

# Joint briefing on Common Chapter

Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and UN Women

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# EB on Common Chapter

2017: Requests the Funds and Programmes “to elaborate in its strategic plan on how it plans to engage in coherent and integrated support, as called for in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” as well as, to “work collaboratively on the development of a specific chapter in its strategic plan outlining a common approach towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”;

2018: “agencies to continue consultations (...) on the harmonized format for Common Chapter reporting and asks [all four agencies] to report on the status of the implementation of the Common Chapter, starting with the annual report for 2018, at the joint meeting of the Executive Boards and at its annual session”;

# Common Chapter in Strategic Plans

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## **Identical section of the 2018-2021 Strategic Plans of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN with six areas:**

Area 1: Eradicating poverty;

Area 2: Addressing climate change;

Area 3: Improving adolescent and maternal health;

Area 4: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

Area 5: Ensuring greater availability and use of disaggregated data for sustainable development;

Area 6: Emphasizing that development is a central goal in itself, and that in countries in conflict and post-conflict situations the development work of the entities of the United Nations development system can contribute to peacebuilding and sustaining peace, in accordance with national plans, needs and priorities and respecting national ownership.

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# Recent steps

Strong commitment how the four agencies will undertake joint work in a different manner in the context of Agenda 2030.

Dissemination of Common Chapter to all country representatives: joint letter by heads of all four agencies; importance and level of commitment to implementation.

Two approaches for implementation: existing country-level mechanisms (UNDAF, MAPS etc.) & 'accelerator initiatives'.

# Initial Mapping of initiatives

Since January 2018, **18 new initiatives** (at least two agencies working together on at least one of the six thematic areas at regional and/or country level)

**CC areas 3 and 6 are the most common with 4 initiatives each**

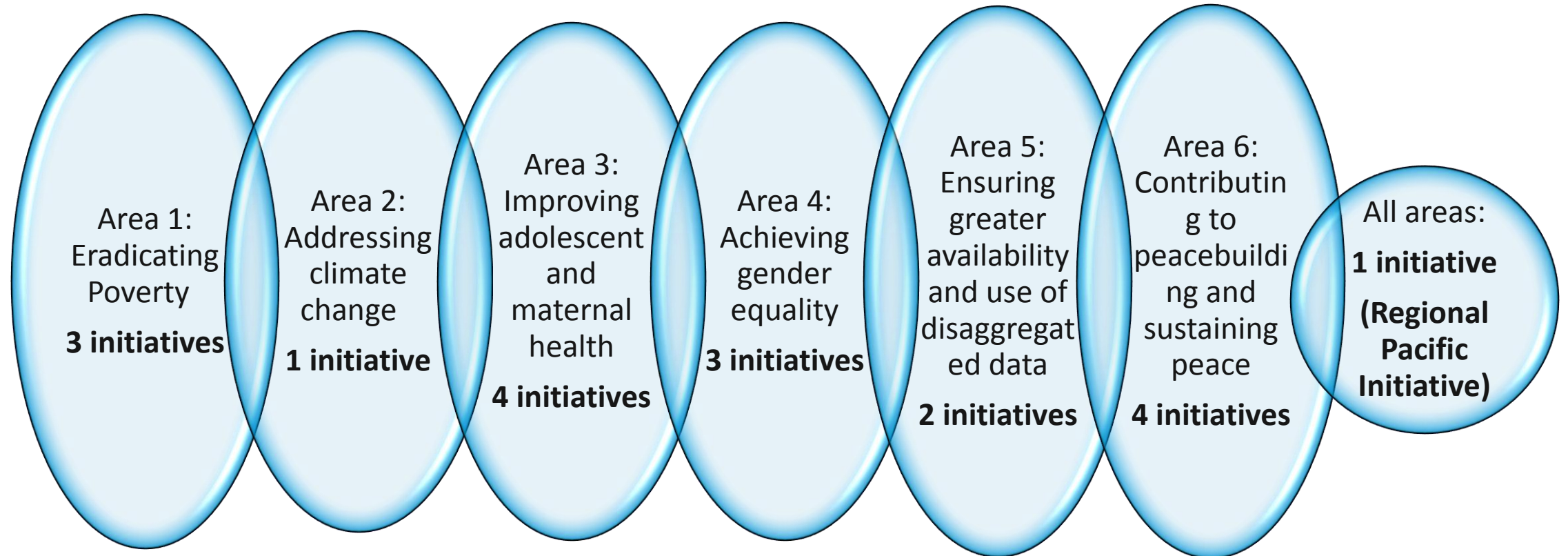
**5 initiatives involve all 4 agencies**

**Many partnerships go beyond the 4 agencies, including WHO, UNAIDS, UNESCO, OHCHR**

**6 Initiatives cover 2 CC areas**

**1 initiative includes all 6 CC areas**

# Initial initiatives by Common Chapter areas



# Workshop and Management Arrangements

Thematic workshop of all four agencies to further discuss operationalizing the Common Chapter

- Accelerator initiatives (thematic and/or regional)
- Systematic monitoring and reporting on implementation and results

Management arrangements for Common Chapter implementation at the global and regional level agreed between four agencies and communicated to field offices

# Management Arrangement





# Potential Accelerators

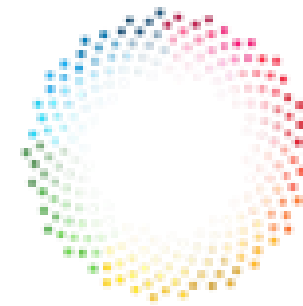
Spotlight

Data

UN Pacific Strategy (2018-2022)

Sahel UNISS Support Plan

# Accelerator example



**Spotlight  
Initiative**

Global partnership between the UN and the EU to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls;

Initial commitment of €500 million from the EU;

Large-scale, targeted support, leverage multi-stakeholder partnerships;

Targeted, large-scale investments in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific and the Caribbean (currently CPD development in eight countries in Africa, and in five in Latin America);

UN multi-stakeholder trust fund, administered by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, with the support of UNDP, UNFPA and UN Women, and overseen by EOSG.

# Conclusion and next steps

Our four agencies are working closely across the six common chapter areas

Developing funding compacts, building on experience of Spotlight, to further scale up our joint actions, which we hope our partners will support.

Reporting on Common Chapter implementation to our respective Boards will continue to be harmonized and informative: joint annex attached to each agencies' annual results report & embedding specific aspects in the reports themselves.

Impact of implementation of Common Chapter will take time, and progress may not be even across all six areas.