

GLOBAL CHALLENGES REQUIRE MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS

THE EU AND THE UNITED NATIONS



For decades, the UN and EU have partnered on addressing **global challenges** such as tackling climate change, promoting global peace and security, achieving sustainable development, and protecting human rights. Both organizations leverage their **unique strengths and resources** to implement joint initiatives and policies, and both have multilateralism and solidarity in their DNA. This cooperation enhances our joint capacity to respond to global crises and promote international stability and prosperity.

Twenty-seven UN entities are currently based in Brussels, working together to further EU-UN relations. In the spirit of this partnership, the EU and the UN have been strengthening the **strategic collaboration** at all levels, through for example, high-level dialogues between the UN Secretary-General and the President of the European Commission, as well as regular engagements of the UN Secretary-General with the European Council and the European Parliament. Many UN entities also hold regular strategic dialogues with different Directorate-Generals of the European Commission. The EU and the UN are engaging in a more strategic manner on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) analysis and priorities, and finding ways to leverage planning, programmatic and financial tools for greater impact, both through the work being done in Brussels and in the field.

The UN has a global presence, which includes 130 country teams, covering 162 countries and territories. The UN's actions on the ground are more targeted and coherent thanks to the strengthened Resident Coordinator system, leading to better results in support of the needs and priorities of developing countries in the framework of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

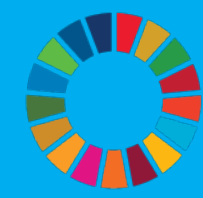
WITHIN THE EU SPACE, THE UN HAS ENGAGED ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT TOPICS (NON-EXCLUSIVE LIST):

- Engaging in discussions on the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, calling from the outset for provisions that align with international human rights and refugee conventions, and now within the implementation plans.
- Engaging in discussions to improve air quality within the adoption process of an EU Directive on Air Quality and in line with the ambitions set in a UN System Common Approach to transitioning towards a pollution-free planet.
- Promoting comprehensive policies and strategies to tackle the high child poverty rates within the EU, the adoption of the EU Child Guarantee, and supporting its rollout in selected EU Member States.
- Engaging in discussions, consultation processes, parliamentary hearings and reporting processes in view of the adoption of the EU Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence.

WITH PRE-ACCESSION COUNTRIES:

The UN provides expertise and capacity support to pre-accession countries to support the alignment of their policies and regulations with the EU acquis.

THE UNITED NATIONS WORKING AROUND THE WORLD



FOOD SYSTEMS
21.4 million girls and boys received **nutritious meals**.

152 million women, men, girls and boys **received food assistance** to improve their food security, out of which 142 million people reached in the context of emergency and protracted crisis response.



ENERGY ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY
20 million people gained access to clean, affordable & **sustainable energy in 41 countries**.

78 countries engaged children, adolescents & young people in action & advocacy to address climate change, unsustainable energy use and/or environmental degradation.



DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY
Over **EUR 46.1 billion** pledged by governments, private sector & other stakeholders for **digital connectivity** projects in developing countries.



JOBS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
71.6 million people gained access to basic services, with support from 49 countries.

76 countries had legislative policy frameworks to **eliminate the worst forms of child labour**.

49 countries advanced **women's equal access** to & use of services, goods and/or resources, including social protection.



25.8 million refugees & asylum seekers in 81 countries benefitted from government **social protection programmes**.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
92 laws adopted, revised or repealed to advance gender equality across 23 countries.



TRANSFORMING EDUCATION
37.7 million children & adolescents accessed education, including 3.1 million children on the move & 17.7 million in **emergencies**.

31.2 million children accessed learning materials, including 5.4 million in emergencies.

Prior to October 2023, more than **500,000 Palestinian children refugees supported** to ensure access to basic education and primary health care for 2 million Palestinian patients annually.

CLIMATE · BIODIVERSITY · POLLUTION

50 countries supported to advance **national plans to reduce short lived pollutants** such as methane & hydrofluorocarbons, which contribute to climate change & air pollution, through the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.

44.3 million tons of CO₂ equivalent emissions reduced, and an additional 2,797.9 metric tons of mercury & Persistent Organic Pollutants prevented from being released to environment.

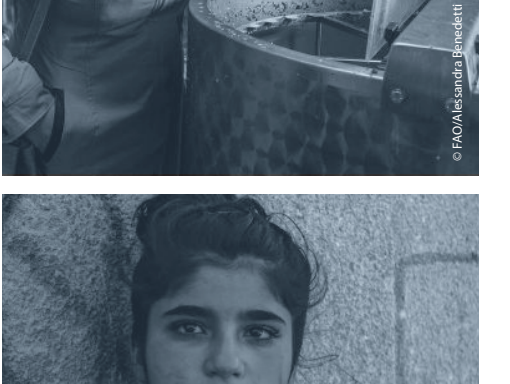
178 million hectares of protected area created or received improved management in 56 countries.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

27 million women & young people reached with **integrated sexual & reproductive health services** (SRHS).

132.9 million children vaccinated against measles, including 32.4 million in emergencies.

83 countries supported to scale up combination **HIV prevention programmes**.



> 80 countries supported with the procurement of medicines, medical equipment & medical supplies.

14.6 million refugees, asylum seekers, & others of concern in 77 countries received **essential healthcare services (EHS)**.

GOVERNANCE, PARTNERSHIP AND RULE OF LAW

Over **EUR 5 billion** in additional resources catalyzed for SDG acceleration from domestic, developmental & private financing (cumulative since 2019).

74 countries supported with **technical assistance on trade** & interrelated issues in areas of finance, investment, technology & sustainable development.

32 Member States developed & strengthened institutions, mechanisms & regulatory frameworks for social dialogue, labour relations & dispute resolution, supporting green transition & digital economy, through tripartite consultations **between governments, labor unions and business organizations**.

46 countries supported to establish or improve oversight, accountability, or protection mechanisms to enhance compliance with **international human rights standards**.

11.4 million people gained **access to justice in 68 countries**.

328.4 million registered voters in 2023 (22 elections).

