The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has calculated that a total of between US$5 trillion and $7 trillion needs to be raised by governments worldwide every year to finance sustainable development.

Ukraine too will require to invest significant resources if it is to attain its sustainable development targets, and following the adoption of the UN resolution on Agenda 2030, the Ukrainian government has indeed taken laudable steps to implement the SDGs.

However, progress is hampered by funding gaps and inefficiencies.

To reinforce Ukraine’s SDGs financing architecture, UNDP as the lead agency, together with WHO and UNICEF, and the non-resident agency UNECE, will be implementing a comprehensive Joint Programme to promote strategic planning and financing for sustainable development in Ukraine.

The programme provides an integrated response to the need of the Government of Ukraine to build consensus around financial flows and reforms linked to financing the SDG agenda. Through engagement at the national and sub-national levels, the Joint Programme aims to produce better ways of managing existing – and potential – finance flows, and align available resources to long-term development priorities and achieving the SDGs in Ukraine. Promoting and supporting the establishment of Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) is a central ambition of the programme, which will improve the linkages between public policy execution and ongoing decentralisation reforms.

The following overarching Joint Programme outcomes are foreseen:

- **Outcome 1**: Ukraine’s national SDGs planning and financing architecture is improved;
- **Outcome 2**: Decentralized SDG development planning and financing architecture is improved at the regional level.

The design of the Joint Programme rests on the building blocks of the INFF framework:

1. Assessment and Diagnostics – assessment of strategic planning and budgeting systems;
2. Financing Strategy – budgeting for SDGs and leveraging new financing flows;
3. Monitoring and Review – align national and subnational monitoring systems with the SDGs; and
4. Governance and Coordination – supporting the establishment of INFF governance mechanisms.

The programme is funded by the UN Joint SDG Fund, an innovative strategic financing and integrated policy support mechanism. It supports catalytic programmes that work across all 17 SDGs and cross-cutting areas and that serve UN programme countries in accelerating progress in attaining the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. Its rationale is to forge paths and partnerships to unlock public and private capital for the SDGs at scale.

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UN Agencies: UNDP (lead), UNICEF, WHO, UNECE

National partners: Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

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