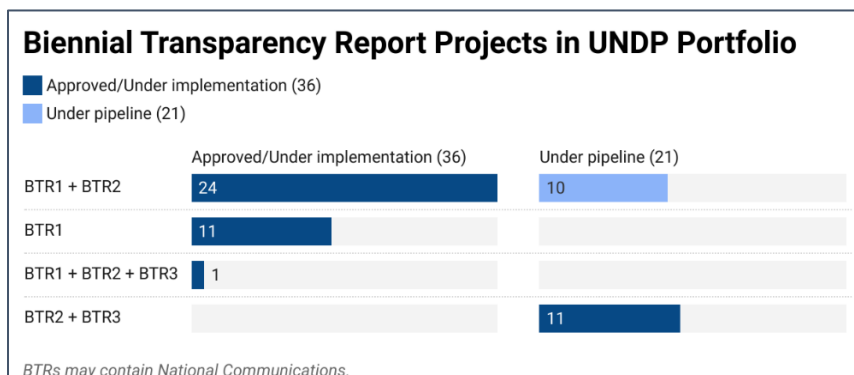# UNDP SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES ON ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK
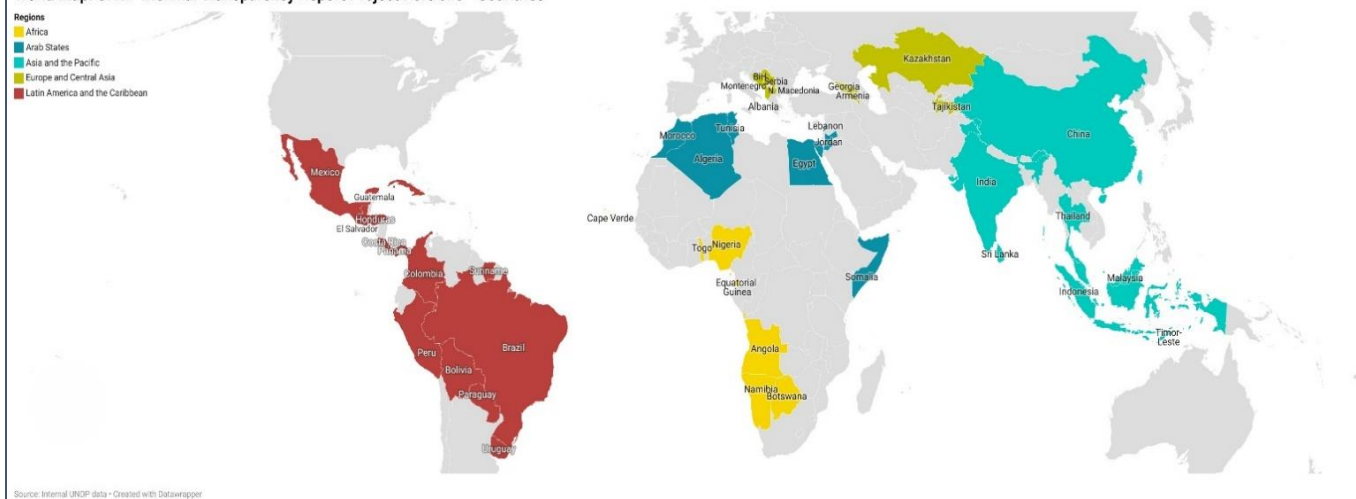## (2024 – 2025)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) plays a pivotal role in assisting countries to meet their climate transparency obligations, especially in the preparation and development of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs). These reports are key components of the Paris Agreement, designed to ensure that countries transparently communicate their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, track progress on national climate action, and share information on financial, technical, and capacity-building support received and provided. UNDP's support extends across technical, financial, and capacity-building domains, aimed at empowering countries to meet reporting standards while strengthening institutional frameworks for climate transparency.

1. BTR Reporting to the UNFCCC

Funding remains a significant barrier for many developing countries in preparing BTRs and implementing effective transparency mechanisms. To address this, UNDP facilitates countries to access climate finance through the Enabling Activity funding of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). **As of November 2024, UNDP supports 47 developing countries in their preparation of BTRs** in the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and Central Asia. As the GEF Implementing Agency, UNDP has provided streamlined technical support and quality assurance in project design, implementation monitoring and oversight to GEF-funded BTR projects in accordance with UNDP-GEF programming policies and the UNFCCC report submission requirements and timelines. Below chart introduces UNDP's BTR project portfolio with the projects already under implementation in 2024, and those with expected submissions to the GEF Secretariat in 2025.

Biennial Transparency Report Projects in UNDP Portfolio

■ Approved/Under implementation (36)
■ Under pipeline (21)

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BTR1 + BTR2	24	10
BTR1	11	
BTR1 + BTR2 + BTR3	1	
BTR2 + BTR3		11

BTRs may contain National Communications.

World Map: UNDP Biennial Transparency Report Project Portfolio - Countries

Regions
- Africa
- Arab States
- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean

Source: Internal UNDP data • Created with Datawrapper

2. Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) projects support the development of systems and institutional frameworks that countries can use to manage climate-related data comprehensively. These projects are instrumental in enabling countries to build and strengthen their capacity for monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) systems, which are integral to producing accurate BTRs. This support involves assisting in setting up legal and regulatory frameworks to mandate data collection and sharing, creating methodologies, procedures and guidelines for regular climate change reporting, as well as enhancement of inter-ministerial coordination on climate issues.

Through GEF funding, UNDP has continued to mobilize CBIT projects in 2024 and provides streamlined technical support and quality assurance in project design, implementation monitoring and oversight for CBIT projects in accordance with donor policy requirements.

UNDP currently supports 35 developing countries in the development and implementation of their CBIT projects in the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and Central Asia.

CBIT Projects in UNDP Portfolio (as of Nov 2024)	# of projects
Under implementation	14
Under pipeline	21

3. UNDP Climate Promise: Enhancing Climate Transparency (ECT) in Lusophone and Francophone developing countries

Through UNDP Climate Promise Initiative and with the support from the Government of Belgium, UNDP has provided extensive capacity-building assistance to help countries meet the reporting requirements set by the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement. Many countries, particularly developing nations, face challenges in data collection, emissions accounting, and report preparation due to limited technical expertise and resources.

Thematic focus of the technical assistance available include (1) Technical Support to improve countries' MRV and transparency systems; (2) Training and quality review support for the GHG Inventories; (3) BTR and NC quality assurance; (4) Support to Technical Expert Review and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress; (5) Capacity development and knowledge exchange; (6) Support to climate negotiators (for SBs and COP delegations); and (7) Support for digital transparency systems.

UNDP conducted **57 in-country trainings** in 26 countries over the last three years, while **20 countries have received in-depth technical support and guidance** for the preparation of 9 BURs, 6 NIRs, 5 NCs, 6 BTRs (Brazil, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Guinea-Bissau, Togo, Azerbaijan), 2 REDD+ Annex and 4 Mock ICAs.

UNDP also provided **extensive support to 9 countries** which successfully **submitted** their climate transparency reports to UNFCCC in 2023 and 2024 period: Angola (NC2) Guinea (BUR), Sao Tome y Principe (BUR), Cabo Verde (BUR 1 and NC4), Tunisia (NIR), Niger (NIR), Senegal (BUR), Mozambique (NC 2 and 1 and 2 BUR, REDD + Annex), Cote d'Ivoire (BUR 2, NIR)**.**

4. Promoting Knowledge Sharing and Best Practices on ETF

UNDP actively promotes knowledge-sharing initiatives to enable countries to learn from each other's experiences in BTR preparation and climate transparency. By organizing or contributing to regional and international forums, UNDP provides a platform for countries to share best practices, common challenges, and innovative solutions related to transparency and BTRs. Additionally, UNDP collaborates with involved organizations, such as GSP CBIT, UNFCCC, and PATPA to develop guidance documents and tools that can be widely disseminated and adapted to different national contexts.