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**Results Group 1: Effective
Governance and Justice for All**



**Results Group 2: Inclusive
human capital development
leading to health, well-being and
resilient prosperity**



**Results Group 3: Sustainable,
climate-responsible, and
resilient development**

- National priorities and development trends
- Thematic priorities for 2024-2025
- Planned Results and Funding Framework for 2024

Effective Governance and Justice for All

National priorities and development trends

National Priorities

- Constitutional reform, presidential elections, PAR (social state, institutional and senior staff changes, creation of NASP)
- Strategy 2030: 5 areas, 100 goals
- Annual Action Plan on Strategy 2030
- Draft Anti-Corruption Strategy
- Criminalization of domestic violence
- Local governance reform (Kengashes, khokimiyats and makhallas)
- Year of Youth and Business Development

Development Trends

- Socially oriented and inclusive policies
- Shift from national to local transformations
- Priority areas:
 - Anti-corruption
 - Digitalization
 - Gender equality
 - Youth empowerment
 - Local governance
 - Justice, Human Rights and Rule of Law
 - Civil service

National SDG Commitment: Increasing the share of women in managerial positions by 30% and in higher education by 50%

Governance and anti-corruption

- Improve access to public services and transform local governance to serve people
- Strengthen anti-corruption ecosystem, development and implementation of National Anti-Corruption Strategy

Justice and security

- Strengthen rule of law and human rights protection
- Enhance law enforcement's capacity to address drugs, crime, and terrorism in line with human rights standards
- Increase cooperation between law enforcement agencies
- Promote and support reforms on access to justice for children
- Development and implementation of Counter-Narcotics Strategy

Gender equality

- Support implementation of National Gender Strategy
- Strengthen National Women's Machinery System
- Integrate gender equality into government planning and budgeting
- Address violence against women, girls, and boys and improve criminal justice responses
- Improve collection and use of gender statistics, monitoring of gender-based violence

Civil society and human rights

- Empower citizens to access information and hold government accountable
- Strengthen civil society participation and eliminate discriminatory norms
- Support implementation of human rights policies
- Increase capacity for refugee protection
- Empower communities and people living with HIV



Investment and finance

- Establish a SPECA Working Group on Investment and Financial Cooperation

Data collection

- Factor demographic data into policy and budget
- Improve national capacity for evidence-based policymaking using population data both on national and local level
- Strengthen national census implementation capacity
- Enhance the national statistical agency's capacity to collect and analyze data
- Develop a Country Gender Snapshot for gender equality policies

Gender equality

- Integrate gender-responsive budgeting into government planning

Public spending

- Improve budgeting practices to better target spending on children, adolescents, and families
- Develop a methodology to track child-sensitive, gender-responsive, and youth-friendly spending in the budget
- Mainstream climate and green considerations into the budgetary process to better monitor and track the achievement of the government's green priorities

Poverty reduction

- Strengthen the government's capacity to measure and address poverty, particularly poverty among vulnerable groups (e.g. children, persons with disabilities, etc)

Effective Governance and Justice for All

Planned Results for 2024

Outcome 1

- **8 million people** benefit from improved public services, **1.5 million people** benefit from digital technologies
- **National Anti-Corruption and Counter-Narcotics Strategies** and **law on whistleblower protection** are adopted
- **10,650 internally displaced people, migrants, refugees** benefit from integrated and targeted interventions, including on strengthening social cohesion
- **400,000 people** benefit from free legal aid services
- **Media and information literacy** policies and capacity-building strategies will be developed and implemented
- **Strengthened policies** to ensure women's economic well-being and empowerment, address discriminatory gender and social norms, stereotypes and practices

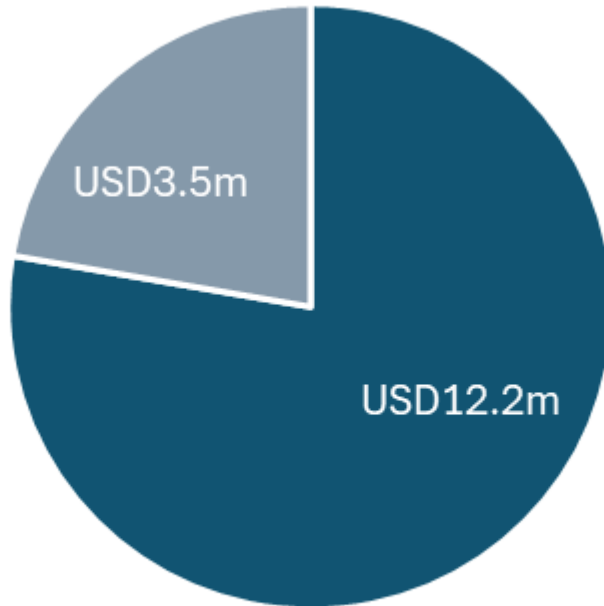
Outcome 2

- **\$25 million** accessed/leveraged by the country for the SDGs through UN investments/technical assistance (incl. climate finance, blended and private finance, thematic bonds, UN MTPFs)
- Expert support for ensuring **Population and Housing Census** provided in line with international standards (2025)
- **Multidimensional Poverty Index** is integrated as a fundamental policy-making tool for evidence-based policies.

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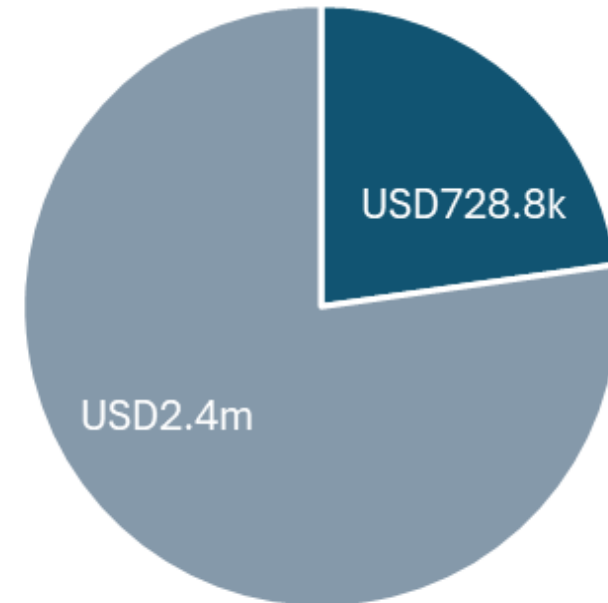
Annual Funding Framework for 2024

Outcome 1: Inclusive and Accountable Institutions and Rule of Law



■ Available ■ Funding gap

Outcome 2: Policies, Financing and Data for SDGs



■ Available ■ Funding gap

National priorities and development trends

Uzbekistan 2030 Strategy (Pillars 1 and 2)

I. Creation of decent conditions for realizing the potential of every person

- I. Education (12 Targets) (SDG4)
- II. Public Health (9 Targets) (SDG3)
- III. Social Protection and Poverty Reduction (8 Targets) (SDG1, SDG8, SDG10)

II. Ensuring the welfare of the population through sustainable economic growth

16 Targets, which correspond to SDG1, SDG8, SDG9, SDG17

National SDG Commitments (by 2030):

- Doubling the GDP to USD160mln and achieving UMIC status
- Increasing labor productivity by 2 times
- Halving the poverty rate by 2026
- Reducing child and maternal mortality
- Full coverage by preschool education and 50% tertiary enrollment rate
- Reduction of mortality from TB and NCDs by more than 2 times

Economic Growth, Jobs Creation and Decent Work

- **Create formal jobs:** Improve business environment to match job creation with population growth.
- **Reduce informal economy:** Focus on a large sector (52% of GDP, 40% of workers) to increase tax revenue and formalization.
- **Update skills training:** Reform programs to address new green and digital job demands.
- **Protect new jobs:** Regulate and offer labor protections for emerging employment forms (e.g., platform workers).
- **Promote inclusion:** Ensure social and labor market opportunities for women, young people, and people with disabilities.
- **Manage migration:** Diversify destinations for migrant workers and support their reintegration upon return.

HEALTH

- Improvement in the average life expectancy of the population
- National Health Strategy (*soon to be finalized*)
- Expansion of access to primary healthcare services for all
- Reduction of maternal and child mortality
- Prevention & treatment of communicable & non-communicable diseases (including cancers);
- Promotion of proper nutrition, healthy lifestyle, and healthy aging
- Prevention & treatment for children's genetic diseases
- Reinforcement of digital technologies and innovations in health care

Ref: Strategy "Uzbekistan 2030" ([link](#))



National priorities and development trends

EDUCATION:

- 1.2 million new school seats and 630 thousands pre-school seats needed by 2026
- 80% students do not meet international benchmark (Level 2 PISA) in Science, Mathematics and Uzbek language
- Inclusive quality education including limited teachers capacity
- Adoption of Partnership Compact for Education Reform 2023-2026 focusing on five areas of prioritizations (infrastructure, teachers, curriculum, assessment, and governance)

SOCIAL PROTECTION

- Decrease in poverty rates over the last three years
- Institutional capacity building for the newly established National Agency for Social Protection
- Becoming a Pathfinder country for Global Accelerator on Social Protection and jobs
- Social Protection Strategy

Inclusive human capital development leading to health, well-being and resilient prosperity

UN priorities for 2024-2025

Outcome 3 Economic Growth, Jobs Creation and Decent Work

Skills development and employment promotion

- Strengthen capacity for ICT and STEM programs targeted at girls and girls with disabilities
- Promote employability and entrepreneurship for young people through green skills-building programmes
- Design and implement digital skills development programs for inclusive participation in the digital economy
- Promote decent work for care workers through evidence-based assessments and studies
- Support income-generating activities for forcibly displaced people (Afghan citizens)

Labour migration

- Collect and analyze data for improved humanitarian efforts on migration and human mobility
- Promote safe labour migration and organized labour recruitment
- Enhance labour migration governance to ensure better skills matching and protection of migrant workers

Inclusive economic growth and livelihoods of communities

- Strengthen national startup ecosystem and enhance innovative job opportunities
- Promote cross-border environmental and socio-economic cooperation
- Support the introduction of market-based solutions and green value chains
- Support crafts skills development and heritage-based tourism

Sustainable agriculture, irrigation, and forest management

- Support agricultural and irrigation skill development through enhanced TVET system, capacity development programs, and facilities modernisation
- Promote agriculture diversification and modernization through smart farming, precision agriculture practices, and enhanced productivity
- Support agricultural land market development and improve land consolidation procedures
- Promote sustainable management of forests for inclusive economic growth and reduced regional inequalities

Trade facilitation

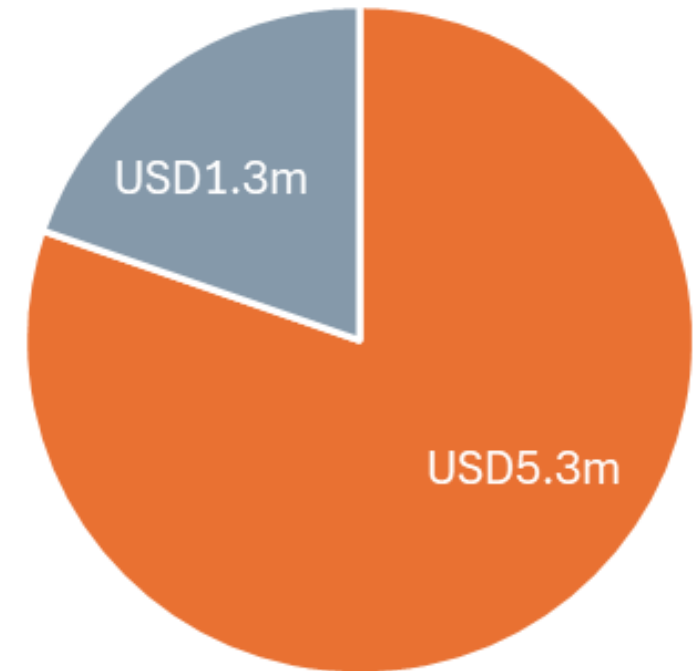
- Improve evidence-based policy-making for digital and sustainable trade facilitation
- Enhance competitiveness of high-value-added goods for exports through sustainable industrial development of the textile industry
- Support Uzbekistan's accession to the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
- Support the process of Uzbekistan's accession to the World Trade Organisation



Inclusive human capital development leading to health, well-being and resilient prosperity

Annual results for 2024 and Annual Funding Framework for 2024

- **5,000 people** benefit from income-generating activities
- **35,400 people** directly benefit from improved access to skills and lifelong learning programmes, including for comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)
- **2,240 young people** equipped with Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and digital skills
- **10,576 young people** have increased entrepreneurship capacity and technical skills to develop income-generation activities
- **5,000 additional jobs** created and retained
- **320 private sector entities** employ innovated business practices
- **2 policy measures** developed to facilitate productive, freely chosen and decent employment and productivity growth
- **10 policies** developed or improved for the benefit of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs)



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Outcome 4: HEALTH

UN priorities for 2024-2025

- Enhance the delivery of Primary Health Care services;
- Strengthen Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health (SRMNCAH) services;
- Promote healthy nutrition across the life course;
- Prevent and control Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases (including cancers);
- Encourage healthy lifestyles
- Strengthen Immunization program;
- Expand substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services;
- Ensure the application of digital technologies in health care systems.



Annual Results for 2024

54 national policies, strategies including National Health Strategy 2030, legal frameworks, regulations, action plans will be developed by the end of 2024.

7.1 million people will receive health services for communicable diseases, supported by the UN.

36 million people will benefit from services related to non-communicable diseases (NCD).

1 million people will benefit from sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services.

1 million will benefit through the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses services.

Outcome 4: **EDUCATION:**



UN priorities for 2024-2025

- Improve transparent coordination, monitoring, planning and budgeting in education;
- Continuous teacher professional development;
- Infrastructure support, including WASH standards;
- Introduce new solutions for digital learning;
- Support inclusive education, healthy lifestyle and curriculum reform;
- Expand access to quality pre-school education.

Annual Results for 2024

At least 4 new policies and financing frameworks reviewed, developed and aligned with SDG 4 with UN support.

Teacher Professional Development Capacity upgraded and supported with new courses, approaches and standards targeting over 620,000 teachers at pre-school and school levels.

At least 70 MOPSE officials and trainers benefiting from capacity development interventions.

Model schools established with support on inclusive education, digital learning and WASH (at least 60 model schools across different thematic components).

Outcome 4: SOCIAL PROTECTION



UN priorities for 2024-2025

- Strengthen social protection system through capacity building and policy making, including support to NASP, digitalization of the SP, benefits coverage, adequacy, etc;
- Strengthen Multi-sectoral Services to women and girls – survivors of violence - via Inson Centers, NGOs, Mahalla system and others
- Expand social protection to all, including the excluded groups in informal economy and strengthen social welfare services;
- Reform the childcare system to reduce the reliance on institutional care;
- Strengthen social workforce;
- Introduce and enhance social security and insurance;
- Transition to the social model of disability assessment;
- Promote shock-responsive and gender-sensitive social protection, including establishment of legislative and MIS systems with a focus on gender during emergencies;
- Enhance social protection for migrants, refugees, victims of violence, GBV.

Annual Results for 2024

At least 6 new or revised national social protection policies to extend coverage, enhance comprehensiveness, and/or increase the adequacy of benefits, develop services to prevent family separation, improve coverage by benefits and social insurance, Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality, etc.

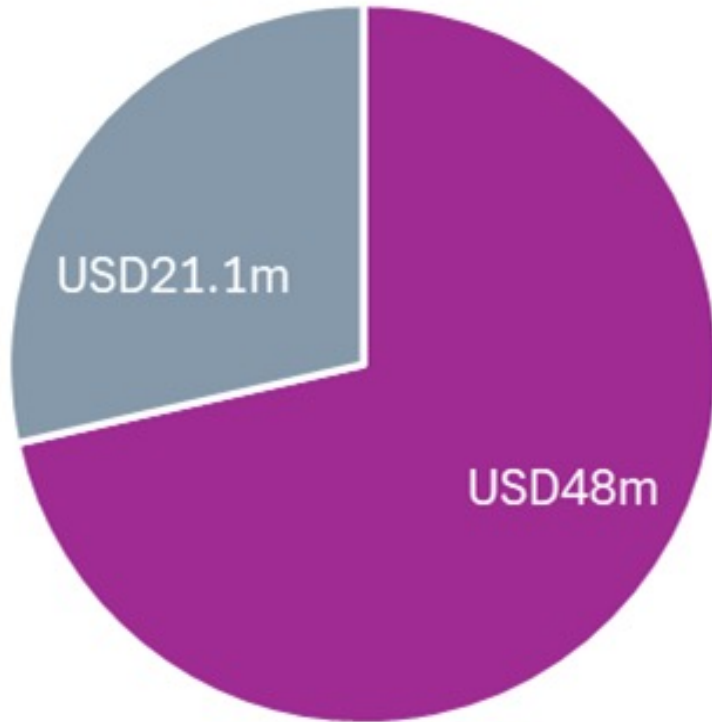
At least 10 institutions with improved capacity to deliver rights-based, gender, diversity, disability, and age-responsive social protection acquired with UN support, including NASP, Ministry of Health, etc.

4.9 million people accessing basic services, with UN support (child, disability, unemployment, informality, maternity benefits, GBV response, child protection, and care services).

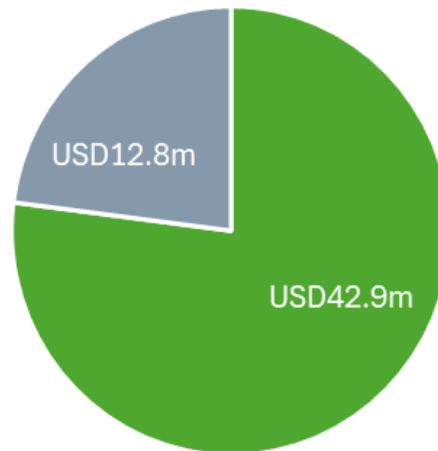
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Annual Funding Framework for 2024: outcome 4

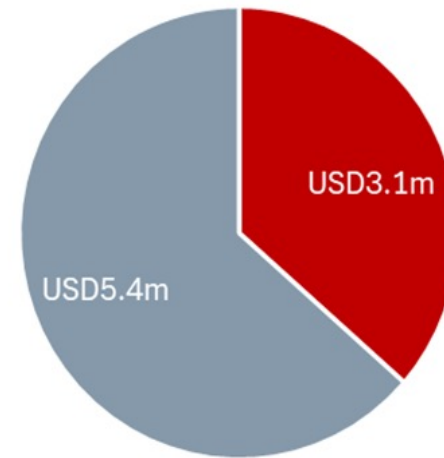
Outcome 4: Total



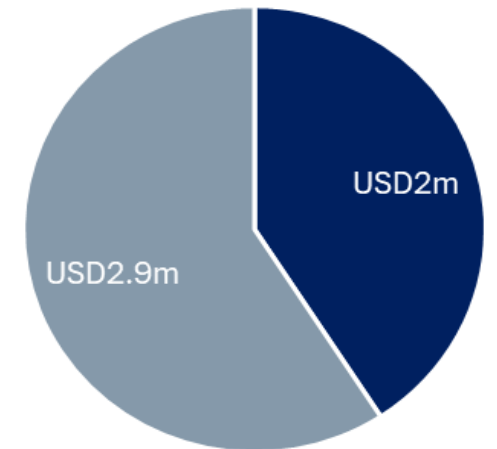
Health



Education



Social Protection



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- Moliyaviy bo'shliq

Sustainable, climate-responsible, and resilient development National priorities and development trends

STRATEGY "UZBEKISTAN - 2030"

- Increase the efficiency of water (SDG6)
- Increase the level of greening the country's territory, "Yashil Makon" (SDG15)
- Increase the share of renewable energy (SDG7)
- Stabilization of the environmental situation in the Aral Sea region (SDG13)
- Preventing the negative impacts of climate change (SDG13)
- Ensuring sustainable conservation of biodiversity (SDG15)

National SDG Commitments (by 2030)

- Increasing energy efficiency by 2 times (SDG7)
- GHG measurement, trading, and reduction (SDG13)
- Afforestation – 30% (SDG15)
- Improving solid waste and recycling rates (SDG12)
- Raising water use efficiency by 25% (SDG6)

Development trends

- ***Elevated ambition on NDCs under the Paris Agreement (SDG13):***
 - Reduce CO2 emissions by 35% by 2030
- ***Energy sector reform, including liberalization of energy tariffs (SDG7)***
 - will help attract investments, including into renewables, alleviate fiscal deficit, and improve financial situation of the energy companies
 - possible risks for increased inflation and vulnerabilities of poorer households
- ***Plans to improve air quality (and reduce air pollution) in Tashkent and other cities of Uzbekistan (SDG11.6)***
- ***UN GA Resolution: "Central Asia in the face of environmental problems: strengthening regional solidarity for sustainable development and prosperity" (passed on 19 December 2023)***

Green economy

- Support sustainable energy transition and the development of a national SDG7 Roadmap
- Support the development of sustainable inland transport and accelerate investments for low-emission vehicles

Climate change adaptation and resilience

- Develop sector-driven national adaptation plan and promote climate-resilient livelihoods
- Support civic engagement in climate action (Young Climate Champions)
- Promote comprehensive climate education programme (Climate Box)
- Modernize agriculture and irrigation practices to adopt sustainable and climate-resilient approaches

Aral Sea region

- Enhance the resilience of the communities affected by the Aral Sea crisis through application of water-saving technologies and innovative systems in wastewater management
- Empower local rural youth and women by equipping them with digital entrepreneurship and social innovation skills
- Promote sustainable rural development in the Aral Sea region



Environmental management

- Strengthen sustainable management of forests and support forest landscape restoration and afforestation (Yashil Makon)
- Improve governance, capacity, and infrastructure in the areas of water and sanitation
- Enhance industrial safety and management of hazardous chemicals and waste, including e-waste
- Strengthen biodiversity conservation, including through finance solutions

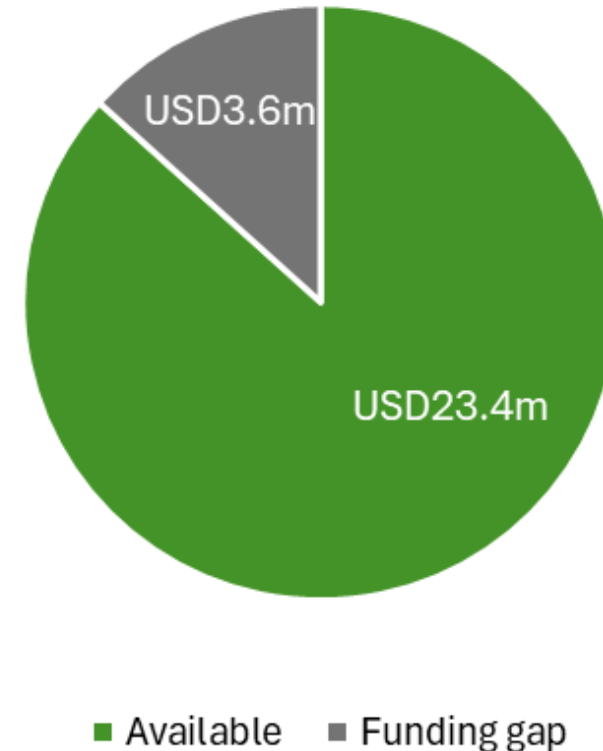
DRR and emergency preparedness

- Establish robust humanitarian supply chains and enhance multi-sectoral coordination platforms
- Enhance Multi-Hazard Early Warning System
- Enhance disaster risk management systems to mitigate the risks of emergencies and zoonotic, wheat rust and crop diseases

Cultural heritage preservation

- Safeguard and promote intangible cultural heritage of Karakalpakstan
- Strengthen disaster risk management for cultural sites

- **50,035 people** gained access to clean, affordable, and sustainable energy
- **3 public spaces** and buildings with improved level of energy efficiency
- **4,565 people** reached with at least basic drinking water services that are safe and available when needed
- **16 entities** at the national level developed integrated approaches and tools for the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements
- **7 new or revised policies** for sustainable management of natural resources developed and operationalized
- **180,101 hectares** of terrestrial and marine protected areas created or under improved management practices
- **400 hectares** of degraded forest under rehabilitation or restoration
- **1,000 kg** of hazardous waste treated
- **13,030 people** directly benefitting from initiatives to protect nature and promote sustainable use of resources
- **Support to implementation** of a national disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategy in line with the Sendai Framework for DRR
- **Government protecting** and managing their World Heritage sites in the framework of sustainable development
- **1 local disaster risk reduction strategy** adopted and implemented
- **32 partner cities** implemented renewal and regeneration initiatives that preserve and protect natural and cultural heritage



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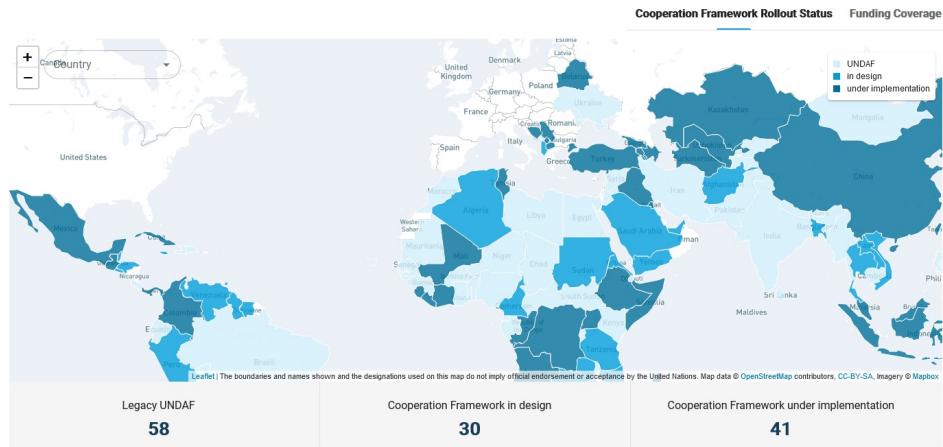
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JWP - Joint Workplan



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Global Overview

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UNDAF - United Nations Development Assistance Framework

Detailed information about UN workplan is on UNSDG Data Portal (uninfo.org)