

United Nations (UN)

Policy approach

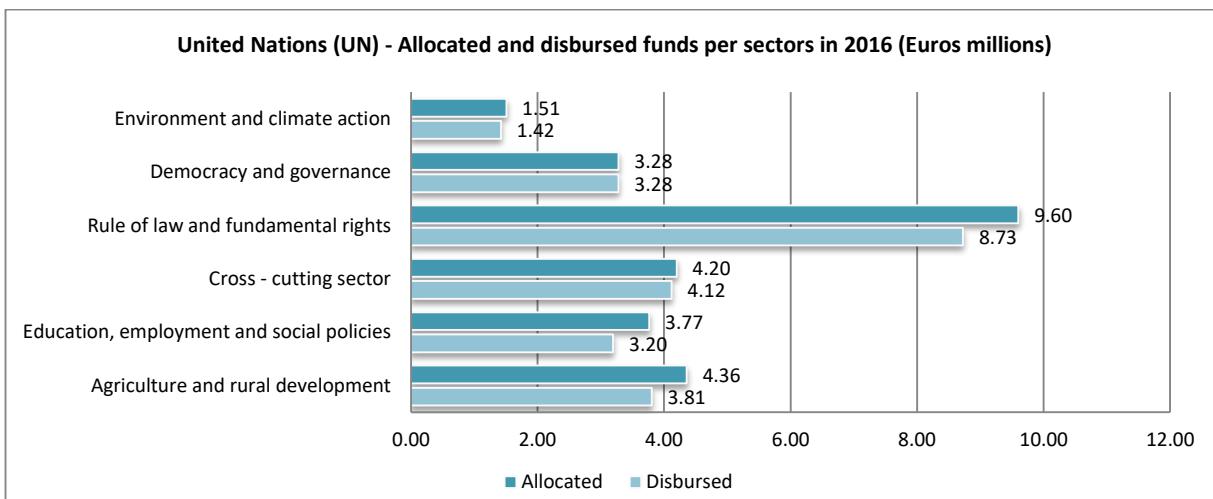
In 2016, UN continues to be generally defined through the 2015-2019 UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for BiH, which reinforces the strong partnership between the BiH authorities and the UN to advance equitable economic growth and reduce poverty in four focus areas (Rule of Law/Human Security, Sustainable and Equitable Employment and Development, Social Inclusion and Empowerment of Women), through capacity development, strengthening the accountability systems and the delivery of quality social services. The strategies outlined in UNDAF are intended to reach the most deprived and vulnerable sections of the population, and are designed to reflect the UN's commitment to assisting BiH in meeting its human rights obligations and ensuring compliance with the UN and other international treaties ratified by BiH, including the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

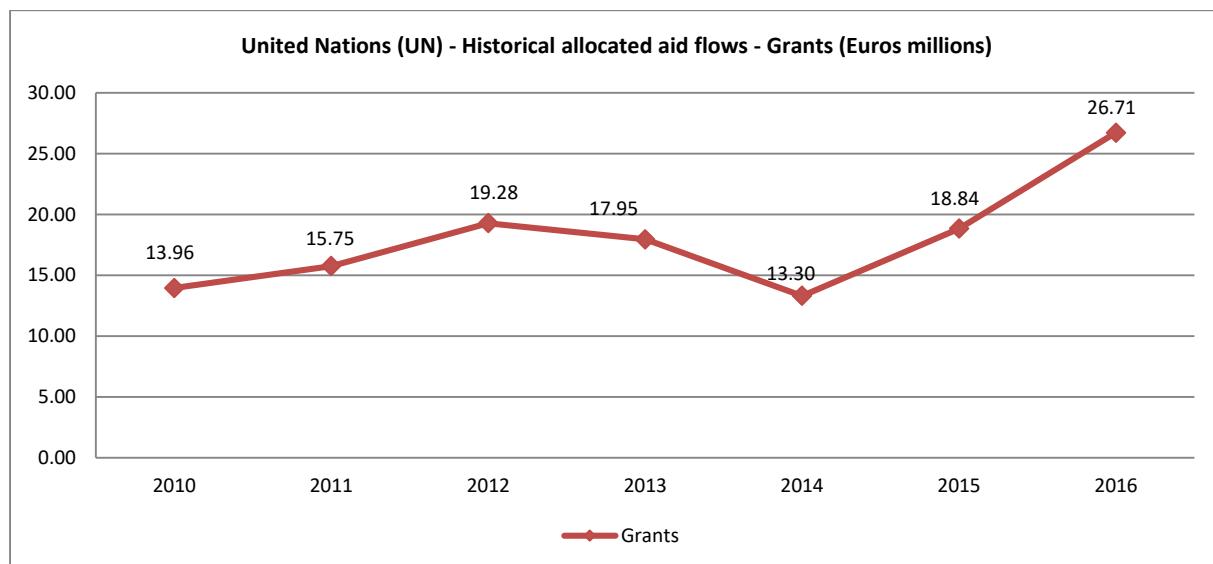
In the absence of the nationally defined development strategy and/or nationally defined development goals, the UN in BiH continues to implement its activities in full consultations with all the relevant authorities at various levels of government in BiH ensuring a country-wide ownership of its activities. Through this approach, the UN strengthens its comparative advantage and ensures its political neutrality and impartiality positioning the UN as the main intergovernmental facilitator and interlocutor. Working at both ends, the policy development and grass-root initiatives implementation, the UN is uniquely positioned to strengthen the connectivity between the two – turning projects into policies and policies into actions.

Furthermore, UN continued leveraging grass-roots reform pressure by subnational governments and scale up local initiatives to support needed national and inclusive policy reforms, and drive innovative change that is guided not by political considerations, but by citizens' needs.

Key activities in 2016

United Nations (UN) allocated € 26.71 million and disbursed € 24.55 million in 2016 in the form of grant to the following sectors: Environment and climate action, Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Cross -cutting sector, Education, employment and social policies and Agriculture and rural development.





Medium and long-term approach

Second set of Joint Work Plans for the period 2017/2018 under the current UNDAF 2015-2019 have been endorsed at the beginning of the 2017 by the UNDAF Joint Steering Committee. The UN will continue the work under the 4 respective JWP pillars: Rule of Law and Human Security, Local and economic development (including environmental protection), Social inclusion (including protection and health) and the Empowerment of women.

Donor coordination efforts

The UN participates in the following sector/thematic working groups, bearing in mind that some are IC groups and ad-hoc: the Education/Informal Donor Coordination Group organized by the U.S. Embassy; Conference of Ministers of Education organized by the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; Educational Sector Coordination Group organized by the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; Health/Ministerial Conference organized by the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; Social Protection and Inclusion in Birac Region/Regional meetings of SPI municipal commissions organized by UNICEF; Health Donor Coordination Group organized by the Swiss Embassy and the World Health Organization; Human Rights IC Coordination Group; Gender Equality and Women Empowerment IC Coordination Group; Local Governance and Local Development Donor Coordination Group; Mine Action Board of Donors organized by UNDP and the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; Countering/Preventing Violent Extremism Donors Coordination Meeting; Small Arms and Light Weapons Coordination Board; IC National Museum Coordination Group.

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