

QUESTIONNAIRE

(UN System and Other Relevant Entities)

Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States survey for the Secretary-General report in 2019.

This report is being prepared in accordance with paras 5 and 6 of A/RES/72/307. The report will (i) serve to support the intergovernmental consultations on the Outcome Document of the Mid Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway and (ii) be considered by the UNGA 74. The report will review progress on SAMOA Pathway implementation for the period January 2015 to present.

In all responses, and as far as is possible/practical, UN system and other relevant entities should refer to the [UN System Implementation Matrix](#)¹ prepared following the 3rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

The Attached Annex provides examples of the preferred level of detail for responses.

1. Financial Support: Please provide information on annual financial allocation(s)/investment(s) (i) in absolute values and (ii) as a percentage of the total annual budgets for SIDS programme areas, for the period January 2015 to December 2018 or the most relevant period following the onset of the SAMOA Pathway. Please provide your responses in the Table in **Annex 1, no. 1**.

2. Measuring the Progress/Implementation Status of SAMOA Pathway thematic areas:

- a. With reference to the assigned areas contained within the UN Implementation Matrix, where relevant or possible, please indicate the percentage achievement of the thematic areas contained within the SAMOA Pathway. Please support your answers with quantitative evidence (progress indicators, delivery rate of programme/project funds, etc.) as appropriate.
- b. Please report on any other targets/indicators used by your organization to assess progress on implementation of the SAMOA Pathway? If the SDG goals and targets are used please explain how current progress measures against these indicators/targets?

UNOPS is a demand-driven, self-financed organization that works jointly with or on behalf of partners to implement projects, based on their needs and priorities. As such, UNOPS does not set programmatic goals and targets for its activities.

¹ http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/612SAMOA%20Pathway%20implementation%20matrix_UN%20system.pdf

Notwithstanding, UNOPS is mandated to expand the implementation capacity of its partners across all SDGs. Its services are, amongst others, particularly in demand in contexts of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states. Through its specialized technical and context-specific solutions in the areas of infrastructure and procurement, UNOPS is well-positioned to support the SAMOA Pathway ambition of enabling Small Island Developing States to establish resilient, sustainable infrastructure.

- c. If no specific indicators/targets are used by your organization please indicate how your organization measures progress in lieu of targets and indicators?

The organization tracks the nature and volume of services delivered for SIDS, and through the Annual Report of the Executive Director, reports on related activities.

For example, in 2017, UNOPS expanded its support to the SIDS through engagements with, and in, Antigua and Barbuda, Nauru, Palau, Saint Lucia, as well as Sao Tomé and Príncipe, leveraging both partnerships with academia/private sector entities, and south-south cooperation (ref. DP/OPS/2018/2).

3. Successful Examples – This section examines best practices and successful interventions that have made significant impact on the ground. (**Word Limit for responses: 2500**).

- a. From among the programmes/projects that have been implemented by your organization over the reporting period, please elaborate on a few of the most successful. Please provide your responses in the Table in **Annex 1, no. 3**.
 - i. Why are these considered a success?
 - ii. What were the results? Please support with qualitative/quantitative evidence if possible/relevant
 - iii. Please elaborate on the critical factors that contributed to the intervention's success and any key lessons learned?
- b. Where there any other key results/outputs achieved and describe its impacts, if any.

4. Addressing Gaps and Challenges:

- a. From among the programmes/projects that have been implemented by your organization over the reporting period, please elaborate on any implementation challenges that have been encountered (**Word Limit for responses: 2500**).
- b. What have been the lessons learned and how will these be taken into account for the remaining implementation period of the SAMOA Pathway? (2019-2024)?

5. Outreach/Publications

- a. Please include a link to the annual progress report(s) of your organization, or any other relevant progress report(s). If present, please identify the sections relevant to SIDS/SAMOA Pathway implementation. Please also add any other publication issued by your organization the covers SIDS

- 1) 2017 Annual Report of the Executive Director to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/OPS/2018/2), specifically, paragraphs 18, 53, and 63.

<https://content.unops.org/documents/libraries/executive-board/documents-for-sessions/2018/annual-session/item-2-annual-report-of-the-administrator/en/DPOPS2018-2.docx>

- 2) Publication entitled 'Impact', UNOPS 2017 sustainability report issued in 2018, which includes project highlights in SIDS on page 29.
https://content.unops.org/publications/Sustainability-reports/UNOPS-Sustainability-report-2017_EN.pdf
- 3) Publication entitled 'Infrastructure, Underpinning Sustainable Development', issued during 2018 in collaboration with University of Oxford-led Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortium (ITRC) which presents and explains the ability for infrastructure to influence all 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including almost all of their targets. Specifically, SDG targets where infrastructure can have an impact for Small Island Developing States are referred to on the following pages: 19, 23, 25, 31, 33 and 39. Case studies relevant to SIDS: Haiti, page 26; Jamaica, page 28; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, page 32.
https://content.unops.org/publications/Infrastructure_underpinning_sustainable_development_EN.pdf
- 4) <https://sgp.undp.org/innovation-library/item/1107-sgp-sids--results-fact-sheet-2016---2017.html>
- 5) <https://sgp.undp.org/>

b. Does your organization manage any website dedicated exclusively to SIDS?

UNOPS provides project management support to the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Atlantic and Indian oceans (AIO) Small Island Developing States (SIDS) project which supports Cabo Verde, Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius, São Tomé & Príncipe and Seychelles. The following website is managed by the project team:
<http://aio-iwrm.org/>

This projects addresses paragraph 64 of the SAMOA Pathway on water and sanitation and directly feeds into the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals.

UNOPS corporate website includes a feature about the challenges faced by SIDS published in 2018 and focussing on the work of the IWRM SIDS AIO project here:
<https://www.unops.org/news-and-stories/stories/the-inconsiderate-intruder-climate-change-and-small-island-developing-states>

6. Preparations for the Mid-Term Review – A High-Level review of the Samoa Pathway will take place on 27th of Sept. 2019 in UNHQ, as mandated by [A/RES/72/307](#).

- a. Is your organization conducting or planning to conduct any internal review of SIDS programmes in preparation for the Mid-term review of the Samoa Pathway? If so, please provide.

In principle, as a demand-driven, self-financing organization, UNOPS neither sets programmatic targets, nor conducts reviews of programmes of the nature implied in the question. However, UNOPS will conduct a midterm review of its 2018-2021 strategic plan, which will be presented to the Executive Board in 2020. This will include a review of the global context the organization is operating in; and a review of the organization's portfolio across different contexts, including that of small island developing states.

- b. Please elaborate on any other activities being undertaken in preparation for the High-Level Review in 2019.

In January 2017 UNOPS organized a presentation for AOSIS on its activities and projects in support of implementation of Samoa Pathway and development of small island states. Similar activity is planned for June 2019 where we will take stock what UNOPS achieved over the last two years.

- 7. Other Matters** – Please include any other information as relevant.

Thank you for completing the Survey!