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Second Informal Plenary Discussion on RC Funding *Handouts*

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THE IMPACT OF CURRENT SHORTFALL OF RC SYSTEM FUNDING OF \$85M

Reduction of core RCO capacities, funding for country-level coordination and RC leadership

RC Leadership of UN Country Teams

Limited funding leads to less effective and coherent UN offer, due to:

- Reduced intake of RC candidates in the RC Talent Pipeline (**reduced by 46% in 2022 and further by 28% in 2023**), which led to **17% RC** posts not filled in 2023. Impacting RC career track and ability to attract talent.
- **Suspension of coaching** for most RCs



REDUCED ABILITY TO DEPLOY LEADERS TO FILL RC VACANCIES

Accountability & Transparency

Lower RCO data and communications capacities along with reduced investments in systems improvements lead to:

- **Inconsistent awareness of UN activities and results** in the country
- **Limited ability to support SDG-related advocacy and campaigns**
- **Slower progress in improvements to system-wide reporting and reduced quality of data** (e.g. UN INFO platform)



REDUCED CAPACITY TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RESULTS

Cross-pillar Synergies & Crisis Response

Budget shortfalls constrain ability to support countries in special situations with timely and scaled-up support for prevention, crisis response, recovery and resilience, due to:

- **Lower fielding of tailored capacities** in RCOs to help align UN-wide interventions
- **Constrained RC ability to help respond to sudden crises** in countries without preexisting humanitarian presence (29 OCHA country offices and 21 Humanitarian Advisory Teams working with/embedded in RCOs)
- **Limited ability of the UNCT to scale up engagement in mission transition settings**



LOWER ABILITY TO ENSURE COORDINATED RESPONSES ACROSS DEVELOPMENT, HUMANITARIAN AND PEACEBUILDING INTERVENTIONS

SDG Solutions & Financing

Pausing RC Office recruitments (**78 affecting 52 countries in 2023**) and lower Coordination Fund (**from \$35 million to \$12 million in 2023**) constrains ability to meet specific country needs, due to:

- **Limited RC ability to convene relevant stakeholders at national & local levels** in response to agreed Cooperation Framework priorities and internationally-agreed mandates
 - **Less regular updates to the Common Country Analysis**
- **Reduced ability to support UNCT-wide integrated approaches for SDG acceleration**
- **Limited capacity to undertake coordinated macroeconomic analyses and facilitate SDG financing responses** across UNCT and development partners (including IFIs and private sector) constraining innovative financing solutions, and support to Integrated National Financing Frameworks



REDUCED ABILITY FOR EFFECTIVE, COHERENT UNCT RESPONSE FOR (1) SDG POLICY ACCELERATION AND (2) SDG FINANCING SOLUTIONS, TAILORED TO DELIVER THE COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS

Efficiencies

Reduced investments by 46% from 2022 to 2023, to support implementation of the UNSDG Efficiency Roadmap, due to the budget shortfalls, lead to:

- Limited capacity to implement and systematically report on **131 country-level Business Operation Strategies**
- Focus on rollout of **Common Back-Offices in only six countries, instead of 30** as targeted in the Efficiency Roadmap
- Delayed **Common Premises in 4 countries**

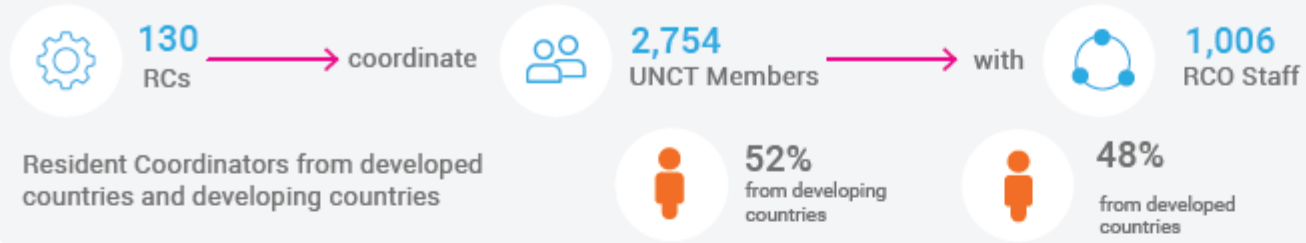


REDUCED COORDINATION OF SYSTEM SUPPORT TO ADVANCE SYSTEM-WIDE EFFICIENCIES

Resident Coordinator Leadership in Action

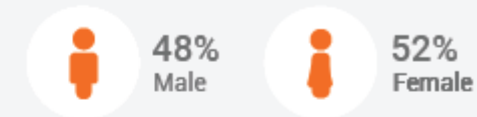
Source: DCO 2023

RESIDENT COORDINATORS AND THEIR OFFICES



Gender balance in RCOs

98 RCs | 20 RCs/HCs | 12 RCs/HCs/DSRSGs



HC = Humanitarian Coordinator; DSRSG = Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General

GLOBAL FUNDS

From 13 Global Funds

800.8m USD \$



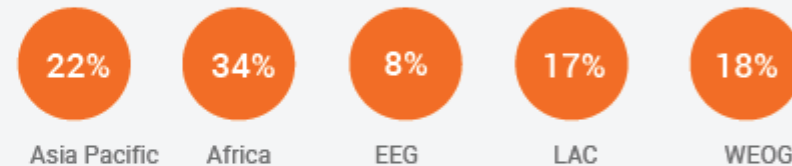
Joint SDG Fund global financial commitments

268m USD \$

Source: DCO (2023) and MPTFO (2023)

Nationalities of global RC system workforce

Total 1,155



COUNTRY-LEVEL UN DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES ACROSS THE GLOBE

Total Expenditure

12bn USD \$

Core Expenditure

2.2bn

Country-level RC office expenditure

173M

Source: CEB/DESA (2022) and DCO (2022)

CAPITALIZATION OF COUNTRY-BASED POOLED FUNDS

597.4m USD \$ [committed from 2022]

93 UNCTs

Source: MPTFO (2023)

SYSTEM-WIDE PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING INSTRUMENTS

124 Cooperation Frameworks¹ 744 Outcomes

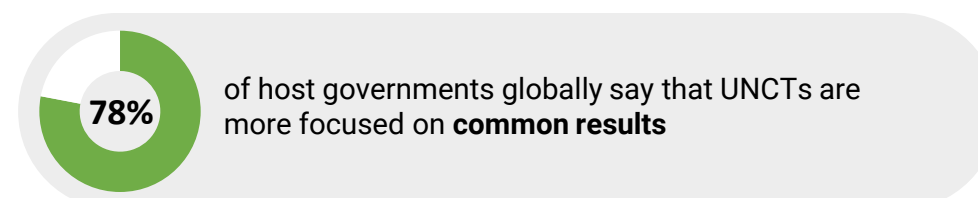
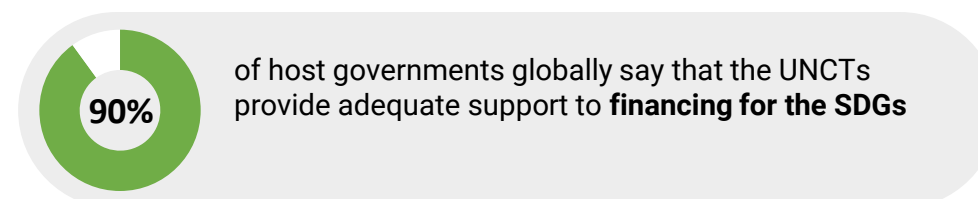
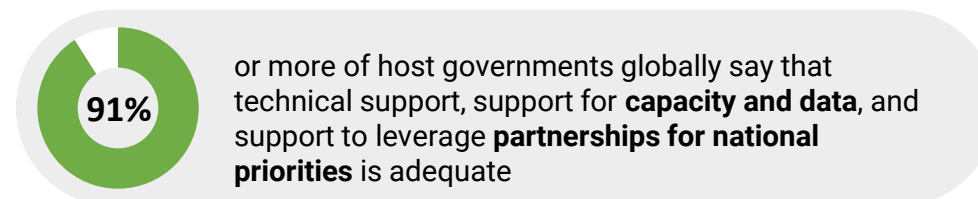
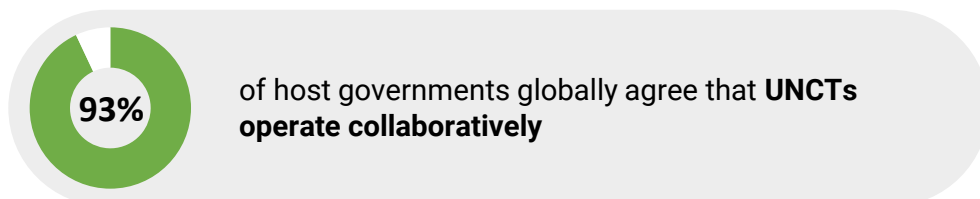
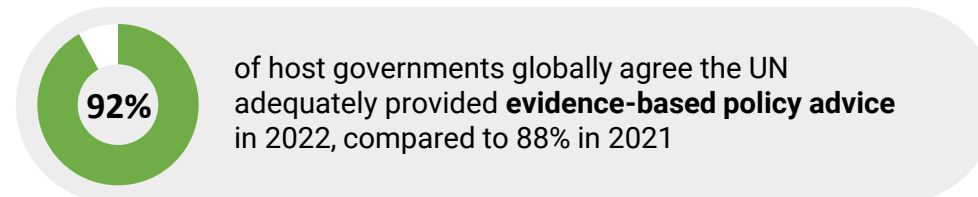
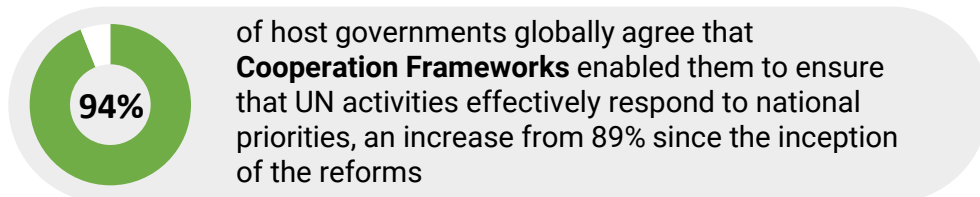
¹ Cooperation Framework [or equivalent instruments]. The total number of Cooperation Frameworks is 124 as there are a number of Cooperation Frameworks that cover multiple countries.

Source: DCO 2022

More than \$6bn across 900 joint programmes mobilized for national priorities under national leadership

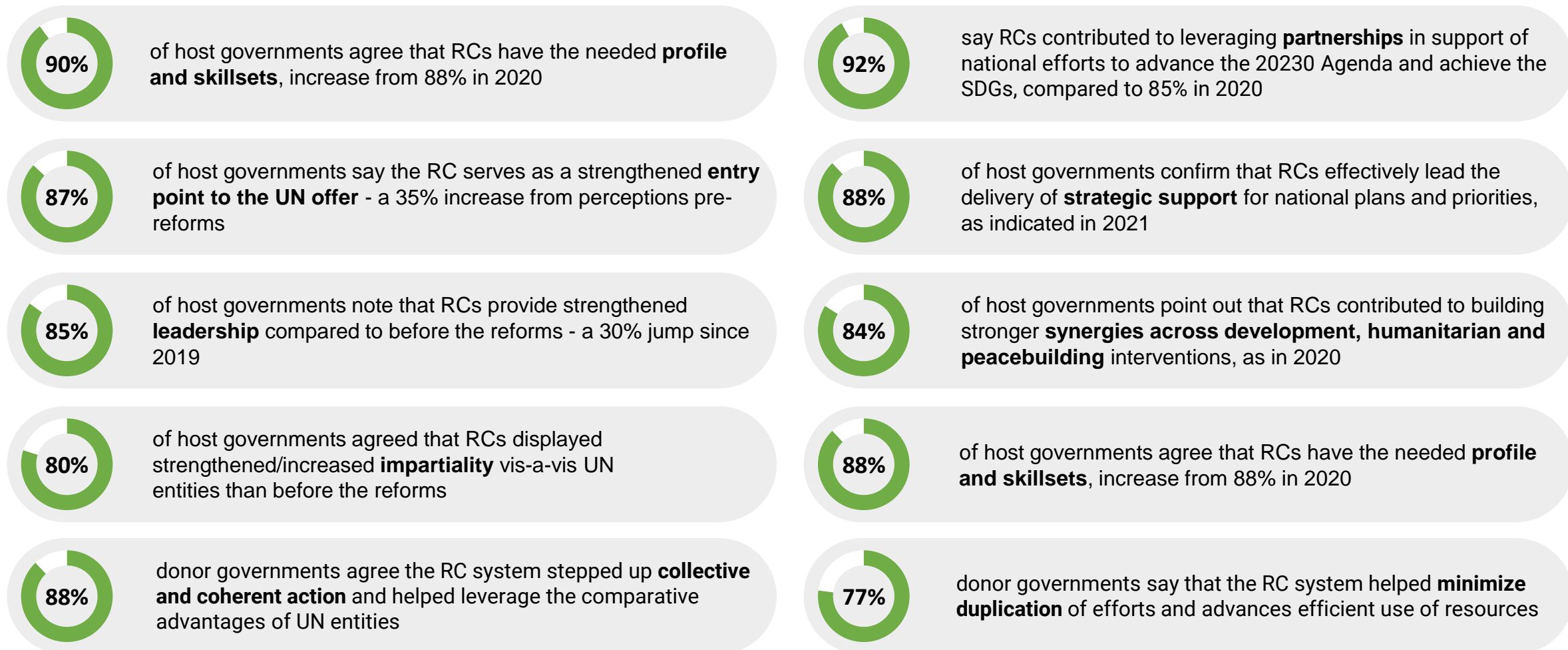
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Country team programming and policy support is increasingly well regarded by host governments, with stronger alignment to national needs and priorities



Source: Independent government surveys conducted by DESA in 2022

Resident Coordinators are utilizing their convening power to bring the development system together. Both Governments and UNCTs value their support.



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