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What is the Fund?

- In resolution 6/17, the Human Rights Council established a financial mechanism in order to provide, in conjunction with multilateral funding mechanisms, a source of financial and technical assistance to help countries implement recommendations emanating from the universal periodic review in consultation with, and with the consent of, the country concerned.
- In resolution 16/21, the Human Rights Council requested that the Fund be strengthened and operationalized in order to provide a source of financial and technical assistance to help countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDSs), to implement the recommendations emanating from their review.



Why is the UPR follow-up process so important?

- Effective follow-up to the recommendations of international human rights mechanisms helps **enhance the national capacities** to protect and promote human rights on the ground. As such, the situation of human rights on the ground will be improved both in law and in practice;
- The recommendations of international human rights mechanisms point to the root causes of human rights violations, and the need to address the protection gaps on the ground. Effective follow-up therefore serves as an **preventive tool** for future human rights violations; and
- These recommendations provide a human rights based framework for States to achieve **the Sustainable Development Goals** consistent with their human rights obligations and commitments, as well as their national and development programming objectives.



Implementation of Human Rights Recommendations

Modes of Provision of Technical Assistance and Cooperation

- Provision of support to establish and/or strengthen the **National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF)**, including implementation action plan and recommendations tracking and monitoring database;
- Integration of support in the wider United Nations Country Team programme on UPR, for instance in the context of **the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF)**;and
- Support to implementing key thematic priority recommendations, for instance, torture prevention, the right to health, etc.

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Factors to be considered seeking technical assistance and cooperation from the Fund

- Do other human rights mechanisms (Treaty bodies, Special Procedures or regional mechanisms) also emphasize the issues?
- Will implementation contribute to reaching a target(s) under the Sustainable Development Goals?
- Is the issue a priority at the national level according to other stakeholders, including regional organizations, NHRIs, civil society, the media and or the general public;
- Does the issue concern disadvantaged and marginalized groups or individuals?



Financial Situation of the Fund and Donors that have contributed to the Fund

The Fund has provided financial assistance to projects in more than 40 countries accumulatively since its establishment in 2007.

Total Balance as at 31 December 2016: **776,269USD**

Total contributions and donors since the establishment of the Fund:

Donor	Contribution
Year 2008/09	
Colombia	40 000
Russian Federation	450 000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	45 326
Biennium 2010-2011	
Germany	148 148
Morocco	500 000
Russian Federation	200 000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	133 707
Biennium 2012-2013	
Australia	387,580
Germany	475,664
Kazakhstan	9,975
Norway	849,114
Biennium 2014-2015	
Germany	242, 843
Kazakhstan	53,890
Netherlands	30,000
Norway	601,732
Oman	10,000
Biennium 2016-2017	
Germany	109,649
Republic of Korea	25,000
Norway	238,175
Saudi Arabia	75,000
Spain	54,348
Total contributions	5,088,085

How can States apply?

The proposal should:

- Linked to specific UPR recommendation(s);
- Contain activities that are specific, focused and achievable and time-bound; and
- Have indicators and benchmarks to measure concrete impact(s).

It is recommended that the Government: elaborate request for technical assistance with international organizations, for instance, OHCHR field presences and/or UN country teams; and involve other stakeholders such as national human rights institutions if existing, or civil society organizations in the entire implementation process from project conception to execution.

Applications can be submitted all year around to himplementation@ohchr.org.



How to contribute to the Fund?

Who can contribute to the Fund?

- Governments;
- Non-governmental organizations;
- Other private and public entities; and
- Individuals

Contributions should be **earmarked** for the Fund.



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