

What are core resources?

Core resources, also called regular resources, are crucial to realize UNFPA's mandate. Every success, every result starts with core funding for UNFPA programmes.

Even results achieved with other funding would not have been possible without core resources. Core resources act as seed funding for UNFPA's resource mobilization efforts in general, including support to mobilize additional resources.

For each dollar of core resources raised in 2021, UNFPA mobilized an average of \$2.53 of other resources. Investing in core resources is smart and efficient.

Core resources are the foundation for all UNFPA programmes to leave no one behind and reach the furthest behind first.

UNFPA's objective in 2022 is to rally a diverse coalition of contributors around our shared mandate to ensure rights and choices for all.



Why contribute to UNFPA core resources?

UNFPA funding is voluntary: All the work UNFPA and its partners do depends entirely on the generosity of contributors.

Every year, UNFPA staff must mobilize support from governments to pursue our collective Vision 2030: Zero unmet need for family planning, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero harmful practices and gender-based violence.

By contributing to core resources, your country engages in a unique trust-based partnership with UNFPA, and effectively invests in realizing the Programme of Action of the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for women, girls and young people. By contributing to UNFPA's core resources, you clearly show your political support to UNFPA, backed by a financial commitment.

All contributions make a difference. Small- and medium-sized contributions make a meaningful cumulative impact on overall core resources, without adding transaction costs. UNFPA is committed to recognizing the generosity and political commitment of core contributors through joint advocacy and visibility initiatives.

Diversifying the donor base also lowers financial risks for UNFPA programmes. In the current funding context, losing a single core contributor among the top ten could result in a shortfall of millions of dollars in funding, threatening UNFPA's ability to deliver on its programmes. With a greater diversity of core contributors comes a greater variety of currencies, and minimized financial risks associated with exchange rates.



Scan here to access the **Contribution Form** and **Payment Instructions**

What do core resources help achieve?

Core resources directly contribute to leaving no one behind, and realizing UNFPA's three transformative results - ending unmet need for family planning, ending preventable maternal deaths, and ending harmful practices and gender-based violence - through:

Ensuring UNFPA's presence in countries around the world



Core resources fund UNFPA's global presence in more than 150 countries and territories across the world, including those facing crises.

Enabling UNFPA's normative role



With core funding, UNFPA representatives can, on countries' behalf, advocate for development issues in international fora. At the national, regional, and global levels, UNFPA is able to promote international norms and standards, including on gender equality, and on measures against harmful practices.

Promoting country-level sustainability, ownership and impact



Because it is provided without restrictions, core funding enables UNFPA and partner countries to plan programmes, develop policy and advocacy, and deliver technical expertise more efficiently. As such, predictable core funding enhances the sustainability of programmes and enables capacity-building of partner governments and other stakeholders.

Empowering UNFPA to lead on population data



Core resources support the foundations of UNFPA's Strategic Plan by establishing the Fund's global leadership on population data, a critical function primarily enabled by core resources. Census, civil registration and vital statistics as well as demographic studies are all key to targeting programmes where they are most needed and delivering results in the most equitable and efficient manner.

Allowing UNFPA to adapt to change and respond to humanitarian emergencies



UNFPA provides ongoing support to people all around the world, but we cannot always predict where and when our help will be needed. When environments change or crises strike, core funding allows us to be prepared, adapt to shocks and act quickly to save lives.

Supporting UNFPA oversight functions



Core resources fund UNFPA oversight functions¹, which ensure that UNFPA's operations are diligently conducted, efficient, transparent and accountable. They are essential to demonstrate value for money to taxpayers, contributors, governments, and other constituencies. Oversight functions contribute to strengthening trust, in turn encouraging further investments.

Supporting UN inter-agency coordination



Core resources support UN coordination, which is fundamental to increasing the impact and efficiency of UN country-level operations through improved division of labour among UN entities. Contributing to core resources represents an investment in the overall efficiency of the United Nations Development System in each country, which in turn promotes integration and accelerates progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals at the national level.

¹Oversight functions include audits and investigations, evaluations, ethics and the legal office.

UNFPA core contributors in 2021

Sincere thanks to the governments of:

Afghanistan* Gambia Micronesia Senegal* (Republic of (Federated Albania Serbia States of) The) Algeria Singapore Georgia* Mongolia Slovakia Armenia* Morocco Germany South Africa Australia Ghana* Mvanmar Sri Lanka* Austria Nepal Guinea Bissau* Sudan* Bangladesh Netherlands* Guvana Sweden* Belgium New Zealand* Honduras Switzerland Bhutan Nicaragua Iceland Tajikistan Niger Bolivia India Thailand (Plurinational Norway Indonesia State of) Togo Pakistan Iraa* Tonga* Botswana* Panama* Ireland Trinidad and Bulgaria Peru Israel Tobago* Burkina Faso Philippines* Turkmenistan Italy Canada* Portugal United Arab Japan China Qatar Emirates* Jordan Comoros* Republic of Uganda Kazakhstan Korea Costa Rica Ukraine Kenya Republic of United Cuba Moldova* Kyrgyzstan* Kinadom of Denmark* Liechtenstein Romania Great Britain and Northern Egypt Luxembourg Russian Ireland* Federation Eritrea* Madagascar* United States Rwanda* Estonia Malawi of America* Saint Kitts Eswatini* Malaysia Uzbekistan and Nevis Ethiopia Mauritania* Vietnam Sao Tome and Finland Mauritius* 7ambia* Principe* France Mexico Saudi Arabia Zimbabwe*

UNFPA encourages multi-year core contributions, which enable programmes to be delivered in a predictable and sustainable manner.

UNFPA uses all possible occasions and platforms to recognize core contributions from governments. Contributions are given visibility and recognition at Executive Board sessions, at the adoption of Country Programme Documents, regional meetings and special events which your government may suggest. UNFPA will also continue to recognize core contributors through public events, publications, social media² and the UNFPA website.

^{*}Countries with multi-year commitments in 2021.

²UNFPA recognizes core contributors using the hashtags: #PartnersAtCore and #FundUNFPA.



Ensuring rights and choices for all since 1969

By giving to core, you help protect the most vulnerable women and girls during times of crisis

When unexpected global crises strike, core and quality, multiyear funding are more important than ever to support rapid responses that save lives. Core resources enable flexible and agile allocations, global reach, and the leveraging of additional resources. Early core contributions support the continuity of UNFPA programming, in particular for highly vulnerable women and girls adversely affected and at higher risk of violence or harmful practices during crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and those caused by climate change.

The exceptional circumstances of the coronavirus crisis have demonstrated that core availability and predictability are critical. Without the availability of core resources, UNFPA response time would have been longer, with grave consequences for those most in need. UNFPA is grateful to the many donors who in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic were able to pay early and front-load core resources, and to the many programme countries who were able to use domestic resources to support UNFPA's humanitarian response and work to mitigate the impact of the continuing COVID-19 crisis.

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