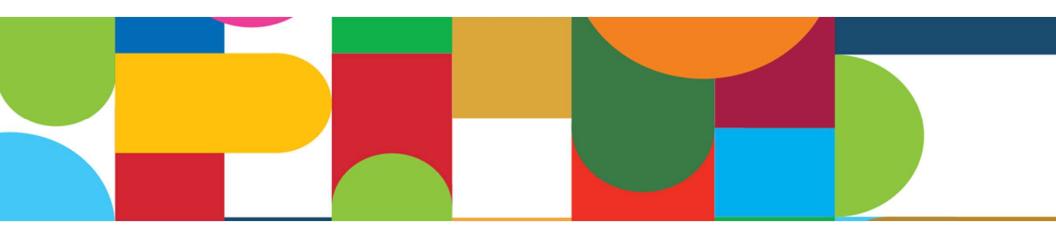


# **United Nations Joint SDG Fund**

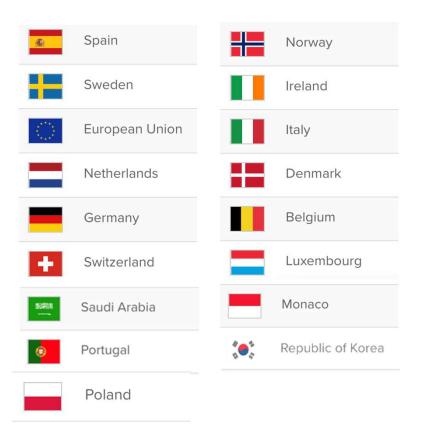
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## The UN Joint SDG Fund



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





#### 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







Targets set by the Funding Compact.

Anchoring to Country Cooperation Frameworks.

#### **32 UN ENTITIES PARTNERS**

DESA, FAO, IFAD, ILO, IOM, ITC, 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.



# 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.

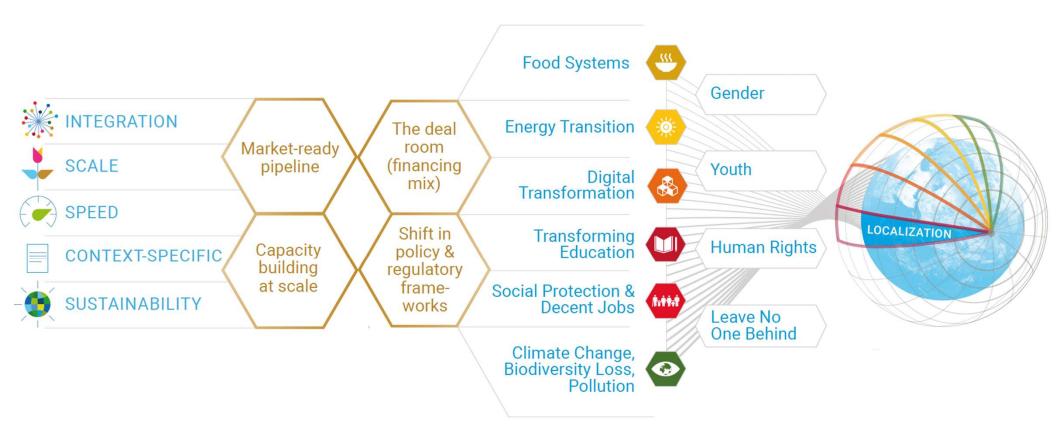
## **Fund Strategy 2023-2026: Key SDG Transitions**



KEY PILLARS
OF TRANSFORMATION

**ENABLING ACTIONS** 

FINANCING MECHANISM FOR SDG TRANSITIONS



# From the SDG Summit to the Pact for the Future: accelerating SDGs



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)

- Focus Areas: Integration | Scale | Speed | Sustainability
- Key Sectors: Digital Transformation | Food Systems | Social Protection | Energy | Local SDG Implementation

### Alignment with the Pact for the Future (2024)

- Recognized in the Global Digital Compact as a key mechanism for pooled and blended investments.
- Accelerates Digital Transformation to strengthen public services, food systems, socio-economic growth, and gender equality.
- Supports Policy, Financing and Connectivity for systemic, sustainable impact.

# **New Generation of Joint Programmes for Key Transitions**



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NEW JOINT PROGRAMMES DRIVING KEY TRANSITIONS

\$62.1 M

IN CO-FUNDING DEDICATED BY UN/GOV PARTNERS

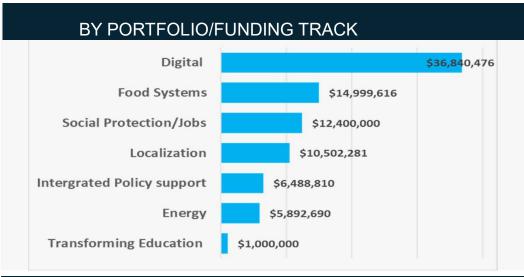
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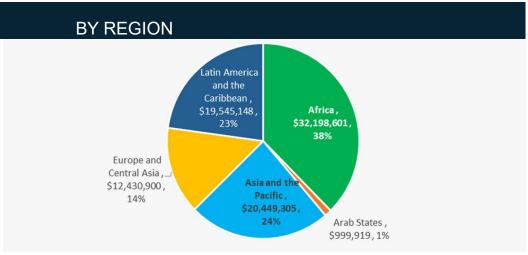
IN JSDGF RESOURCES COMMITTED IN 2024

45.3%

DEDICATED TO LDCS, LLDCS, SIDS







# **Digital Transformation Funding Round**



## **Main Objectives:**

Promote digital transformation as a catalytic opportunity to accelerate SDGs impact.

Advance digital Transformation Informed by UN principles.

Leverage the comparative advantages and capacities of the UN development system to bring about integrated support and policies for inclusive digital transformation.

## **Offerings:**







Government service systems transformation

Inclusive digital connectivity Digital finance & payments





E-commerce, market access & trade Digital for the planet

## **Cross-cutting Digital Drivers**



## Digital public goods

 Interventions will create and promote digital public goods by promoting and localizing opensource software, open data, and standards that ensure interoperability while adhering to best practices in human rights and privacy.

## Digital inclusion in underserved areas

 Interventions will support achieving universal meaningful connectivity, which is foundational to all digital transformation efforts, and ensuring digital inclusion in underserved areas, in line with the Meaningful Connectivity indicators.

### Digital capacity building and digital skills

 Interventions will ensure the necessary digital capacities and digital skills in Government, amongst the public, or other stakeholders that are essential to unlock and sustain the benefits of digital transformation.

## Digital human rights

 Interventions aim to protect human rights, privacy, and data governance by addressing unlawful surveillance, digital freedom, digital identity privacy, and human-rights laws: <u>Guidance:</u> <u>Integrating human rights in digital transformation joint programming</u>

# **Digital Transformation footprint**

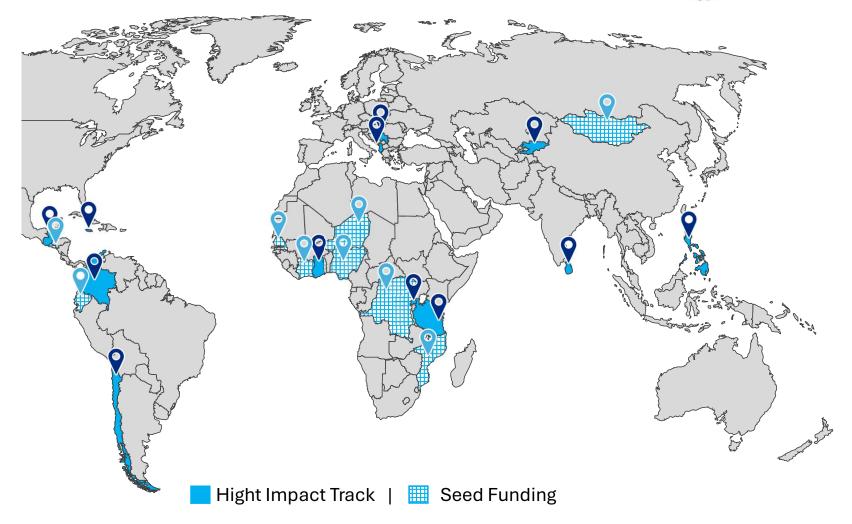




- Chile
- Colombia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kyrgyzstan
- Philippine
- Rwanda
- Serbia
- Sri Lanka
- Tanzania

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- DRC
- Ecuador
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## **Partnerships & financing**

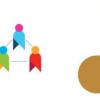


Coordinating with over 100 GOVERNMENT ministries and agencies for an average of 7 per programme.



Strategically Aligning with over 100 existing Team EU Global Gateway and Europe (TEI) Initiatives.

Collaborating and implementing with over 125 PARTNERS from private sector, civil society and academia.





Stimulated and activated CO-FUNDING from 18 UN Agency Partners and 7 Governments totaling over \$10m.

Amplifying over 30 related Initiatives from World Bank, USAID, AFD, IDB and ADB increasing EFFICIENCY and effectiveness of programmes.





LEVERAGING over \$130m with co-funding, co-financing and scaled-up policies and coordination with adjacent pilots.

## The Joint SDG Fund and deploying STI for the SDGs



The Fund represents an efficient and strategic platform to connect global agenda and priorities with the national ones by

- Enabling UN entities to align and integrate their efforts under the leadership of the RCs
- Fostering a collaborative approach harnessing the complementary strengths across the UNDS
- · Creating synergies that yield results far greater than what could be achieved by separate actions

# Value proposition for digital transformation

Support inclusive and effective digital solutions across sectors to drive digital economy, citizen-centric public services, resilient food systems, increased access to markets, sustainable socioeconomic growth, and women empowerment and gender equality.

**Kenya:** catalyze and build local digital platforms & support domestic digital hubs to empower marginalized citizens.

**Ghana**: Digital Gateway to facilitate access for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to broader markets.

**Chile:** reducing the digital divide and improving connectivity in lagging rural territories, with highest multidimensional poverty rates.

# **DigiKen** – Digital Platforms Kenya: A thriving Kenyan digital platforms ecosystem for sustainable development









Promoting science, technology, and innovation to support SDGs, including access to digital technologies and skills.

- DigiKen emphasizes STI through digital innovation hubs, MIL curricula, and Al-driven solutions for underserved communities. Metrics include training 20,000 officials and reaching 2 million Kenyans.
- DigiKen institutionalizes the training into the government's civil servant training institute: DigiKen's planned collaboration with the Kenya School of Government, the country's designated institute for civil servant training, to update its training modules on digitalisation to support wider public sector efforts to grow the digital platform ecosystem.
- **Enhancing and building Partnerships** with EU initiatives and local governments enhance its capacity-building focus.

# **Leveraging Digital Ecosystems for increased MSMEs' Productivity in Ghana**





Promoting innovation and technology as cross-cutting enablers for sustainable development, with a focus on capacity-building for developing countries.



- The JP emphasizes digital capacity- building for 25,000 MSMEs and supports innovation hubs to foster technological adoption.
- The digital business support system will be strengthened and, enabling more MSMEs in more districts to transition into more scalable and profitable ventures.
- Contributions to Ghana's digital infrastructure align with the SDG focus on technological advancement.

# Accelerating the SDGs through digital connectivity in Chile's lagging rural territories

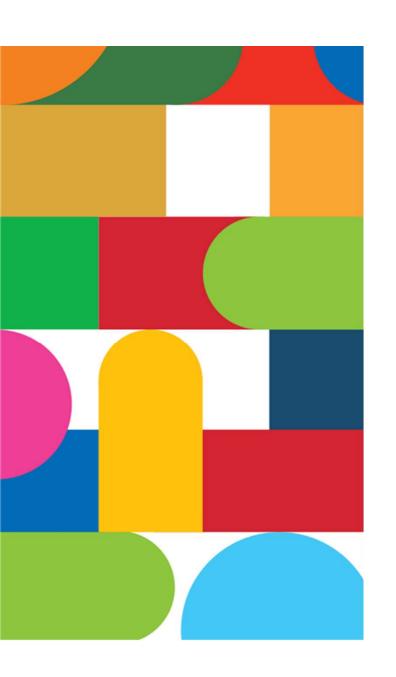




Promote innovation, technology transfer, and capacity-building for sustainable development.



- The JP invests in expansion of digital infrastructure and services to reach lagging territories, scaling up impact and scope to reach the rural populations.
- The JP prioritizes digital capacity- building, targeting 3,950 individuals for digital skills training and promoting AgTech for smallholders. It explicitly focuses on innovation in agriculture, health, and education and in targeting females on digital skills.
- The JP will implement Telehealth and Telemedicine solutions in the municipalities in the localities where the connectivity solutions will be implemented, potentially benefiting more than 25,000 inhabitants of those lagging municipalities.



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