INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

GHANA

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2018-2021

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population

30.8 million people
2021

7% average (2017-2019)
0.4% (2020)
GDP growth

HDI ranking

138 out of **189** countries in **2019**

2 in **5**
People living in multi-dimensional **Poverty**

Women in politics

13% of parliament seats
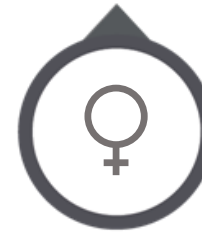
135 of 189 countries

Gender equality

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

	Environmental governance	Resilience	Governance and peacebuilding	Outside thematic areas
Budget Total	$9.5	$12.7	$8.1	$2.6
Expenditure Total	$6.0	$10.1	$5.6	$1.6
Execution Rate	63%	80%	69%	60%
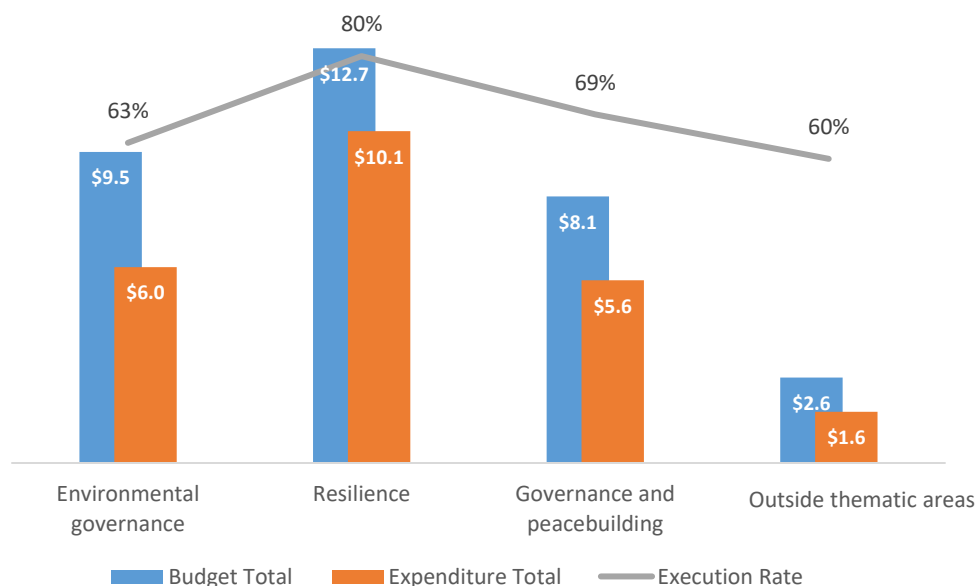
CONCLUSIONS

1. UNDP's programme is aligned with national priorities. The organization adapted to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and a fall in traditional resources, which effected the achievement of some intended results.

2. UNDP supported important technical capacities for climate change action, sustainable environmental practices and waste management.

3. Governance initiatives focused on peacebuilding and maintaining security, with accountability and transparency support largely limited to one-off initiatives.

4. Most interventions supported the capacities of central institutions, with mixed sustainability of results. UNDP worked with local governments to develop COVID-19 recovery and resource plans.

5. UNDP targeted marginalized groups through its country programme and COVID-19 response. Gender equality and women's empowerment results varied across thematic areas.

6. The monitoring and evaluation system did not provide a framework for strategically assessing the performance of the country office, limiting the potential for learning and improvement.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. UNDP should build on and strengthen its strategic position on climate action and environmental management.

2. UNDP should continue its peacebuilding and conflict management efforts, building on its strategic position and comparative advantage in this area, including the potential for resource mobilization.

3. Supporting decentralized government structures is important for change at grassroots level. UNDP should build on the work already done on climate change tools, action plans and the integrated assembly financing framework.

4. UNDP should further strengthen the gender aspects of its programme and make gender equality a critical component of its interventions.

5. UNDP should strengthen several elements of its system for results-based monitoring, reporting, evaluating and learning.

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