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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 plenary sessions, at the adoption of Country Programme Documents, regional meetings and at special events your government may suggest. UNFPA will also continue to recognize core contributors through public events, publications and the UNFPA website.

*Countries with multi-year commitments in 2019
What are core resources?

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

Every result 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 2018, UNFPA mobilized an average of $3.11 of other resources. Investing in core resources is smart and efficient.

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

UNFPA’s objective in 2020 is to rally a diverse coalition of contributors around our shared mandate: “Ensuring Rights and Choices for All”. We aim at mobilizing at least 150 governments and contributors around our shared mandate: “Ensuring Rights and Choices for All”. We aim at mobilizing at least 150 governments from all around the world.

UNFPA’s mandate. Every success, every result starts with core resources.

Why contribute to UNFPA core resources?

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

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

By donating to core resources, your country engages in a unique trust-based partnership with UNFPA, and effectively invests in the fulfillment of the ICPD Programme of Action related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for women, girls and young people.

By contributing to UNFPA’s core resources, you demonstrate your political support to UNFPA, backed by a financial commitment. A diverse base of core contributors from all regions signals global support for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, in line with the global commitments.

All contributions make a difference. Small- and medium-sized contributions have a meaningful cumulative impact on overall core resources, without adding transaction cost. UNFPA is committed to recognizing the generosity and political commitment of all core contributors in its visibility and communication efforts.

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

Join UNFPA’s diverse coalition of contributors supporting our shared mandate—ensuring rights and choices for all.

What do core resources help achieve?

Core resources directly contribute to leaving no one behind, and realizing the three zeros through:

Ensuring UNFPA presence globally

Core resources fund UNFPA’s global presence in more than 150 countries and territories across the world, including in crisis situations.

Enabling UNFPA’s normative role

With core funding, 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 more efficiently plan programmes, develop policy and advocacy, and deliver technical expertise. 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 enabling our 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 and respond to 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, to adapt to shocks and to act quickly to save lives.

Supporting UNFPA oversight functions

Core resources fund UNFPA oversight functions: which ensure that UNFPA operations are diligently conducted, efficient, transparent and accountable. They are essential to demonstrating value for money to taxpayers, contributors, governments and other constituencies. Oversight functions contribute to strengthening trust, and in turn encourage 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 implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals at the national level.

1 Oversight functions include audits and investigations, evaluations, other internal legal office activities.