

Non-core Development Advisory Services (DAS) Funding Facility

General

1. In addition to the existing funding modalities, in each Country Office, a Development Advisory Services (DAS) Facility funded through Other Resources can be established in order to provide Resident Representatives with a rapid response capacity for direct support to upstream initiatives in UNDP's focus areas. .

The DAS facility

2. Development Advisory Services (DAS) are intended to directly support high priority frameworks and programming initiatives, such as Country Programmes, SRFs, UNDAFs, pursuance of MDGs and Joint Programmes. The DAS facility should be leveraged to significantly enhance the substantive capacity of UNDP country offices to respond in a timely and flexible manner to the identified needs of governments in the above areas. The DAS facility also is expected to enhance the consultative process between Resident Representatives, Governments and donors, especially with respect to the alignment and programming of core and non-core resources.

3. There is no prescribed funding level for the DAS facility established in each country office. Rather, DAS funding will depend entirely on the ability of country offices to mobilize resources for this purpose in close consultation with the government.

4. The DAS facility could receive funds from a variety of sources, such as one or more of the following below:

(i) The Country Programme Cost sharing Account (11888 account) represents a source of non-core programme resources available to countries in support of a broad range of programme initiatives falling within the purview of their Country Programmes. Resources currently flow into it from two different sources: (1) blanket contributions to Country Programmes from donors (usually the concerned programme country government); and (2) interest earned on cost sharing income balances. Country offices should review the current status of their Country Programme cost sharing accounts (11888 accounts), especially accumulated interest earned on cost sharing income balances, and then hold appropriate consultations with host governments in order to determine the magnitude of resources, if any, which could be best utilized through transfer to the DAS facility.

(ii) Residual Cost Sharing Income Balances exist with respect to a large number of completed projects that still have remaining cost sharing income balances.

(iii) Direct Government and Third-Party Contributions can also be mobilized and credited to the DAS facility to directly support programme initiatives.