

U.S. Statement at UNICEF Executive Board Meeting
Agenda Item 6: Structured Dialogue on Financing Results of UNICEF
Strategic Plan, 2022-25
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- The United States welcomes this comprehensive and forward-looking guide to what we hope will continue to be a systematic and productive dialogue on how best to collectively ensure sustained resourcing so UNICEF can deliver on its ambitious 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.
- We ask UNICEF for increased clarity, transparency and accuracy in their financial reporting against each Strategic Plan goal, including whether funds are for development or humanitarian objectives.
- We applaud UNICEF for its successful fundraising efforts in 2022 and recognize the difficulty in securing longer term contributions given the uncertainty created by COVID-19 and the challenging fundraising environment. We urge UNICEF to continue successfully innovating and adapting its resource mobilization strategy.
- We encourage UNICEF to continue its successful efforts to attract private sector contributions. We note 33 percent increase in income from the private sector from 2021 to 2022 (up from \$2 billion to \$2.665 billion).
- We also understand UNICEF has a four-year plan to spend the \$655 million excess in regular resources (RR). Can you provide this plan?
- UNICEF's strategic plans are a vital vehicle for articulating, allocating adequate resources for, and reporting on progress toward the

organization's main priorities and targeted results. They are also instruments for Member States to measure UNICEF's performance and inform their own funding decisions.

- With 87 percent of UNICEF country offices partnering with other UN agencies to support national priorities, UNICEF significantly exceeded its 2022-25 Strategic Plan target (74 percent) for inter-agency collaboration, effectively leveraging pooled funding contributions and implementation arrangements. We commend UNICEF on this exemplary achievement and encourage its continued active engagement with other UN agencies to make effective use of joint funding modalities.
- We note with concern, the continued decline in regular resources (RR) as a proportion of UNICEF's overall income. Some view the "Funding Compact" as a tool to generate more resources, particularly RR funding for the agencies, and we support member states' pursuit of this voluntary funding arrangement to increase their regular resource contributions. Nevertheless, many factors outside of the Funding Compact can spur transformation, and boost performance, and generate funding for agencies. This includes their strategic plans' integrated resource and results frameworks, and the Resident Coordinator results framework that has long been under development.
- The data provided highlights how regular resources support UNICEF to better respond to acute public health emergencies; how can RR also support increased effectiveness of oversight and management functions?
- We urge UNICEF to remain focused on effective management oversight and internal controls, which are essential to ensure UNICEF produces the intended results for children. Demonstrating effective oversight helps maintain donor confidence.

- We appreciate UNICEF's efforts to harmonize the Structured Funding Dialogue report format with those of other UN Funds and Programs.