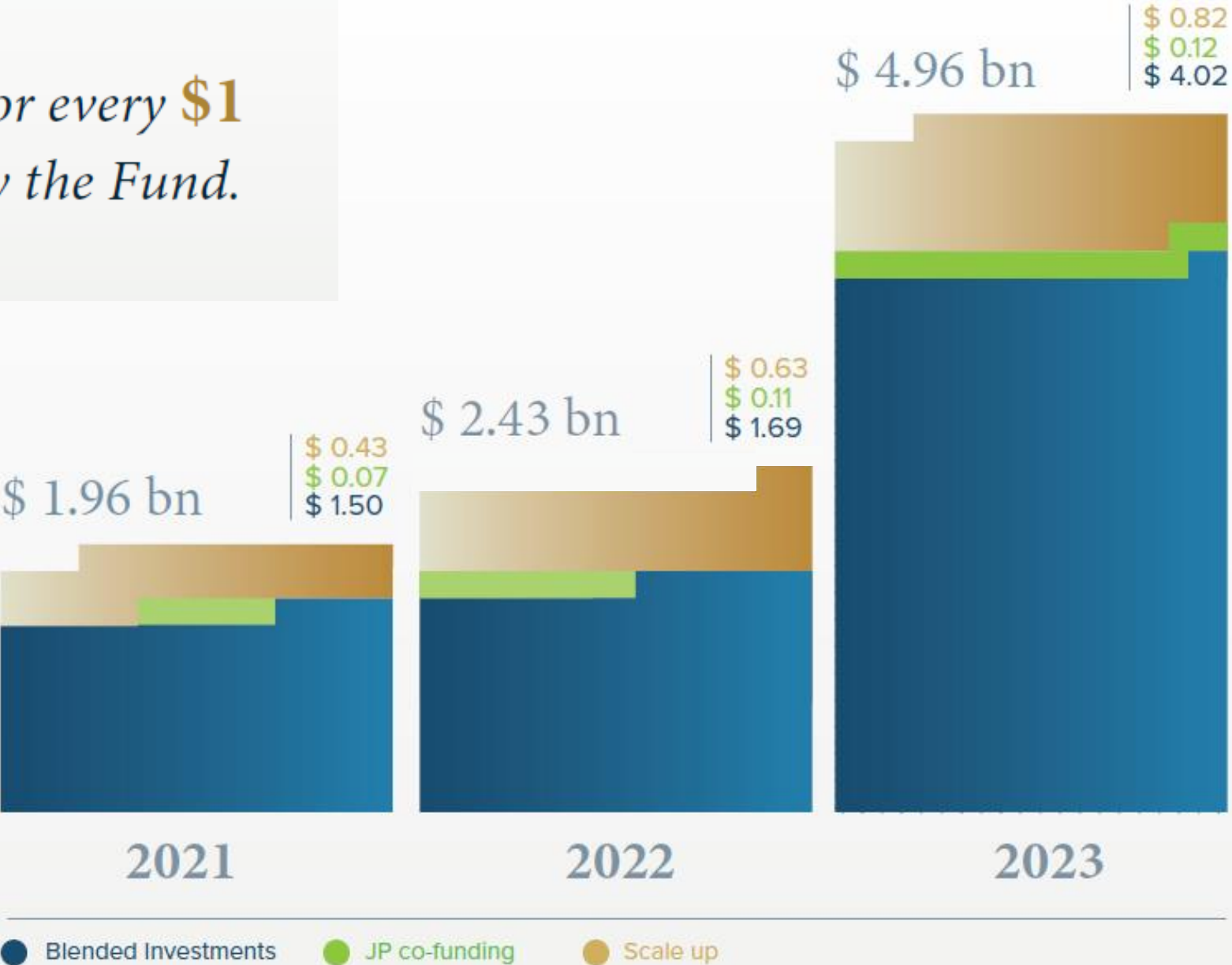



**42** SIDS building resilience in social protection, sustainable growth, data and digitalization.

**91** integrated policy solutions being developed and piloted.

# Joint SDG Fund financial leverage by financial instrument 2021-2023

*\$18 raised for every \$1 committed by the Fund.*



**60** 

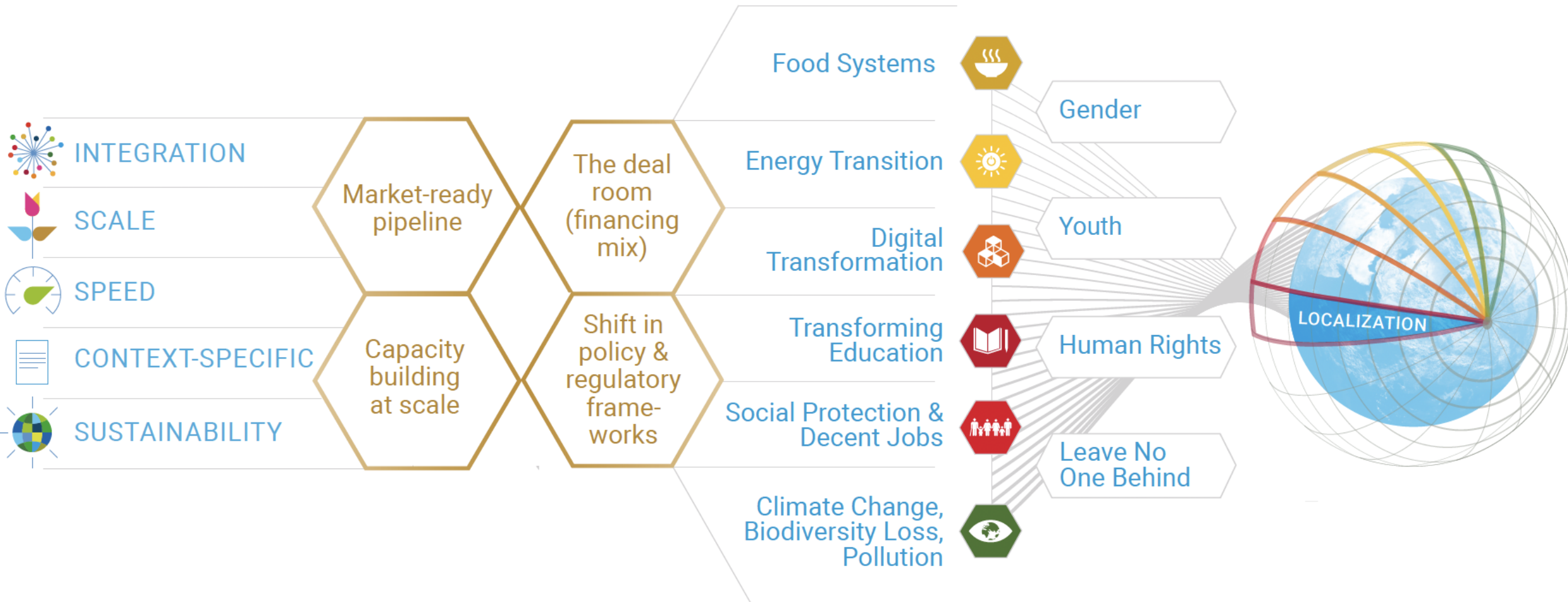
*blended financing solutions developed and launched to diversify SDG financing.*

# Fund Strategy 2023-2026: Key SDG Transitions

KEY PILLARS  
OF TRANSFORMATION

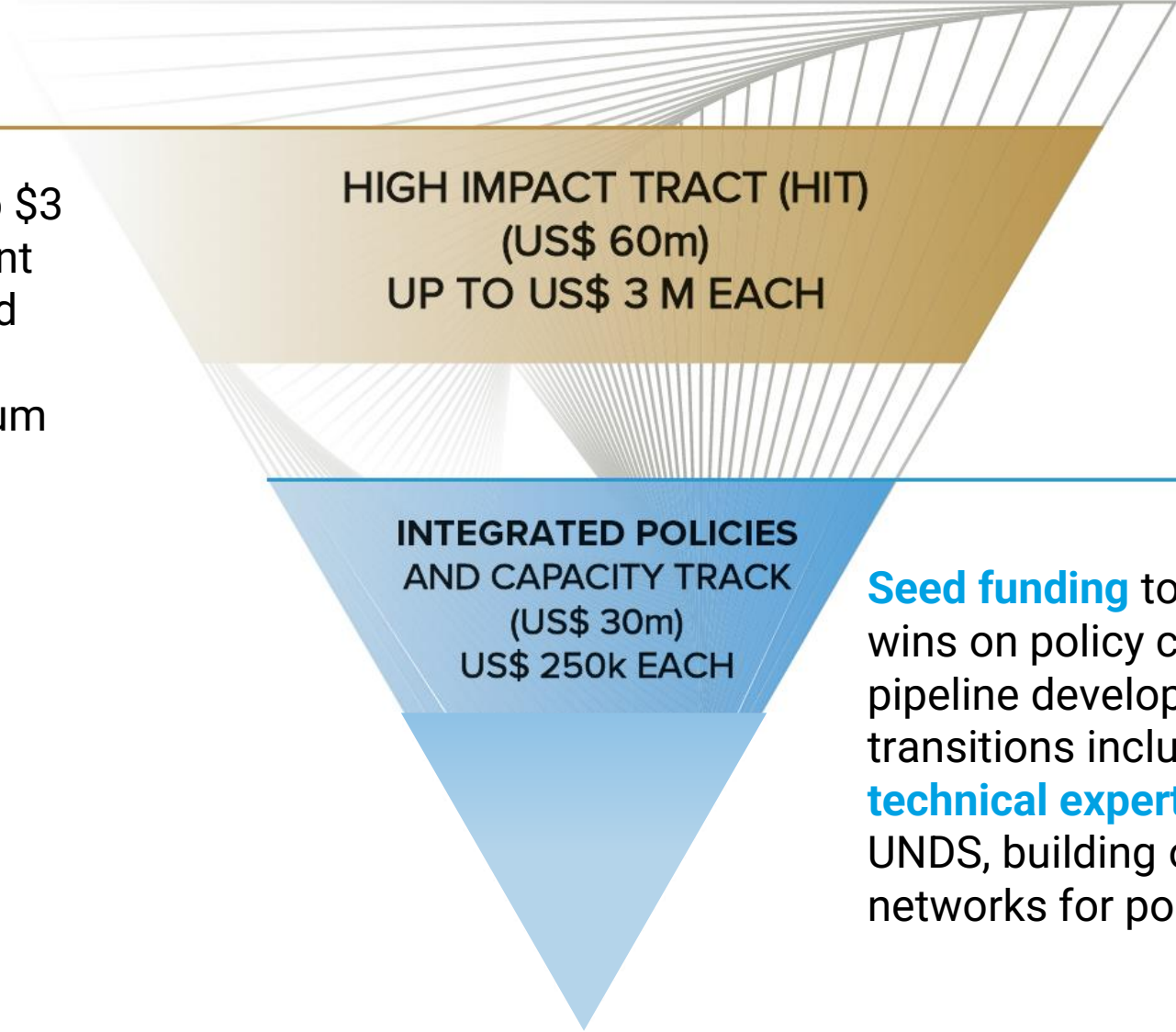
ENABLING ACTIONS

FINANCING MECHANISM FOR SDG TRANSITIONS



# 2024 funding envelope for the key transitions US\$ 90M

Larger allocations of up to \$3 million to **High Impact** Joint programmes for integrated policy support across transitions enable maximum acceleration based upon country readiness and opportunities for financial leverage.



HIGH IMPACT TRACT (HIT)  
(US\$ 60m)  
UP TO US\$ 3 M EACH

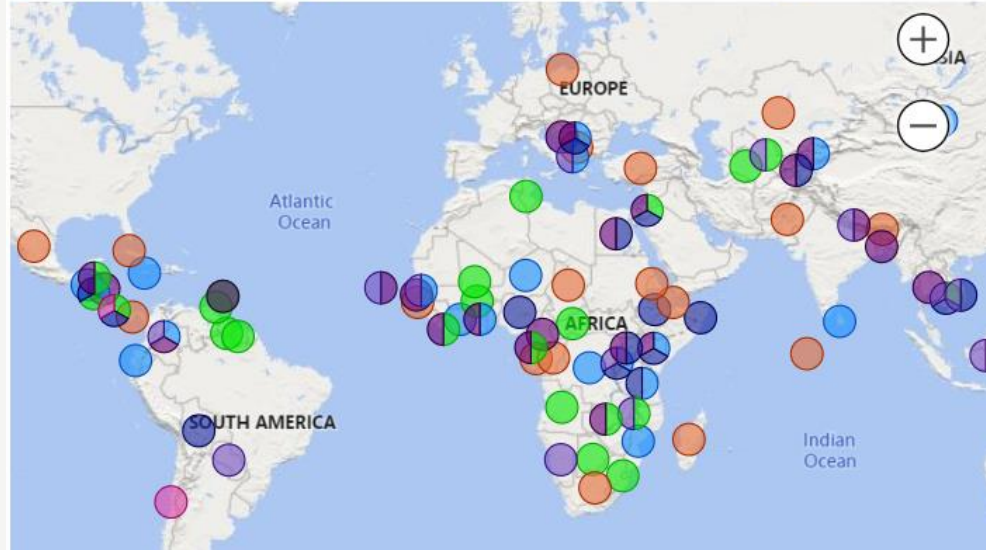
INTEGRATED POLICIES  
AND CAPACITY TRACK  
(US\$ 30m)  
US\$ 250k EACH

**Seed funding** to UNCTs for quick wins on policy coordination and pipeline development for SDG transitions including **deployment of technical expertise** to fill gaps in UNDS, building on existing UN expert networks for policy advisory services.



# New Generation of Joint Programmes for Key Transitions

● Digital 
 ● Energy 
 ● Food Systems 
 ● Integrated Policy 
 ● Localization 
 ● Localization, Digital 
 ● Social Protection/Jobs



## 125

New joint programmes driving key transitions.

## \$51.6m

In co-funding dedicated by UN/Gov partners.

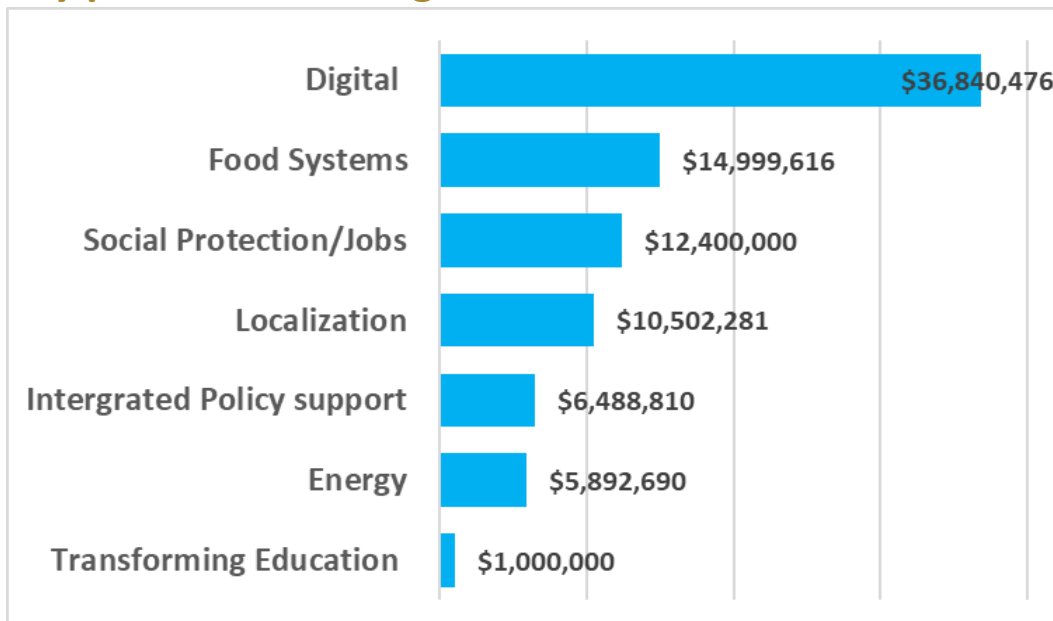
## \$85.5m

In JSDGF resources committed in 2024.

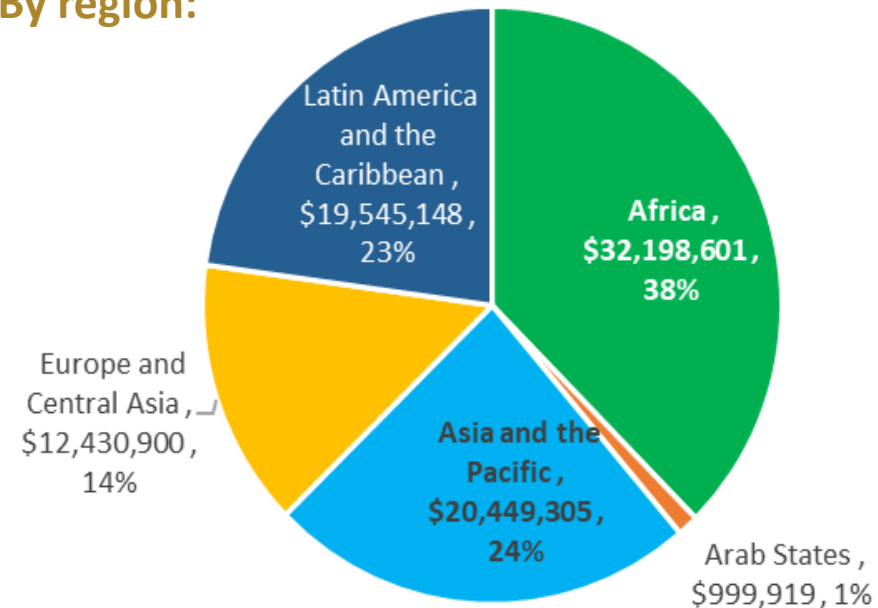
## 45.3%

Dedicated to LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS.

### By portfolio/funding track:



### By region:



Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on Digital Transformation.

## \$40.3 M

Invested across 22 joint programmes across 10 countries in Africa, 7 in LAC, 3 in Asia-Pacific, and 3 in ECA.

## \$130 M

Additional \$ in resources projected to be mobilized for scaling up impact.

## 50+

Digital policies, platforms, and policy tools to be developed to enhance access & usage of digital services.

## 11 M

Anticipated number of people to directly benefit from the various digital platforms and e-services.

- The Fund promotes digital cooperation to bridge divides, improve government services, enhance connectivity and digital financing, and advance digital public goods and human rights.
- It focuses on creating equitable and safe digital environments, supports cross-cutting initiatives, and builds digital capacity to unlock the full potential of technology for the SDGs.

### GHANA

- Improving micro, small, and medium enterprises through enhanced digital literacy, it will develop the capacity of 110,000 youth and women, offer e-commerce support to more than 5,000 enterprises, half of which are led by women, and empower 200 policymakers on e-commerce policy reforms to increase access to capital, skills and market opportunities.

### GUATEMALA

- Providing access to online public services for over 875,000 citizens, including a new system for digital identity registration and management and tools that work together seamlessly. Additionally, over 660,000 citizens will access social security through a one-stop online portal and more than 96,000 people will be registered in the Social Household Registry.

### SRI LANKA

- Making digital technologies enable civil registration, it will provide access to 1,270,000 citizens in the e-population and civil registry, issue 126,000 digital birth certificates, and bring more than 500,000 people into the fold of legal identity, enabling job creation, business development and economic growth.

# Food Systems Transformation

- The Fund supports countries in transitioning to sustainable and inclusive food systems, in support of the follow-up to the UN Food Systems Summit.
- It drives multistakeholder initiatives for food system transformation, focusing on equity, health, resilience, climate strategies, water management, and fair trade.

## BOLIVIA

- Transforming the food system by strengthening traditional agriculture in harmony with the Amazon ecosystem and indigenous culture to support 5,800 small producers from 14 municipalities, focusing on indigenous people, women, and youth. It also improves food access, nutrition, market competitiveness, and enhance governance capacity.

## ETHIOPIA

- Reducing aid dependency by improving agricultural commercialization and enhancing their market and financial access for 2000 smallholder farmers, 17 women and youth organizations, and 80 cooperatives. The increase of agricultural value add is accompanied by strengthening regional governance and investments.

## SOMALIA

- Integrating security and resilience into social protection targets 40,000 rural households, prioritizing women and youth, to improve access to nutritious food, financial services, fair labor, and climate-smart agriculture while also strengthening government capacity for data-driven, collaborative policymaking.

# 18

*Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on Food Systems Transformation.*

# \$15 M

*Invested to drive catalytic action around Food Systems Transformation.*

# \$7.6 M

*Co-funded for joint programme implementation.*

# 17

*UN entities partnering in implementing joint programmes for food systems transformation.*

# Social Protection & Decent Jobs (Global Accelerator)

- The Joint SDG Fund prioritizes social protection expansion and decent job creation as critical to sustainable development and fostering economic resilience, social inclusion, and low-carbon transitions, underpinning the broader SDG agenda.
- Aligning with the UN Global Accelerator, these initiatives integrate policy and financing in emerging sectors like green, care, and digital economies, including a new strategic collaboration with the World Bank.

## CAMBODIA

- Boosting national capacity for identifying growth opportunities, creating jobs, and generating income. This joint programme promotes labor market flexibility and business resilience through integrated policies, targeting improved livelihoods for 2.3 million beneficiaries, especially those in extreme poverty.

## UZBEKISTAN

- Formalising informal employment to create decent jobs, expanding social insurance to informal and migrant workers, and integrating employment with social protection policies. The increased income security through more decent work will ultimately result in higher government revenues and enhanced public services for all.

## MALAWI

- Improving access to jobs and social protection within the agricultural value chains, expected to benefit 20,400 people, while indirectly impacting about 12 million individuals. Curriculum development for secondary schools will facilitate smoother transitions to work for graduates, a component projected to positively impact 7 million people.

# 14

*Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on Social Protection & Decent Jobs.*

# \$12.4 M

*Invested across 14 joint programmes in 5 countries in Africa, 5 in Asia-Pacific, 2 in ECA and 2 in LAC.*

# \$2.3 M

*Additional \$ to be invested in 9 countries through the UN-World Bank collaboration through joint programmes focused on evidence generation & diagnostics.*

# 7

*UN entities partnering in implementing joint programmes for decent jobs and social protection.*

# SDG Localization

- The Fund's new strategy prioritizes SDG localization as a pivotal driver of all key SDG transitions. In partnership with the Local 2030 Coalition, it supports initiatives that demonstrate how localization enables tailored, sustainable development solutions at all levels, empowering local communities and authorities through participation, ownership, and capacity building.

## THAILAND

- Scaling-up government-led campaigns on waste management by building awareness, enhancing capacity and institutionalizing partnership with all 77 provinces. In 2 cities, it will incubate bankable climate-related projects while promoting financing solutions to support green transition at the subnational level.

## GEORGIA

- Enhancing food systems policies by supporting local food waste management plans and building local capacities. Also implementing of integrated public services and digital inclusion practices to enhance municipal social service delivery, specially for children.

## HONDURAS

- Improving overall coordination of the educational system, with a focus on training and incentives for teachers at the local level to promote collaboration and community support, in accelerating inclusive education outcomes in 30 municipalities, benefitting more than 125,000 children.

# 30

*Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on SDG Localization.*

# \$10.5 M

*Invested across 10 joint programmes in Africa, 8 in Asia-Pacific, 6 in Latin America, 4 in Europe and Central Asia and 2 in Arab States.*

# \$7.3 M

*Mobilized in co-funding from UN agencies, governments and other sources.*

# 11

*Joint Programmes, beyond the SDG Localization funding round, identified by the marker to be prioritizing the acceleration of the SDGs at the local level.*

# Capitalization, Accountability and Partnerships

**\$55.9**

Million in contributions in 2023.

**37**

Decentralized & Global Evaluations conducted.

**\$68.1**

Million in signed commitments for 2024 onwards.

**100%**

Implementation of System-wide evaluation recommendations.

**17**

Contributing Member States

**97%**

Committed to GEN2 & 3 programmes.

Commitments for 2025-2028: signed pledges of \$19,131,543 (European Union, The Netherlands, Germany) and unsigned pledge of approx.

\$33,500,000 from Spain for a total of 52,631,543.





# Thank You!

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