

Joint Programmes

Quick Facts

The New vs the Old

The new Joint Programming Guidance Note is different from its predecessor—some fund management options have been adapted and new ones introduced. Even if you studied the old Guidance Note in depth, it is important to read the new one.

In a hurry?

The Joint Programming Guidance Note is only 10 pages long. It is quick to read and a series of annexes linked to the text gives you more in-depth information on specific sections.

Getting started in Joint Programming

If two or more agencies in your country are working in the same sector, or geographical region, or with the same partner the Guidance Note offers advice as to how you could develop a joint programme. The Guidance Note can help you choose what funding mechanism will work best for you.

Working in HIV/AIDS?

Particular programme sectors may lend themselves to the development of a joint programme. Is tackling the HIV/AIDS pandemic a national priority? Are UN organizations helping government partners to build capacity to report on the Millennium Development Goals? If so, then a joint programme may make sense and the Joint Programming Guidance Note gives further information.

Essential Reading for Finance Sections

The fund management recommendations—especially pass-through—will affect how finance sections in Headquarters and the field do business. Read the guidelines and the MOU annexes carefully for details.

Parallel Fund Management

Does your UN country team work with separate government partners on programmes which are aimed at achieving a common result? The parallel fund management option may prove the most effective way of managing your cooperation.

Pooled Fund Management

Alternatively, is your UN country team considering developing a common work plan with one common national partner? Pooled fund management, where one UN agency disburses the joint funds and coordinates—reduces management time and overheads for partner governments.

New: Pass-Through Fund Management

Developed a joint programme and want to submit the proposal to a donor for funding? The Guidance Note provides information on how channeling donor money through an Administrative Agent can make the process simpler—and more attractive—to a donor.

Want a sample programme document?

The new Guidance Note provides a suggested sample format for a joint programme document with annual work plan that can be followed by country teams.

Looking for an MOU / Letter of Agreement?

If the UN country team has identified a joint programme area, the Guidance Note offers a suggested standard Memorandum of Understanding for each of the different fund management options and Letter of Agreement that can be signed by donors for pass-through.