Financing the United Nations Development System

Time to Meet the Moment

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Report’s Structure: Data + Experts' insights

**Part One**
United Nations Resource Flows

Part One examines the overall revenue and expenditure of the UN system in 2019.

**Part Two**
Financing the Sustainable Development Goals

Part Two explores SDG financing needs in view of COVID recovery and accelerating Anthropocene risks.

**Part Three**
Renewal of Multilateralism

Part Three considers UN renewal and UN leverage at country-level, and the re-emergence of global public goods.
Total revenue of the UN system, 2010-2019

Earmarked funding increased from 51% to 58% between 2010 and 2019

56.9 $US bn (2019)
+0.9 $US bn

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Total core and earmarked revenue of the UN OAD

Earmarked funding for UN Operational Activities for Development increased from 74% to 78% 2010 to 2019

Financing instruments
Earmarked contributions to the UN system, 2018-2019

Earmarked funding is largely for projects and programmes

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Development assistance funding mix top 20 contributors to the UNDS, 2019

Top 5 donors provide 35% of development assistance
Humanitarian assistance funding mix, top 20 contributors to the UNDS, 2019

Highly concentrated: Top 5 donors provide 57%
Deposits to UN inter-agency pooled funds, 2010–2019

Pooled funds grew to 9% of earmarked development funding (Funding Compact target 10% 2023)
Expenditure of the UN system-wide activities, 2016–2019

The share of humanitarian assistance has grown to 38% in 2019

How is the funding invested?

55.6 $US bn (2019)
+2.8 $US bn

- Development assistance: 33%
- Humanitarian assistance: 38%
- Peace operations: 18%
- Global agenda: 12%
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