



GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE – UNITED NATIONS

# Partnership Framework

2018–2022

The Government of Ukraine -  
United Nations Partnership Framework

represents the common strategic partnership framework between  
the Government of Ukraine and the United Nations (UN) System  
for the period of 2018-2022

The Partnership Framework was formulated with strong participation from the Government of Ukraine, the United Nations Country Team in Ukraine, civil society and other stakeholders. It affirms the commitment of the UN Country Team in support of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 in areas aligned with national development priorities.

## THE FOLLOWING FOUR PILLARS WERE IDENTIFIED:

### PILLAR 1:

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH,  
ENVIRONMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

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### PILLAR 2:

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY AND  
INCLUSIVE SERVICES AND SOCIAL  
PROTECTION

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### PILLAR 3:

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE, RULE OF  
LAW AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

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### PILLAR 4:

HUMAN SECURITY, SOCIAL COHESION  
AND RECOVERY WITH A PARTICULAR  
FOCUS ON EASTERN UKRAINE

Planned results to be achieved by 2022 respond to national development challenges and are based on UN's comparative advantages, capacity and resources. Through these Pillars the UN Country Team will support the Government in achieving the global and national targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. With the strong emphasis on the national and regional priority goals identified for Ukraine, such as Goal 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and strong institutions).

With its strong focus on the people of Ukraine, the Partnership Framework consolidates efforts of the UN agencies and partners to address structural issues of poverty, inequality and vulnerability and aims to build stronger coherence between humanitarian, recovery and development programmes to ensure maximum impact of our interventions. The Framework gives special attention to the needs and aspirations of the most marginalized and vulnerable populations in Ukraine. This approach builds on the core SDG concept of equitable development for all, 'leaving no one behind' and the key message to 'reach those furthest behind first'.

Guided by the core UN programming principles of human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, sustainability and resilience, and accountability, the UN will support reforms and conduct advocacy for greater accountability and development of a more dynamic and equal partnership between Government of Ukraine, civil society and private sector.

The Partnership Framework will be implemented by the UN together with the Government through the four pillars ensuring synergies and programmatic alignment with national processes and priorities. The coordination structure that includes the High-Level Steering Committee for the Partnership Framework and four Result Groups will be established to strengthen the partnership between the Government of Ukraine and the UN. The Joint Result Framework and monitoring and evaluation plan provides the structure to build mutual accountability and shared ownership of results.

The Government of Ukraine and the UN System agreed to work under the Partnership Framework in a spirit of cooperation, respect and transparency and with the ultimate goal of contributing to the wellbeing of all people of Ukraine and prosperity of the country.



## **Pillar 1:** **Sustainable economic growth, environment and employment**

Under this Pillar, the Partnership Framework will focus on: improvement of the legislative environment for development of sustainable enterprises, particularly small and medium enterprise; promotion of employment – intensive investments and equal access to entrepreneurship and employment for women and men including from vulnerable groups; improvement of funding schemes to support agriculture and business development in rural areas; support to sustainable and inclusive economic development that is environmentally responsive.

### **OUTCOME 1.1.**

By 2022, all women and men, especially young people, equally benefit from an enabling environment that includes labour market, access to decent jobs and economic opportunities

#### **Alignment to national agenda:**

Poverty Reduction Strategy (2017-2020), Decent Work Country Programme (2016-2019), State Programme on Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men (2017-2021), Strategy 2020, Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy (2016-2020)

#### **Alignment to SDGs:**

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

#### **Implementing UN Agencies:**

FAO, ILO, IOM, UNDP, UNECE, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNOPS, UN WOMEN, WFP

#### **Vulnerable Groups:**

Youth, people with disabilities; IDPs, migrants, rural population, women facing multiple forms of discrimination

**The UN will work together with the partners to promote the following results:**

- More enabling legislative environment for domestic and foreign investment and development of sustainable enterprises, entrepreneurship and innovations;
- Responsiveness of employment policies, legislation and greater investments to the needs of women and men from vulnerable groups;
- Reduced disparity in regional development particularly in rural areas;
- Increased capacity of national institutions and regional governments to promote rural development and development of business;
- Stronger cooperation of employer's and business associations with the GOU in development of employment-intensive policies and measures;
- Increased employability and access to entrepreneurship;
- Economic empowerment and equal employment standards for men and women including from vulnerable groups;
- Expanded and more inclusive job market particularly for youth, women, IDPs, and populations in conflict-affected areas.

**OUTCOME 1.2.**

By 2022, national institutions, private business and communities implement gender-responsive policies and practices to achieve sustainable management of natural resources, preservation of ecosystems, mitigation, adaptation to climate change and generation of green jobs

**Alignment to national agenda:**

Environmental Policy Strategy 2020, National Action Plan on Environmental Security (2016-2020)

**Alignment to SDGs:**

6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

**Implementing UN Agencies:**

FAO, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP, UNICEF, UNIDO, WHO

**Vulnerable Groups:**

People living in highly industrialized and urbanised areas, people living in agriculture areas



**The UN will work together with the partners to promote the following results:**

- Improved regulatory framework and policies that facilitate implementation of climate adaptation and mitigation measures including energy efficiency;
- More favourable environment for development of green economy and climate-friendly enterprises;
- Increased capacity of the target ministries and agencies in sustainable management and use of natural resources, and preservation of ecosystems;
- Integration of sustainable development and community resilience goals into regional and local development planning.



## **Pillar 2:** Equitable access to quality and inclusive services and social protection

Under this Pillar the Partnership Framework will address issues of social protection, inclusion and human development. Better access and more effective social protection mechanisms will contribute to more active participation of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable populations in social and economic processes to achieve security for their families, develop their potential and contribute to the prosperity of the country.

### **OUTCOME 2.**

By 2022, women and men, girls and boys, equitably benefit from integrated social protection, universal health services and quality education

#### **Alignment to national agenda:**

The Concept of the National Integrated Social Protection System in Ukraine, Anti-corruptions strategy, HR Strategy, State Programme on Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men; State Programme of fighting Human Trafficking 2020, Health 2020, National Poverty Eradication Strategy

#### **Alignment to SDGs:**

1, 3, 4, 8, 10

#### **Implementing UN Agencies:**

ILO, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, UNOPS, WHO

#### **Vulnerable Groups:**

People, especially children, living below the poverty line; people with disabilities, including children; institutionalized populations especially children and young people, IDPs, victims of human trafficking, labour migrants, adolescents and young people (young girls in particular), elderly people, people living with HIV and TB and key populations at risk, minorities



### **The UN will work together with the partners to promote the following results:**

- Development of a National Integrated Social Protection System and provision of social services;
- Support to implementation of the state health-care reform and access to medicines and vaccines;
- Promotion of healthy life-styles, as well as active ageing;
- Improving access to pre-primary education, especially for vulnerable groups and conflict-affected populations, and improving the quality of education that promotes life skills learning and safe learning environments.



## **Pillar 3:** Democratic governance, rule of law and civic participation

Under this Pillar the UN will support systemic and institutional capacity building of national, regional and local level governance institutions; strengthening accountability of governance, rule of law and civic participation; increasing responsiveness of national policies and public services to the needs of right holders.

### **OUTCOME 3.**

By 2022, women and men, girls and boys participate in decision-making and enjoy human rights, gender equality, effective, transparent and non-discriminatory public services.

#### **Alignment to national agenda:**

Strategy 2020, Anti-corruption Strategy, National Human Rights Strategy (2015-2020) and National Action Plan, State Programme on Fighting Human Trafficking (2020), National Health Reform Strategy for Ukraine 2015-2020, State Programme on Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men (2017 – 2021).

#### **Alignment to SDGs:**

4, 5, 10, 16

#### **Implementing UN Agencies:**

ILO, IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN OHCHR, UNOPS, UNV, UN WOMEN, WHO

#### **Vulnerable Groups:**

IDPs, women, youth, elderly people, people living with HIV, migrants, victims of human trafficking, Roma minorities, refugees



### **The UN will work together with the partners to promote the following results:**

- More empowered and effective national human rights institutions and instruments;
- Increased awareness and capacity of rights holders including the most marginalized and vulnerable to seek protection and have effective access to quality public services;
- Strengthened rule of law including better responsiveness of judiciary system to effectively respond to human rights violations and ensure compliance of law enforcement and penitentiary systems practices with international human rights standards;
- Increased human rights awareness of people in Ukraine and effective access to and use of human rights institutions and increased protection of human rights;
- Increased capacity of oblast authorities to plan, fund and implement region specific policies and plans;
- Increased trust and cooperation between community members and local authorities in addressing local development challenges;
- Stronger participation and influence of civil society and socio-economically marginalized or excluded groups, including youth and women's groups on public policy debate and implementation of reforms.



## **Pillar 4:** Human security, social cohesion and recovery with a particular focus on Eastern Ukraine

Under this Pillar, the Partnership Framework contributes to the following areas: building resilience of communities, including women, men and children IDPs and most vulnerable populations affected by the conflict in the East; and strengthening social cohesion in conflict-affected communities. While focusing particularly on Eastern Ukraine, Pillar 4 contributes to all the other result groups by emphasizing an integrated approach to human security and targeting specific developmental challenges pertinent to building social cohesion, peace and stability in the rest of Ukraine.

### **OUTCOME 4.**

By 2022, communities, including vulnerable people and IDPs, are more resilient and equitably benefit from greater social cohesion, quality services and recovery support.



#### **Alignment to national agenda:**

The Concept of the State Targeted Programme (STP) on Recovery and Peacebuilding in the Eastern Oblasts of Ukraine; National Action Plan for the Implementation of the UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (2016 – 2020)

#### **Alignment to SDGs:**

1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 16

#### **Implementing UN Agencies:**

FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN Women, WFP, WHO

#### **Vulnerable Groups:**

IDPs, women, men, children, ex-combatants, elderly people, victims of torture, ex-combatants, survivors of GBV

### **The UN in collaboration with national governmental institutions, civil society and other partners intends to contribute to:**

- Improved coordination between state, non-state and international agencies of humanitarian, recovery and development measures;
- Local governance, law enforcement and justice institutions are increasingly effective in implementing recovery measures and addressing justice and security at the community level;
- Greater sense of security among women, men and children IDPs and other conflict-affected populations and more trust to government institutions;
- Increased women's participation in recovery processes, conflict prevention and resolution;
- Establishment of a national level dialogue on issues of reconciliation and social cohesion;
- Enhanced cooperation between conflict-affected populations (IDPs, host communities; populations of GCA and NGCA) in development of community-based recovery programmes.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1** NO POVERTY



**2** ZERO HUNGER



**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



**4** QUALITY EDUCATION



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



**7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



**13** CLIMATE ACTION



**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE ON LAND



**16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

