

NATIONAL SDG ACCELERATION SUPPORT PLATFORM

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United Nations Development Programme

Country: Kyrgyz Republic

Annual Work Plan 2020

Project Title	NATIONAL SDG ACCELERATION SUPPORT PLATFORM
UNDAF/CP Outcome(s):	Outcome 1: By 2022, inclusive and sustainable industrial, agricultural and rural development contribute to economic growth, decent work, improved livelihoods, food security and nutrition, especially among women and vulnerable groups
CPD Output(s):	Output 1.1. Policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms enabled at the national and subnational levels for sustainable, resilient, inclusive and gender-responsive economic growth
Expected Project Output(s):	Output 1: Policy support to National coordination and M&E system for the implementation of SDGs (VNR) Output 2: SDG acceleration support Output 3: Financing for SDGs achievement Output 4: People's awareness on the SDGs agenda
Implementing Partner:	UNDP
National Partners:	Office of the President/Secretariat of the NSDC Prime-Minister's office/Secretariat of SDGs Committee Ministry of Economy National Statistical Committee

Brief Description

The Government has demonstrated full commitment to the implementation of SDGs and to integrate into the upcoming strategic development cycle. UNDP is offering integrated support through the SDGs Acceleration Support Platform. The Platform is based on four building blocks of 1) Policy support to National coordination and M&E system for the implementation of SDGs (VNR); 2) SDG acceleration support; 3) Financing for SDGs achievement; 4) People's awareness on the SDGs agenda.

The Goal of the project will be to offer an integrated package of support with innovative solutions offered for data analytics and acceleration.

Within this platform, in close coordination with the UN SDG Group, UNDP also will provide targeted support to the Government of KR for Voluntary National Review for SDG implementation (VNR) and presentation at the HLPF 2020. Statistics for SDGs is an integral part of sound evidence-based decision making within the development.

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ANNUAL WORK PLAN
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020
PROJECT ID: 00108493

Title of the project:		National SDG Acceleration Support Platform									
Date:		January 2020 – December 2020									
EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, associated indicators and annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget description	Amount (USD)		
Output 1: Policy support to National coordination and M&E system for the implementation of SDGs Baseline: Development policy dialogue is focused on NDS2040 and lack alignment with SDGs and LNOB agenda. MAPS Report is the only document analysing the status of SDG adaptation in Kyrgyzstan Indicators: Nation-wide Development Policy Dialogue embeds SDG agenda, is gender-responsive and includes consideration for LNOB VNR report is developed in inclusive and transparent manner and is based on analysis of	Activity Result 1.1 Strengthening national SDG Coordination System										
	Experts support to the Secretariat of the National Sustainable Development Council to integrate SDGs and ensure gender-responsive and inclusive coordination, monitoring and reporting of NDS2040 (based on the President's office letter)	X	X			Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC	UNDP TRAC	IC with 4 national consultants	10,000.00		
	Elaboration of national model for multisectoral coordination and institutionalization of SDGs – IRH advisory mission, one day workshop, SSC with Mongolia office and communication costs	X				Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC	UNDP TRAC	International Travel Workshop for 25 people Translation and printing	9,000.00		
	Capacity building support to the Parliament to ensure oversight functions for SDG (based on the MP Nurbaev's letter, head of SDG Working Group)		X	X		Parliament Oversight committee on SDGs	UNDP TRAC	IC with national experts Workshop International exchange/travel	8,000		
Activity Result 1.2 Support to nation-wide consultations on the progress of National Development Strategy 2040 in the context of SDGs											

<p>SDGs complexity and alignment with national policies.</p> <p>Target:</p> <p>SDG theme is an integral part of the key nation-wide fora, such as National Dialogue for Regional Development, etc</p> <p>VNR Report is developed in line with UNDG guidance through inclusive, transparent and gender-sensitive manner.</p>	Support to nation-wide consultations at the National Dialogue for Regional Development to present the key findings of VNR process	X				Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC	TBM	Hall rent, coffee-breaks, printings	10,000.00	
	UNDP extended policy support to Governance VNR Group for analysis of SDG16 progress in VNR - Mission of Oslo Governance Center (Ulirka's visit)	X	X			Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC	UNDP TRAC	Travel Stakeholder consultations	2,000.00	
	Support to one-UN integrated support to the Voluntary National Review to ensure inclusive, transparent, gender-sensitive and evidence-based process	X	X			Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC	One UN fund	Thematic consultations Meetings with stakeholders International travel	50,517.00	
	Support to communication and dissemination campaign for VNR		X		X	Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC	TBM	Contracting video producer Infographs, Publication design and translation	4,000.00	
	Activity Result 1.3 Strengthen National Statistical System for the improved collection and dissemination of SDG indicators									
	Strengthen National Statistical System for the improved collection and dissemination of SDG indicators in support of evidence-based policy making	X	X				UN DESA	LoA with NSC extension IC national consultant, Equipment, Printing, Translation	54,634.00	
	Activity Result 1.4 Integrated knowledge sharing about global policy research, guidelines and data to inform national decision making									
	National Launch of UNDP global Human Development Report	X					UNDP TRAC	International Travel costs Rent of Hall Translation printing	2,000	
	TOTAL by OUTPUT									158,058.00 TRAC 31,000 DESA 54,634 (GMS 8%DESA 4,371) One UN 50,517

(GMS 7%One UN 3,536)
Unfunded 14,000

<p>Output 2: SDG Acceleration Support</p> <p>Baseline: UNDP support to SDG adaptation and acceleration is scattered through different projects, and lacks innovative solutions</p> <p>Indicator: UNDP strengthened its position of SDG integrator and innovator and is able to offer its strategic policy support at the national and local levels through coordinated Platform</p> <p>Target 2020: UNDP has integrated Platform to support nationalization and localization of SDG with strong focus on innovations and gender-responsive actions.</p>	Activity Result 2.1 Innovations for SDG acceleration									
	Design the concept for SDG Innovation Lab in Kyrgyzstan: mapping of partnerships, roles and responsibilities, resources, mapping of potential directions, etc.	X	X					UNDP TRAC	IC with international consultant	8,000.00
	Exchange visits with UNDP Moldova and UNDP Armenia SDG Labs to share and learn experience for SDG acceleration innovative solutions	X		X				UNDP TRAC	International travel Short-term missions	5,000.00
	Activity Result 2.2 Policy support for localization of SDGs through mainstreaming into local development plans									
	Technical support for localization of SDGs through improved methodologies for planning and implementation of the province/district development programmes		X	X	X			TBM	IC with national consultants	5,000.00
	Piloting of new methodology for SDG-sensitive local development planning in at least 10 municipalities of Osh and Batken region			X	X			TBM	Stakeholder consultations /workshop at local level Co-sharing Osh SC8 post	
	TOTAL by OUTPUT									18,000.00 TRAC 13,000 Unfunded 5,000
Activity Result 3.1 Development finance assessment										

<p>Output 3: Leverage financing for SDG achievements</p> <p>Baseline: Scoping DFA mission in November 2019 ensured interest and national ownership for comprehensive DFA exercise in 2020</p> <p>Lack of analytical data about untapped sources of funds for SDG acceleration, including through alternative sources and innovative financing solutions.</p> <p>Indicator: Development finance assessment is finalized, the results are disseminated and used for policy and decision making</p> <p>There is analysis of SDG finance windows and conceptual vision for future programming</p> <p>Target: UNDP ensures that DFA exercise brings valuable results and strengthen national dialogue and capacities for effective SDG financing policies</p> <p>UNDP is effectively using knowledge and data on innovative finance to adjust its programming and partnership schemes to position itself as SDG innovator.</p>	Support to Implementation of Development Finance Assessment (UNDP core resources – frontloading)	X	X				UNDP TRAC	International IC National IC consultations	40,000	
	Support to roll out of Development finance Assessment						UNDP TRAC	National and local workshops Contracting think tank	16,000	
	International expert to support development of UN joint proposal to SDG Fund for component 1 and 2	X	X				UNDP TRAC	International IC	7000	
	Activity Result 3.2 Innovative SDG financing solutions for private sector engagement in SDGs									
	Advisory scoping mission from IRH/Altfinlab to research the landscape for innovative finance solutions for SMEs		X					UNDP TRAC	International travel	5000
Conceptualizing innovative finance solutions to leverage private sector resources for development (Islamic finance, innovative investments, impact investments, blended finance, PPP schemes, etc)			X	X			UNDP TRAC	National IC Stakeholder consultations International expert online support - IC or IRH	10,000.00 (with co-funding from projects)	
TOTAL by OUTPUT									TRAC 78,000.00	

<p>Output 4: People awareness of the SDG agenda</p> <p>Baseline: Lack of awareness of different population groups (youth, rural communities) and stakeholders (private sector, mass media, local municipalities) on SDGs and Agenda 2030 limits their active engagement</p> <p>Indicator: Number of men and women from priority groups and constituencies are reached through innovative SDG communication</p> <p>Target: At least 5000 people (not less than 50% of women) from priority groups and constituencies are reached through innovative SDG communication</p>	Activity Result 4.1 Promote youth engagement in SDG advocacy								
	Capacity building Program for Young Goal Ambassadors	X	X	X	X		TBM	IC with national consultants/consulting company	5,000.00
	Sharing knowledge and experience through regional communication platforms and fora (including 16 days campaign against GBV)			X	X		TBM	Travel	5,000.00
	Activity Result 4.2 Nation-wide consultations process on the progress of SDG adaptation								
	National wide communication campaign with application of innovative communication methods, technologies, online survey tools, dissemination methods. Support to consultation and communication process with gender mainstreaming	X	X	X	X		UNDP TRAC	Contracting event agency, media partner, publication, translation, printings	4,000.00
	TOTAL by OUTPUT								14,000.00 TRAC 4,000.00 Unfunded 10,000.00
Output 5. Management of SDG Platform	Activity 5.1 Project Management Costs								
	SDG Policy Advisor / Platform Coordinator (S8)	X	X	X	X		UNDP TRAC		25,000.00
								TOTAL AWP	TOTAL 293,058 TRAC 151,000 UN SD 59,005 One UN 54,053 Unfunded 29,000

2020 MONITORING PLAN

Project Title: National SDG Acceleration Support Platform

#	MONITORING ACTION	DUE DATE	BUDGET IN USD	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	DATE COMPLETED	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
1	Monitoring of Project Risks	Quarterly	N/A Embedded into project personnel work	Will be monitored and tracked on a quarterly basis. Risks are identified by project management and actions are taken to manage risk. The risk log is actively maintained to keep track of identified risks and actions taken and may be availed as part of periodic reports to the donor	Initial risk log will be elaborated and will be a basis for review and updates as well as adjustments to the project	Underway	Project Coordinator and involved team
2	Six months progress reports (Against AWP) and final report	After six months of the project start date and at the end of the project	N/A Embedded into project personnel work	The six months and reports will be consolidated into an annual report and project final report to the Project Board and key stakeholders, consisting of progress data showing the results achieved against pre-defined annual targets at the output level (Disaggregation by gender will be maintained all through), an updated risk long with mitigation measures, and any evaluation or review reports prepared over the period	Initial report will be generated by end of June 2020	Underway	Project Coordinator and involved team
3.	Annual Results Oriented Reporting	At the end of the project	N/A Embedded into project personnel work	It will be presented at the end of project as a part of consolidated annual report to the Project board and key stakeholders	Annual Results Oriented Report will be generated by December 2020	Underway	Project Coordinator and involved team
5.	Regular Programme meetings	Bi-Weekly	N/A Embedded into project personnel work	To update the project progress and delivery	Short brief updates on main activities	Underway	Project Coordinator and involved team
6.	Progress data against the results indicators (Targets) in the Atlas Project Management System	Annually	N/A Embedded into project personnel work	The Project Board will hold annually project review to assess the performance of the project and review the Annual Work Plan to ensure realistic budgeting over the life of the project. In the project's final year, the Project Board shall hold an end-of project review to capture lessons learned and discuss opportunities	Annual reports will be generated by December 2020	Underway	Project Coordinator and involved team

Project Communications Plan

Project title: National SDG Acceleration Support Platform
Dates: January – December 2020
Geographic area: The Kyrgyz Republic
Stakeholders: Office of the President\Secretariat of the NSDC, Prime-Minister’s office\Secretariat of SDGs Committee, Ministry of economy, National Statistical Committee
Beneficiaries: Public and private sector, academia and civil society organizations, women and men, young people, media
Messages: No one left behind

No	What	Who	When	Target audiences	Resources	Product (evaluation criteria)
1.	Regular media coverage of the project events according to AWP	SEG Advisor / Comms Specialist/Consultant	Throughout a year	Expert community, national and international partners, general public, UN community	No costs	At least 2 news releases, 4 articles and stories posted in mass media and 2 feature /success stories on SDGs on UNDP social media accounts
2.	National wide communication campaign with application of innovative communication methods, technologies, online survey tools, dissemination methods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to consultation and communication process with gender mainstreaming 	SEG Advisor, Comms Specialist / Consultant in partnership with national partners	Throughout a year	National partners, stakeholderes, expert community, national and international partners, public in general	4,000	At least 3 video reels broadcast on national media, 3 articles or expert opinion published on online and print media, 2 television or radio discussions about SDG implementation.
3.	Printing costs for a mission of SSC with Mongolia office and VNR	SEG Advisor, Comms Specialist / Consultant in partnership with national partners	Q 2		2,000	Workshop materials
				TOTAL	6,000	

United Nations Development Programme
Country: Kyrgyz Republic
Gender Mainstreaming Plan 2020

TITLE OF THE PROJECT: NATIONAL SDG ACCELERATION SUPPORT PLATFORM

Expected Products	Key Activities	Quarters				Source of funding	Budget
		I	II	III	IV		
Development of analytical, strategic and legal documents, which includes gender dimension (integration of gender perspectives in the TORs of experts, the conclusions and recommendations, gender disaggregated indicators, etc.)							
Conducted gender responsive monitoring and reporting of NDS2040	Activity Result 1.1 Strengthening national SDG Coordination System Experts support to the Secretariat of the National Sustainable Development Council to integrate SDGs and ensure gender-responsive and inclusive coordination, monitoring and reporting of NDS2040 (based on the President's office letter)	X	X			UNDP TRAC	10,000
Conducted gender sensitive Voluntary National Review	Activity Result 1.2 Support to nation-wide consultations on the progress of National Development Strategy 2040 in the context of SDGs Support to one-UN integrated support to the Voluntary National Review to ensure inclusive, transparent, gender-sensitive and evidence-based process	X	X			One UN Fund	50,517
Gender mainstreaming in actions for the implementation of pilot projects. (Integration of gender perspectives: (i) in TOR activities and experts; (ii) gender balance in the composition of the beneficiaries, actors involved discussions, decision-making bodies; (iii) the reports and indicators, etc.)							
Designed and applied gender mainstreamed communication through innovative SDG communication	Activity Result 4.2 Nation-wide consultations process on the progress of SDG adaptation National wide communication campaign with application of innovative communication methods, technologies, online survey tools, dissemination methods. Support to consultation and communication process with gender mainstreaming	X	X	X	X	UNDP TRAC	4,000
TOTAL budget for gender							64,517
Total funded budget for the project							264,058
% for gender							24.43 %

UNDP ENGAGEMENT FACILITY

CONCEPT NOTE
NATIONAL SDG ACCELERATION SUPPORT PLATFORM

BACKGROUND AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUE

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015, 193 UN Member States, including Kyrgyzstan, adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

The Government of Kyrgyzstan demonstrated strong commitment to the implementation of SDGs and benefited from UN support to integrate the SDGs into the strategic development cycle. Two important strategic development documents were adopted in 2018, shaping the country's development vision: the National Development Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040¹ launched by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and the medium-term Governmental National Development Programme for 2018-2022 "Unity, Trust, Creation"². The *Strategy 2040* sets forth four strategic areas forming the basis of country's commitment to sustainable development: human development, economic well-being and promoting business and finance, public administration and transformation of the development system. The *2018-2022 Government Programme* is anchored on advancing broad-based economic development, improving public administration through more effective public services, development of strategic economic sectors (agro-industries, tourism, small-scale industries, energy, infrastructure, mining and water), promoting sustainable human development, and advancing access to justice, with gender, environment, and technological advancement as cross-cutting approaches. In line with these documents, the Government aims to mainstream the SDGs into the national and local policy documents.

To support the implementation of the SDG Agenda, a national system of coordination and monitoring has been established. Thus, the National Sustainable Development Council (NSDC) chaired by the President, is the highest-level advisory and coordination platform, engaging Central Public Authorities and Civil Society representatives. A Coordination Committee on SDG Adaptation, Implementation and Monitoring, comprised of representatives from the Parliament, government offices, line ministries, the National Statistics Committee (NSC) and development partners, operates under the direct supervision of the Prime Minister. The Economy and Investment Department at the Office of the Government serves as its secretariat of the CC.

Although the main elements of the coordination and monitoring system are in place, its mechanisms are yet to be defined and put into practice. Thus, the *UNCT Review of Mainstreaming, Acceleration, and Policy Support for Achieving Progress on SDGs*³ ("MAPS Report") conducted in 2018, recommended the relevant government working groups to establish a reporting mechanism to the NSDC on progress on addressing relevant SDGs support and integrate the SDGs into their work.

¹ http://president.kg/ru/sobytiya/12774_utverghdena_nacionalnaya_strategiya_razvitiya_kirgizskoy_respubliki_na_2018_2040_godi

² <http://www.gov.kg/>

³ "A Review of Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support for Achieving Progress on Sustainable Development Goals", (2 January 2019).

The MAPS report - informed by multi-stakeholder consultations, expert interviews, data analysis, and SDG diagnostics - also identified key areas where policy and government reform might help accelerate progress towards the SDGs in Kyrgyzstan. Its emphasis has been to support nationalizing SDGs and linking the framework of SDGs to fostering more comprehensive policy approaches to sustainable development in Kyrgyzstan, focused around three pillars on which to prioritize Kyrgyzstan's sustainable development agenda - key accelerators – governance, human capital and green economy, as presented in this picture.

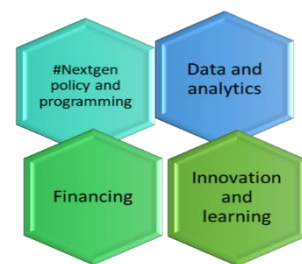
It also laid out a set of priorities to help the UN system bolster its support, based on which the UNCT SDG Working Group, during an SDG retreat in August 2019, reviewed the progress towards UNDAF outcomes, and operationalized a plan for the joint UN system support for the SDGs – the *UNCT SDG Action Plan*. It represents a forward-looking articulation of the UN system's priorities for supporting the SDG progress in Kyrgyzstan over the next three years (2019-22). In line with the UNDP integrator role on SDGs mainstreaming, appreciated by UNRC, the organization is expected to contribute to several priority areas of the aforementioned *Action Plan*: support the integration of SDGs into local development plans, policies and strategies; support to Kyrgyzstan's VNR 2020 process; support the government with tools and methodologies to help integrate, prioritize development goals, including analysis of multi-dimensional impacts; support the introduction of transparent SDG-based budgeting processes, including closer alignment between plans and budgets and strengthen systems for monitoring allocation in support of SDG-related goals; etc.

STRATEGY

To accelerate the SDGs implementation in Kyrgyzstan, UNDP committed to broker relevant knowledge and technical assistance on sustainable development challenges, opportunities and solutions. In line with the UNDP “integrator role”, emphasized in the ongoing UN system reform, the organization is supposed to act as a “*support platform of the United Nations development system providing an integrator function in support of countries in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda*”, as specified in a Secretary-General's report⁴.

With a view to leverage the interlinkages across SDG goals and targets, UNDP Kyrgyzstan is establishing a **National SDG Support Platform** - an anchor point for advancing SDG integrated approaches, to bring together workstreams for transformational impact.

The Platform will build around the four principle services for SDG integration: Integrated policy solutions, SDG data and analytics, Knowledge and innovation and SDG finance. It is expected to support the Kyrgyz authorities in the following:



#	AREA:
1	National coordination and M&E system for the implementation of SDGs
2	Support to SDG acceleration
3	Financing for SDGs achievement
4	People's awareness on the SDGs agenda

⁴ Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda our promise for dignity, prosperity and peace on a healthy planet, [A/72/684-E/2018/7](#)

The Engagement Facility will be established by UNDP Country Office to consolidate resources to support establishment of National SDG Platform. The Facility's objectives and activities build on the activities and leverage the resources of other UNDP CO projects aiming to accelerate achievement of certain SDGs in the country. The project facilitates integrated solutions based on application of innovative tools, including but not limited with system thinking and behavioral insights, data innovations, human-centered design, etc.

Output 1. NATIONAL COORDINATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS

a. Support to Coordination system

An important condition for implementing the 2030 Agenda will be to incorporate the SDGs into the actions of all parts of Government – in other words adopting a “whole-of-Government” approach – while also bringing the various government institutions together to develop and implement integrated policies. Lack of institutional clarity, roles and responsibilities among governmental agencies engaged in the 2030 Agenda may challenge its implementation. On the contrary, experience has also shown that continuous high-level political support makes it much easier to mobilize and coordinate public institutions and policies. The impact of coordination arrangements is likely to be greatest where the lead agency yields political clout and influence, instead of remaining in the realm of administration/public servants⁵.

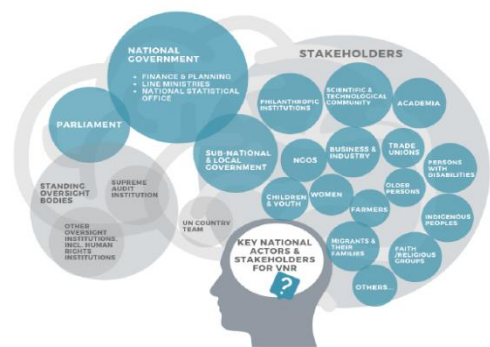
In line with these recommendations, UNDP will support Kyrgyzstan develop its institutional arrangements for promoting, coordinating and reviewing the implementation the SDGs. Since acceleration points for Strategy 2040 will eventually change over time, the SDG institutional coordination mechanism should be designed to be sustainable and remain as the main coordination structure, regardless of mid-long-term changes in the acceleration directions, changes in government and or ministerial structures. The work will build on the assessment made with the support of UNDP Regional Office in Istanbul and review of the national regulatory and institutional framework by local consultant and international expert. Preliminary findings about existing structure are that it is missing SDG financing, budgeting and statistical monitoring elements as well as is lacking room for innovation and experimentation. Also, there is a separation of a number of Committees to accelerate the implementation of the Strategy 2040 from the overarching SDG coordination mechanism, while the informational mechanism of the SDG working groups needed refinement.

UNDP support work will be focused around the main developed recommendations, to guarantee their sustainable functioning until 2030.

b. Support to SDG Monitoring system

✓ Voluntary National Review

The annual Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) process comprise the mechanisms through which progress against the SDGs is being measured at both national and international level. The Reviews are intended to track progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda, including the SDGs and targets, in all countries, in a manner that respects their universal and integrated nature and all dimensions of sustainable development. Among the principles guiding the Reviews, they must be substantive, and knowledge based, with a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind. It is crucial that the VNR drafting process is inclusive and grounded on the engagement with all stakeholders – part of the society.



⁵ UNDESA Overview of institutional arrangements for implementing the 2030 Agenda at national level: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/10735Updated_Issues_Brief_rev10_1_March_2017.pdf

Kyrgyzstan officially expressed its interest to present the VNR in 2020 through a letter from the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyz Republic to UN to the President of ECOSOC on Kyrgyzstan's intention to present VNR in 2020 (March). To support the review process, the Government established five working groups on Governance, Economy, Environment, Social, Monitoring and Evaluation, accounting for approx. 80 members who will assess the progress against achieving all SDGs and will issue recommendations within the mentioned areas. According to the draft *Government's Road Map on VNR preparation*, the review is to be prepared by April 2020 and submitted to the Department for Sustainable Development of DESA in electronic format by the 1st of June 2020.

As per their mandates, UNDESA globally and UNESCAP/UNECE regionally are mandated to support the VNR development processes. However, UNDP between 2016-2019 through its engagement in MAPS missions developed a range of tools which are directly contributing to the VNR context and analysis, as outlined in this [UNDP Discussion paper, May 2019: Summary of findings from SDG mainstreaming, acceleration and policy support mission reports](#).

Hence, as part of the **National SDG Support Platform**, UNDP's strategic offer for supporting the VNR process in the Kyrgyz Republic will ensure a coordinated, coherent and strategic approach of the UN assistance for the VNR process, including quality assurance and meaningful stakeholder engagement. It will follow the mentioned principles and will consist of:

- Capacity building to the five VNR Working Groups on the review elements, such as:
 - [Rapid Integrated Assessment](#) (RIA) to assess the alignment of national development priorities with the SDGs;
 - [Leave No One Behind](#) framework to assess and address different dimensions of LNOB;
 - SDG financing in the VNR context – to assess how public budget allocations are possible to align with SDGs for VNR and beyond;
 - SDG Complexity Analysis, to identify inter-linkages between the work on particular SDGs, as well as acceleration points, etc.
 - Support to the five VNR Working Groups for developing the review:
 - Five thematic experts on Governance, Economy, Environment, Social, Monitoring and Evaluation to be contracted by UNDP and to support the drafting of the review. UNDP will ensure the quality of the deliverables and their broader consultation, as well as will support making linkages between VNR and wider SDG work.
 - Capacity building to the Parliament Working Group on SDGs:
 - Expert support in developing Parliament's oversight capacities in the framework of the VNR process.
- ✓ **Strengthen National Statistical System for the improved collection and dissemination of SDG indicators**

UNDP Kyrgyzstan is an implementing partner of the UN Statistic Division for the project "Enhancing national statistical capacity to measure, monitor, access and report on progress on achieving post-2015 goals and targets for sustainable development". The overall objective of the project is to make Sustainable Development Goals data open and available to the widest possible audience. The project will enable greater access to national indicators through national repositories and to international SDG indicators through the SDGs Data and visualization Platform. Data exchange and improved dissemination, as well as improved metadata will make SDG indicators more accessible. Improved cooperation at national level will lead to better coherence of the data in selected countries. Better availability, accessibility and quality of SDG indicator data will promote the use of statistics in evidence-based decision making.

Specific objectives of the project in Kyrgyzstan are:

- i. Strengthen the collaboration of agencies of the National Statistical System;
- ii. Compile data and metadata for SDG indicators and publish it on a national reporting platform to thereafter establish electronic data exchange with global SDG platform
- iii. Identify and exchange key users of SDG indicators, and address their needs.

In meeting these objectives, the project will improve the availability, accessibility and coherence of SDG indicators and facilitate their use in evidence-based decision making.

Output 2. SDG ACCELERATION SUPPORT

a. Innovations for SDG acceleration and localization

UNDP's intention is also to help the Kyrgyz government accelerate progress, by providing tools to identify critical constraints to faster progress across a number of goals and focus on those development objectives that are more relevant to their context. To that end, UNDP will make use of its [SDG Accelerator and Bottleneck Assessment tool](#) (ABA) as a way to support the country to identify catalytic policy and/or programme areas or 'accelerators' that can trigger positive multiplier effects across the SDGs and targets, and solutions to bottlenecks that impede the optimal performance of the interventions that enable the identified accelerators⁶. The ABA provides a systematic process that consists of five steps:

1. Identifying 'accelerators' and drivers that enable progress across the SDGs
2. Identifying and prioritizing interventions that drive progress on the accelerator
3. Identifying and prioritizing bottlenecks to acceleration
4. Identifying and prioritizing bottleneck solutions
5. Preparation of an implementation and monitoring plan for bottleneck solutions

Based on the *Implementation and monitoring plan for bottleneck solutions*, it is envisaged that UNDP will offer its support in the following dimensions.

- Policy support - mainstreaming SDGs into national strategic documents;
- Programme - based support for SDGs implementation;
- Innovation for SDG Acceleration: Innovation Lab designing and testing solutions for
 - Redesign of public services aligned to SDGs
 - Redesign of private sector products aligned to SDGs
 - Civil Society engagement in solution development and implementation.

b. Policy support - mainstreaming SDGs into national strategic documents and local development plans

SDGs and targets are aspirational and global, while the Kyrgyz Government has committed to: (a) decide how the SDGs should be incorporated into national planning processes, policies and strategies; (b) set its own national targets guided by the global level of ambition, but taking into account national circumstances; and (c) in the implementation of the Agenda build on existing commitments and in accordance with international human rights standards for the full benefit of all.

The support UNDP will be providing though its programmatic interventions will help the Government translate the international normative framework into practical instruments to support operations at the national level will consist of a five-phased approach:

1. Reviewing existing strategies and plans and identifying gaps;

⁶ There are a range of tools and guidance offered by the UN System to support countries with their SDG acceleration efforts. The Sustainable Development Goals Acceleration Toolkit, developed by the United Nations Development Group, provides a compendium of system-level diagnostics, methodologies and guidance for understanding synergies and trade-offs and identifying and unlocking bottlenecks for strategizing, prioritizing and accelerating progress.

2. Mapping SDG interconnections;
3. Making initial recommendations to the leadership of the national government;
4. Setting nationally relevant targets;
5. Formulating strategy and plans.

The first two phases are to be covered by the Government, with UNDP support, during the VNR process using the RIA and SDG Complexity analysis instruments. Based on the findings of the Government self-assessment, UNDP will help prepare recommendations that will address SDG gaps in existing strategies and plans. The recommendations will also touch upon the targets for nationally adapted and inclusive SDGs. When applicable, UNDP will assist incorporate the recommendations and the insights from the above steps into strategies and plans and matching ambition and commitments with resources and capacities.

c. Programme - based support for SDGs implementation

The road to the achievement of SDGs goes through concrete programmes in the social, economic and environmental areas and partnerships with private sector, civil society and academia. Hence, UNDP will support Kyrgyzstan implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve SDGs through its programmatic interventions, that will be built around the relevant targets and will serve as the practical instruments for supporting the country's efforts toward achieving SDGs.

In line with the Country Programme Document for 2018-2022, UNDP will continue to leverage its comparative advantages in policy, capacity and institution development, gender mainstreaming and inclusion in the areas of governance; peacebuilding; poverty reduction; natural resource management; disaster risk reduction; more accountable, transparent and inclusive institutions; inclusive, sustainable economic growth; increased resilience; and sound management of natural resources. UNDP will pursue three of the four United Nations Development Assistance Framework outcomes: accountable institutions, justice and peace; sustainable and inclusive economic growth; and environment, climate change and disaster risk management.

In addition to supporting the Government reach its commitments under the SDGs Agenda through its programmatic interventions, UNDP will engage with a broad range of non-government counterparts, such as major initiative groups, the private sector, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, to contribute to the acceleration of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. To ensure their commitment and visibility of their efforts, UNDP will support them to register "[SDG Acceleration Actions](#)" and pursue the actions' implementation.

d. Innovation for SDG Acceleration

From a development perspective, an innovation is a new solution to an old issue, with the transformative ability to accelerate impact. Innovation can be fueled by science and technology, can entail improved ways of working with new and diverse partners, or can involve new social and business models or policy, creative financing mechanisms, or path-breaking improvements in delivering essential services and products. Innovation has been and will be pivotal for reaching sustained, scalable solutions to the world's complex problems.

UNDP will innovate to design better solutions for SDGs acceleration, since the Agenda 2030 challenges cannot be addressed by linear solutions, but by complex approaches and it is cheaper to try a few solutions and see what works at a small scale, than invest in big, five-year projects and fail big. An **SDG Innovation Lab (InnoLab)** will be established, having a three-pillar approach in its activity:

- **Redesign of public services aligned to SDGs:** Application of human-centered design to map out service's issues;
- **Redesign of private sector products aligned to SDGs:** business acceleration programmes, aimed at engaging the private sector in the achievement SDGs;

- **Civil Society engagement in solution development and implementation:** promoting the whole-of-society' response that allows partners to come together, co-create and jointly apply integrated solutions.

The work will be focused around the following principles:

- **Empower local-driven solutions:** for quite some time the model for development was replication – we used the best practices from somewhere else with the expectation that we will get the have the same results / impact. But there is no one-size-fits-all solutions, what works for one community does not work for the other. InnoLab will design solutions locally and will adapt them to the local environment thus we can empower participation, enhance local ownership and improve sustainability.
- **Harness collective intelligence:** development sector relies on expert opinion to understand problems and design solutions, but we often forego the immense creativeness and resourcefulness of the citizens. Harnessing collective intelligence allows us to better mobilize resources and talent, gain expertise from different sectors and make sure that the solutions we design are more inclusive and participative. InnoLab will be placed in a unique position where we engage both public, private and civil society sector making us a connector of ideas and solutions.
- **Develop evidence-based policies:** the traditional way of policymaking is to look at official statistics and to design interventions based on that information. The official statistics in today's complex world is not enough to understand the problems we are dealing with and come up with feasible and impactful solutions. InnoLab will explore new ways of looking and understanding data to inform policymaking as well as better understanding the impact of the interventions we have already done through rigorous scientific evidence.
- **Better manage risks:** The InnoLab will allow to create a safe-to-fail environment to test different ideas and solutions for development. By testing UNDP will learn what works and what does not, gaining a better understating of risks which allows us to better manage them when scaling up projects. This allows to strategically invest in solutions that demonstrate the highest-level viability and avoid investing in costly and inefficient interventions.

Output 3. Financing for SDGs achievement

Agenda 2030, with its ambition of being transformational, will present significant challenges for governments, in particular for their traditional fiscal planning, budget capacities and performance. Countries are facing an increasingly complex landscape of development finance to manage at the national level, as domestic public and private resources increase, and the sources of external resources diversify. The SDGs will demand both, significant increases in capacity and resources, as well as changes in the way existing resources are used and prioritized. It is also recognized that financing the SDGs will not happen through global financing agendas alone but instead be built from a bottom-up, holistic country-level approach.

Hence, given the interconnected and complex nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, support to strengthening financing frameworks in Kyrgyzstan should be taken forward as part of broader efforts to support the country on SDG-related reforms. Kyrgyz decision makers need to be helped to develop a more integrated approach to implementing the SDGs. UNDP plans to pursue this path through helping the Government answering three main questions:

- where the money come from?
- where the money goes to?
- can additional sources of financing be identified?

through the tools developed by UNDP globally.

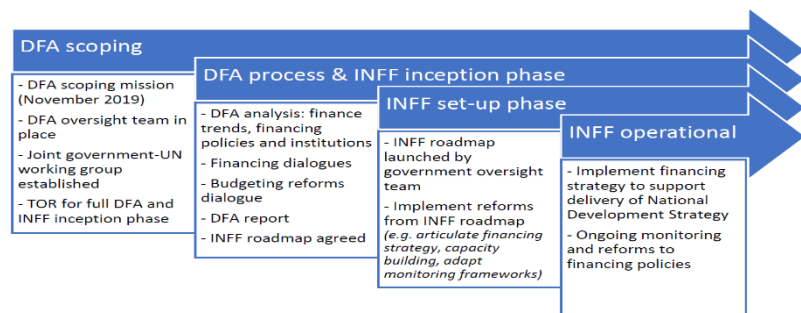
a. *Development Finance Assessment - where the money come from?*

Using the concept of an Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF), the Development Finance Assessment will help Kyrgyzstan identify areas for strengthening its management of financing for the SDGs with Integrated Financing Solutions. As such, UNDP's support to Kyrgyzstan on INFFs through the Development Finance Assessment and Integrated Financing Solutions has been launched as part of the UNDGs overall approach - the MAPS. The DFA Scoping Mission to Kyrgyzstan, carried out during 25-29 November 2019, revealed a solid commitment from actors across government to move forward in many areas of financing for the national development strategy. These can be grouped into two categories: 1) *Strengthening the system for governance of financing* and 2) *Opportunities to strengthen particular areas of financing*. The mission also identified a third group of areas 3) *Additional opportunities that respond to government priorities*, where there is a possibility to move forward based on the government's agenda.

Based on the DFA Scoping Mission's conclusions, UNDP will broker the development partners' support in the following **DFA potential focus areas**:

1. Budget – National Development Strategy integration
2. Digitalization and e-focalization
3. Regional development
4. Private sector investment
5. Leveraging remittances for development
6. Parliamentary scrutiny over financing
7. Energy reform

Hence, a prioritized, sequenced roadmap for operationalizing an integrated national financing framework will be developed. This will include terms of reference to implement specific steps in the INFF set-up phase, as per this process diagram:



The exact areas of UNDP intervention and support for the setting-up of the INFF will be developed as a result of the DFA analysis.

b. *Financing for SDGs – where the money goes to?*

As the primary political and economic expression of government policy, the budgeting process is inherently related to the integration of the SDGs into national policy planning. The way a State decides where to allocate its resources directly affects the access of citizens to basic services (education, health, etc.), the distribution of wealth, the choice of private investments in economic sectors, etc. An increasing number of countries are considering integrating the SDGs into their budgeting processes, this being showcased through their VNRs.

With this in view, UNDP will assist Kyrgyzstan to monitor the public budget allocations' alignment with SDGs as part of its VNR support package. Beyond the VNR process, UNDP will support the Government to establish a consistent system of monitoring of financial commitments and expenditures for SDGs achievement. Public institutions will be helped to create a vision on how public budget allocations are possible to align with SDGs based on the RIA exercise and be tracked for a better monitoring of the efforts towards SDGs achievement.

c. *Identifying new financing opportunities - can additional sources of financing be identified?*

- ✓ **Partnerships with IFIs**

Partnership is particularly critical to address complex and multi-dimensional challenges. Hence, UNDP Kyrgyzstan will strengthen partnerships with international financial institutions, including multilateral development banks, particularly on addressing complex financing for sustainable development challenges. Work could start with the recently [Renewed Joint Action Plan](#) for 2019-2021 between UNDP and Islamic Development Bank, which could provide the needed cooperation framework for Kyrgyzstan, with a particular focus on the [Joint Global Islamic Finance and Impact Investing Platform](#).

Dialogue on climate investments could be held with the Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank Group, Islamic Development Bank, New Development Bank and the World Bank, based on their recent commitments of adding up to \$65 billion annually by 2025, with \$50 billion for low and middle income economies, 50 percent above current levels.

✓ **Private Sector Financing**

“While the private sector can bring both agility in delivery and new approaches to financing the SDGs, the UN has an important role to play in creating an enabling environment for business to contribute.” Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator

The private sector is increasingly recognized globally and within UNDP as a critical partner in attaining the SDGs. UNDP’s 2018-2021 Strategic Plan acknowledges its important value as a partner in the implementation of SDG-related policies, as a significant source of investment for SDGs, and through adopting relevant business practices. It calls for deepening UNDPs responsible engagement with the private sector, to leverage it on behalf of countries’ policy priorities. At the same time, a major obstacle to advancing SDGs in emerging and developing economies is that most private finance and business activities are neither aligned with SDGs nor compatible with low-emission, climate-resilient development pathways.

To create this enabling environment, UNDP will launch an SDG Accelerator program for local SMEs, to accelerate new business models, products or services that are conducive to achievement of the local goals. The private sector and Government will be supported in four interlinked strategic areas of engagement:

- Support responsible business conduct and practices, mainstream CSR activities, capacitate private sector to become more sustainable
- Align business strategies and operations for the SDGs (through running of the SDG accelerator, as well as regular thematic dialogues with private companies)
- Support private sector companies to design and test new products and/or services conducive to accelerated achievement of SDGs, through instruments like SDG Acceleration program
- Impact measurement and reporting (for financing) the SDGs, through instruments like the [Impact Lab of the BCTA](#).

The work will be closely interlinked with the SDG Innovation Lab activity, complementarities being ensured.

Output 4. PEOPLE’S AWARENESS ON THE SDG AGENDA

Building public awareness of the SDGs and their relevance to national strategies and plans is a critical initial and ongoing step in successful implementation. UNDP Kyrgyzstan has been informing the population at large since the adoption of the Agenda 2030. It all started with sensitizing the public regarding the SDGs overall, and what they mean for the nation in the context of its existing development vision and plan. To ensure a better reach out, public awareness of the SDGs was adapted to the country’s context, to be clear that it is a nationally owned process.

As part of the Platform, UNDP will continue with a campaign more specifically linked to the nationally adapted SDGs with national targets and timelines. In close cooperation with the

UNCT, UNDP will work to increase public awareness of the National Development Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040 and other important national documents, while at the same time marketing. A work plan will be developed for a sustained media outreach campaign utilizing traditional avenues (i.e., TV, Radio, newsprint) and Internet and social media platforms to communicate the salient aspects of the country's national development plan and how, through achieving and improving its own plan, it will contribute towards progress of the 2030 Agenda globally. Also, training of local media on reporting on SDGs will be undertaken and, in this regard, reporters will be supported to prepare investigative pieces on relevant topics.

Awareness raising efforts are a space for considerable creativity and innovation. Successful examples from other countries could be a source of inspiration: 'goal ambassadors' to raise public awareness, illustrating the alignment of the SDGs, SDG-Journey publication and asking the national champions/role models to wear an SDG t-shirt, etc.

Engaging with children and youth is important, as they are to be the most dedicated change agents if properly approached. To this end, within the awareness campaign, UNDP will promote game learning. Such games as [Go Goals!](#) aim to help teach children around the world about the Sustainable Development Goals in a simple and child-friendly way.

To ensure coherence with other similar initiatives and to build on the global knowledge, UNDP will make use of the Toolkit for the UN SDG Action Campaign, consisting of:

- [SDG Action Campaign Website](#)
- [MY World 2030 Toolkit](#)
- [SDG Action Campaign Toolkit](#) outlining 10 Actions to take for advocacy, awareness raising and public engagement in the SDGs

Another measure to ensure a larger awareness of the efforts around the 2030 Agenda will be the establishment of a single national cloud-based source of information, the **Information Portal on the SDGs**, as per the experience of UNDP Azerbaijan, who recently launched a new [Informational Platform](#). The resource will be established as a common effort of the UNCT and the Kyrgyz Government and connected with activities envisaged under the joint project with UN Statistic Division. It will be used to publish data on sustainable development through textual and graphical illustrations, maps, charts, diagrams, tables and videos. To facilitate greater awareness of the SDGs-related data sources and help the general public use and easily understand complex statistical data, the portal will offer an array of data visualization tools and technics. The portal will also contain a collection of legislative acquis pertaining to programmes and initiatives taking place in the area of specific SDGs. It will offer access to various data on social, economic, environmental issues, strategic policy measures, research and publications.