



EU FUNDING TO THE UN SYSTEM


The EU and its Member States are collectively the single largest financial contributor to the UN system year after year. EU Member States finance almost **one third** of the UN regular budget, whilst the EU and its Member States collectively provide almost **one quarter** of all financial contributions to UN agencies, funds and programmes.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT EU FUNDING TO THE UN

1. EU Member States contribute through both **assessed** (paid by all States belonging to the UN based on Gross National Income), as well as voluntary contributions. The EU, with its enhanced observer status, provides voluntary contributions.
2. In 2021, **EU Member States' voluntary contributions** to the UN system amounted to about **EUR 9.58 billion**. The EU alone contributes approximately EUR 3 billion annually.
3. The EU and its Member States are the **top financial donors to many key UN bodies** including, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the UN Development Program (UNDP) and the UN's Children Fund (UNICEF). For example, the EU and its Member States are the largest donors to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), providing overall financing of between 50-60%, representing a lifeline for this agency over the past years.
4. For the three-year period 2022-2024, EU Member States account for **23.5% of the UN peacekeeping budget**.
5. The EU and its Member States are the **leading donors of development assistance in the world**, providing EUR 92.8 billion in 2022, which accounts for 43% of global assistance. Much of this funding is channelled through UN agencies.

ZOOMING IN ON EU FINANCING (funds derived from the EU's budget)

€ 3.05 billion
EU Voluntary Contributions
to UN in 2022

+7% 
increase compared to 2021
to reach a level similar to 2019.

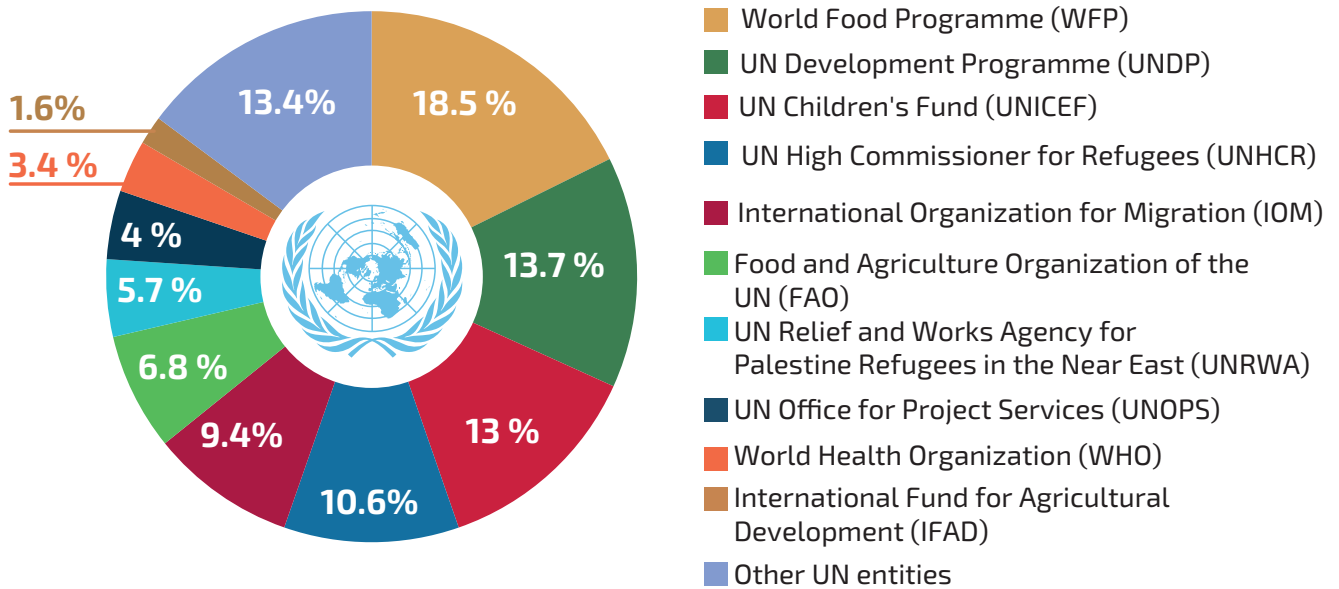
60%
Increase of EU contributions
to the UN since 2013

ANNUAL EU FUNDING OF THE UN



From 2013 to 2022, the EU committed a total amount of approximately EUR 26.2 billion to UN agencies, funds and programmes out of which 18.5% went to WFP, 13.7% to UNDP, 13% went to UNICEF and 10.6% to UNHCR.

2013-2022 EU COMMITMENTS TO UN AGENCIES



Despite challenging times over the past decade, the EU has continued and stepped up its funding to the UN system aligning its support to the global needs of our time.

PROGRESS OF EU FUNDING TO TOP 5 UN BODIES

