STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE

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Reference documents: E/ICEF/2023/26;
UNICEF/2023/EB/13
Flexible funding is critical to achieving the SDGs

Trends in core and non-core funding to United Nations Development System (UNDS), 2011-2021

*Source: Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2023
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2022 Income composition (US$)

Public sector, $6,539M, 70%
Private sector, $2,665M, 29%
Other income, $123M, 1%

2022 RR composition (US$)

Public sector, $494M, 37%
Private sector, $709M, 54%
Other income, $123M, 9%

*ACT-A: Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator
The ratio of RR to total income is decreasing; UNICEF is 86% ‘projectized’

What does this mean?

**MANDATE**

**FACT**: ALL rights; ALL children, EVERYWHERE

**Becomes**:
SOME rights, SOME children, SOME places

**EFFICIENCY & EFFECTIVENESS**

**FACT**: 136% ↑ in donor reports; 5,140 in 2018 → 12,154 in 2022.

**FACT**: 47% ↑ in OR grants; 3,616 in 2012 → 5,327 in 2022.

**FACT**: 81% ↑ in donor financial statements; 2,960 in 2012 → 5,371 in 2022.

**PROGRAMME RESULTS**

**FACT**: Over 85% of UNICEF core funding supports programming in over 190 countries & territories.

**ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT**

**FACT**: ↑ in projects = ↑ in project-specific oversight, quality assurance and accountability requirements which are not fully covered by OR funding

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![Graph showing the ratio of RR to total income decreasing over time.](image-url)
Core resources from Member States to UNICEF as a share of overall public sector income (including humanitarian):

- Baseline 2018: 13%
- Status 2019: 11%
- Status 2020: 11%
- Status 2021: 9%
- Status 2022: 8%

The trend is reversing away from the Member States Funding Compact commitment on core funding.
Way forward: Funding Compact 2.0

Offers opportunities for:

• Improving both why and how of the Funding Compact

• **Tighter** but ambitious, measurable indicators to advance UN collaboration for SDGs

• Stronger **mutual accountability** and commitment from Member States and UNDS

• **Innovative approaches** to flexible funding
Thank you.