

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Engagement Facility

Project Title: Engagement Facility for GPN Technical Accompaniment

Expected SP Outcome(s): **Outcome 1:** Growth and development are inclusive and sustainable, incorporating productive capacities that create employment and livelihoods for the poor and excluded and **Outcome 4:** Faster progress is achieved in reducing gender inequality and promoting women's empowerment and Tier III Improved accountability of results

Start/End dates: 1 July 2021 – December 2023

Implementing Department: Joint Directorate for the Global Policy Network, UNDP

Brief Description

This project is established to enhance the quality, integration and strategic value of UNDP interventions across all themes underpinning the six signature solutions, through the provision of evidence-based integrated policy advice tailored to country level needs. This Engagement Facility aims to (1) roll-out robust GPN technical accompaniment solutions, to meet high quality standards for project design and implementation of all sources of funding including FWs, and to also (2) strengthen quality programming, planning, and coordination of FW allocations, to enhance the high impact of Funding Windows resources in the context of the portfolio's current magnitude and complexity.

Atlas Project Number:	00136623
Atlas Output ID:	00127443

Total resources required:	\$3,000,000
Total allocated resources:	\$2,882,255
• Regular:	n/a
• Funding Windows:	\$2,882,255
Unfunded budget:	\$117,745

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I - Background

The Global Policy Network

The Global Policy Network (GPN) is UNDP's cutting-edge provider of timely development advice, providing support to country offices and programme countries in an integrated and coherent manner to instantly connect them to the world of knowledge, resources and networks of best practice they need to achieve development breakthroughs. The GPN is positioned to provide the knowledge, expertise, and information to support the country offices on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UNDP Funding Windows (FWs)

The [UNDP Funding Windows](#) (FWs), established in 2016, are a pooled, flexible funding mechanism that allow the alignment of resources to critical country, regional and global needs. They provide a strategic opportunity for partners to meet their Funding Compact target while achieving the 2030 Agenda through four comprehensive, multi-year, pooled thematic funds. The flexibility of thematic funding allows UNDP to respond more effectively to country needs as they emerge and enables more coordinated and integrated UNDP interventions in and across regions and thematic areas. Worth over \$415M, the FWs leverage the technical expertise of the GP) and its strategic approach to portfolio management for the purposes of designing and delivering high quality, integrated and scalable development results. The FWs are structured around the six corporate signature solutions. There are four thematic FWs: (i) Poverty and Inequality; (ii) Governance, Peacebuilding, Crisis and Resilience; (iii) Nature, Climate and Energy; and (iv) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. A key focus is on results, transparency, and accountability against the Strategic Plan.

II - Project objective

The project objective is to enhance the quality, integration and strategic value of UNDP interventions across all themes underpinning the six signature solutions, through the provision of evidence-based integrated policy advice tailored to country level needs, by:

1 - Rolling-out of robust technical accompaniment solutions, to meet high quality standards for projects

UNDP's Service Offers are the breadth of expertise available to the organization through the GPN, and around which UNDP's expertise is articulated. The offers are articulated around UNDP's Signature Solutions, that fulfil the aims of the Strategic Plan with the multi-dimensionality and complexity that the 2030 Agenda demands. The Engagement Facility provides the opportunity for a more active role in providing GPN technical support to COs, in pipeline projects design, integration of policy advisory services, effectiveness of implementation, regardless of the funding source. This will lead to systematization and enhancing the technical accompaniment of proposals by BPPS and CB, which will in turn contribute to the quality, integration and strategic value of the interventions across the thematic areas that underpin the six signature solutions. As laid out in the GPN Business Plan, the cost of the respective staff's engagement is either to be charged to project budgets once allocations are made (ex-post) or through allocation of resources from the Engagement Facility, where costs can be charged (Outputs 1-4).

2 – Strengthen the programming, planning, and coordination of FW allocations, to enhance the high impact of Funding Window resources in the context of the portfolio's current magnitude and complexity.

To deliver the substantive ambition of the FWs, the Governance and Management Arrangements confer a proactive role in pipeline proposal accompaniment and review to the Crisis Bureau (CB) and the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) policy advisors. This strengthens the GPN anchor support, provides direct benefits to country offices in the relevance and quality of their activities, and increases opportunities for COs to access FW resources. This alignment enables the engagement of policy and programme support in FWs proposal design, cross-regional fertilization of best practices and lessons learned, harnessing of global policy breakthroughs, and upholding of a multitude of cross-thematic principles. The aim is to boost the capacity of the FWs Management Team to plan, coordinate and deliver against the portfolio's current magnitude and complexity including through the development of tools (Output 5).

Multi-Year Work Plan (2021-2023)

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Planned Budget by Year			RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		2021	2022	2023		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
<p>Output 1: UNDP projects benefit from advisory services and technical accompaniment of proposals on <u>poverty and inequality</u>, for more integrated, coherent and timely support.</p> <p>Output 1.2. Options enabled and facilitated for inclusive and sustainable social protection</p> <p>Gender marker: 2</p>	BPPS technical teams dedicate necessary capacity to accompany the development of quality proposals in the areas of poverty and inequality, including in ensuring RBM, right-based and gender-empowering programming.	50,000	65,000	80,000	BPPS Inclusive Growth Team	28230	Targeted technical capacity in BPPS	195,000
	Poverty and inclusive growth experts are engaged in the FW TRCs of proposals for adequate integration of cross-cutting themes.	30,000	65,000	80,000	FWs Team + BPPS Inclusive Growth Team	28230	Targeted technical capacity in BPPS	175,000
	Sub-Total for Output 1							370,000
<p>Output 2: UNDP projects benefit from advisory services and technical accompaniment of proposals on <u>governance, conflict prevention, sustaining peace, disaster reduction and crisis response</u>, for more integrated, coherent and timely support.</p> <p>Output 5.6. Mechanisms are enabled for consensus-building around contested priorities, and address specific tensions, through inclusive and peaceful processes</p> <p>Gender marker: 2</p>	CB and BPPS technical teams dedicate necessary capacity to accompany the development of quality proposals in the areas of governance, peacebuilding, crisis and resilience, including in ensuring RBM, right-based, risk-informed, gender-empowering programming.	125,000	140,000	140,000	BPPS Governance Team + All CB technical teams	28100 28110 28400	Targeted technical BPPS and CB capacity	405,000
	CB and BPPS experts are engaged in the TRCs of proposals for adequate integration of cross-cutting themes.	75,000	85,000	95,000	FWs Team + BPPS Governance Team +	28110	Targeted technical BPPS and CB capacity	255,000

					All CB technical teams			
	Sub-Total for Output 2							660,000
Output 3: UNDP projects benefit from advisory services and technical accompaniment of proposals on <u>nature, climate and energy</u>, for more integrated, coherent and timely support.	BPPS technical teams dedicate necessary capacity to accompany the development of quality proposals in the areas of nature, climate and energy, including in ensuring RBM, right-based and gender-empowering programming.	60,000	65,000	75,000	BPPS Nature Climate Energy Team	28300 28310	Targeted technical capacity in BPPS	200,000
Output 1.4. Scaled up action on climate change adaptation and mitigation across sectors which is funded and implemented	Nature, climate and energy experts are engaged in the FW Technical Review Committees (TRCs) of proposals for adequate integration of cross-cutting themes.	30,000	35,000	40,000	FWs Team + BPPS Nature Climate Energy Team		Targeted technical capacity in BPPS	105,000
Gender marker: 2								
	Sub-Total for Output 3							305,000
Output 4: UNDP projects benefit from advisory services and technical accompaniment of proposals on <u>gender equality and women empowerment</u>, for more integrated, coherent and timely support.	The BPPS technical gender team dedicates necessary capacity to accompany the development of quality proposals that adequately meet the GEN2 and GEN3 standards.	60,000	65,000	75,000	BPPS Gender Team	28120	Targeted technical capacity in BPPS	200,000
Output 4.1. Country led measures accelerated to advance women's economic empowerment	Gender experts are engaged in the TRCs of proposals for adequate integration of cross-cutting themes.	30,000	35,000	40,000	FWs Team + BPPS Gender Team	28120	Targeted technical capacity in BPPS	105,000
Gender marker: 3								
	Sub-Total for Output 4							305,000

Output 5: Effective capacities, management tools and engagement modalities to support the effective implementation of the FWs portfolio of projects. SP Tier 3 results statement 1.1 Programme effectiveness enhanced for achieving results at all levels through quality criteria and quality assurance processes Gender Marker: 1	Enhanced capacities to ensure the management, administration, coordination, implementation of the UNDP Funding Windows portfolio	100,000	480,000	480,000	FWs Team	28110 28120 28230 28300 28310 28400	Personnel	1,060,000
	Enhanced capacities to monitor, report and evaluate the UNDP Funding Windows	30,000	80,000	115,000	FWs Team	28400	Personnel	225,000
	Tools and infrastructure to manage and monitor FWs allocations, delivery and reporting, and maintenance	60,000	8,000	7,000	FWs Team	28100	Personnel	75,000
	Sub-Total for Output 5							1,360,000
TOTAL								\$3,000,000
* 7% GMS: 210,000								