HOSTING WITH UNOPS

Practical Solutions for Multilateral Action

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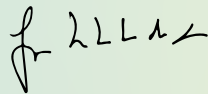
Hosting with UNOPS: Practical Solutions for Multilateral Action

In a world facing growing and complex challenges - from climate crises and humanitarian emergencies to persistent inequalities - the need for collective action has never been more urgent. The ambition of the 2030 Agenda demands not only commitment but practical, scalable solutions.

We know we cannot do this alone. That is why the UNOPS hosting model plays a vital role in advancing multilateral cooperation. By offering a reliable, efficient operational platform, we enable diverse initiatives to concentrate on their missions, from improving global health and driving climate action to accelerating sustainable development.

This model allows critical partnerships to use our global presence and robust compliance frameworks to manage risk and deliver results transparently and effectively. We help bridge the gap between vision and implementation, ensuring faster and broader impact for communities around the world.

Looking ahead, UNOPS remains committed to enabling these partnerships. By serving as a trusted operational partner, we can help expand the reach and effectiveness of global efforts, ensuring that solutions reach those who need them most.

Together, through shared commitment and decisive action, we will continue to deliver results, for people and the planet.

What is Hosting?

Hosted partnerships are multi-stakeholder initiatives that UNOPS supports by providing a legal and operational platform. UNOPS handles the operational aspects - HR, finance, procurement, legal, etc. - while the initiative retains full strategic independence, led by its own board.

Legal Framework

Hosted partnerships derive their legal identity from UNOPS, giving them the same privileges, immunities, and protections as UNOPS within the United Nations (UN) system. All hosted partnerships are required to operate in accordance with UNOPS rules and regulations.

Governance Structure

- UNOPS is a non-voting, ex-officio board member.
- At least one other UN agency with a relevant mandate (e.g., World Health Organization for health) must also be represented on the board.
- Initiatives maintain independent governance, strategy, and branding.

HOSTED PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

**Board
/Steering group
/Steering committee**

PARTNERS

UN entity
(with relevant normative mandate)

UNOPS

Executive Director
(Non-voting member)
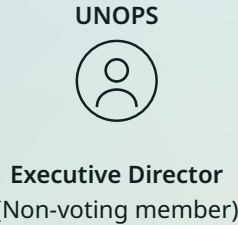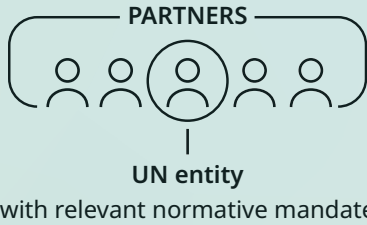
STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Secretariat

UNOPS   Head of Secretariat

Criteria for Hosting

POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS SHOULD HAVE:

Multi-year funding

Multi-country operations

Strategic alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and UN values

Multiple parties represented on their board, including a UN agency with a substantive mandate

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Hosting with UNOPS provides the Santiago network with the operational strength and global reach needed to deliver on our unique mission."

Carolina Fuentes Castellanos
Director, Santiago Network Secretariat

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What anyone needs to understand is that UNOPS has a solution oriented mindset and structure – which is very rare these days. No big drama, no back and forth – rapid solutions that help us deliver impact."

Dr Lucica Ditiu
Executive Director, Stop TB partnership

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Hosting the RBM Partnership at UNOPS enables us to maintain strategic autonomy under the guidance of our own Board, while benefiting from UNOPS robust operational infrastructure and support systems that enhance our efficiency and global reach."

Dr Michael Charles
CEO, RBM Partnership to End Malaria

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Hosting with UNOPS means professionalism, compliance, and global reach – without losing our identity."

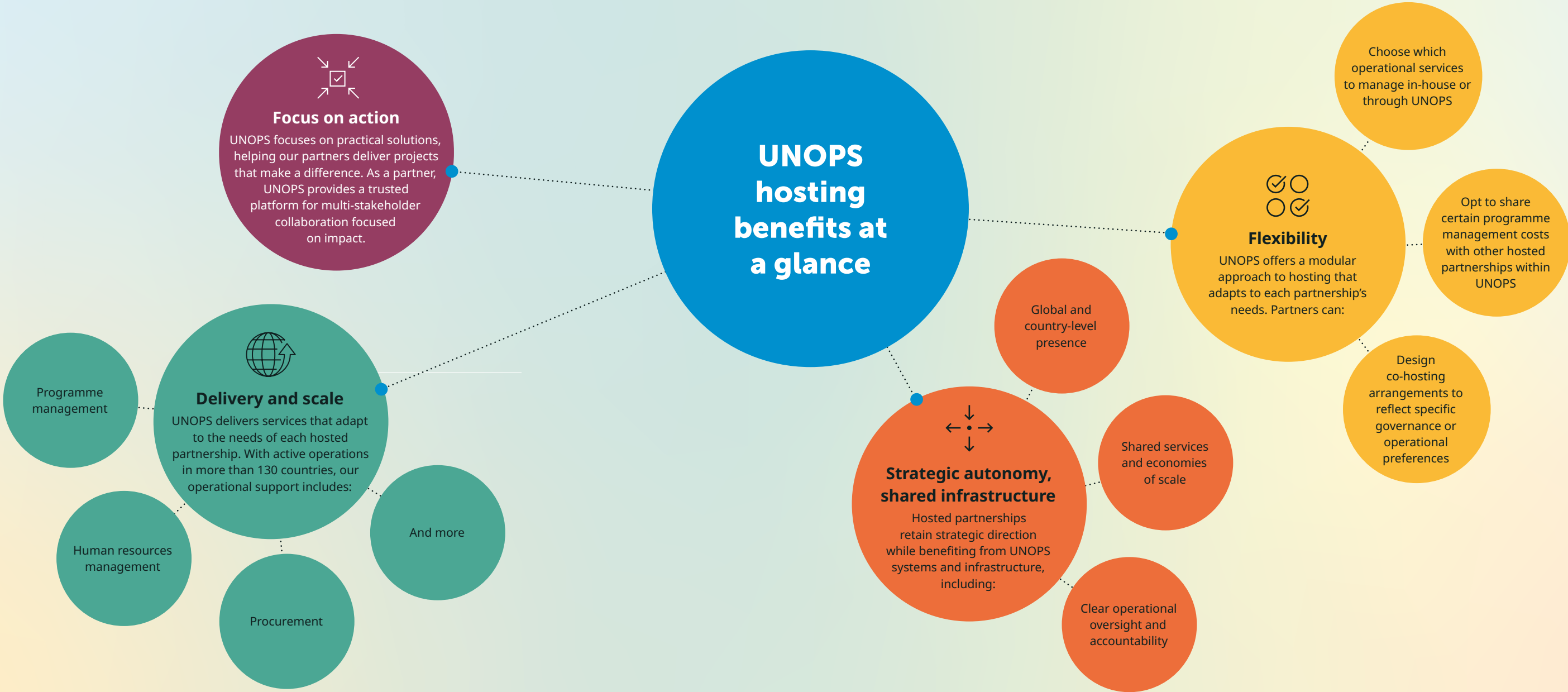**Greg Munro**
Director, Cities Alliance

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UNOPS provides the solid operational foundation we need at a global scale to support countries in turning climate commitments into action."

Pablo Vieira
Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit

Why UNOPS?

Whether launching a new partnership or expanding a long-standing initiative, UNOPS offers a hosting solution that is trusted, scalable and built for impact.

UNOPS hosting benefits at a glance

Focus on action

UNOPS focuses on practical solutions, helping our partners deliver projects that make a difference. As a partner, UNOPS provides a trusted platform for multi-stakeholder collaboration focused on impact.

Delivery and scale

UNOPS delivers services that adapt to the needs of each hosted partnership. With active operations in more than 130 countries, our operational support includes:

- Programme management
- Human resources management
- Procurement
- And more

Strategic autonomy, shared infrastructure

Hosted partnerships retain strategic direction while benefiting from UNOPS systems and infrastructure, including:

- Global and country-level presence
- Shared services and economies of scale
- Clear operational oversight and accountability

Flexibility

UNOPS offers a modular approach to hosting that adapts to each partnership's needs. Partners can:

- Choose which operational services to manage in-house or through UNOPS
- Opt to share certain programme management costs with other hosted partnerships within UNOPS
- Design co-hosting arrangements to reflect specific governance or operational preferences

Our Hosting Portfolio

Our hosted partnerships support governments and communities through technical assistance, policy development, multi-stakeholder engagement, pooled procurement, and grant management.

Our hosted partnerships operate across key thematic areas, including:

Health and nutrition

- Addressing tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Malnutrition
- Assistive technology
- Access to water, sanitation and hygiene
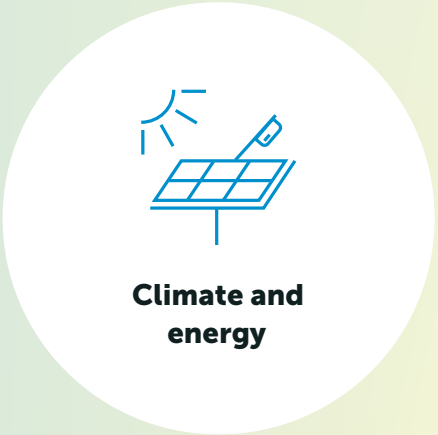
Climate and energy

- Supporting national climate plans
- Ensuring accountability for climate action
- Addressing climate-related loss and damage
- Reversing forest and land degradation
- Expanding access to sustainable energy
- Building consensus on disaster displacement policies

Sustainable development

- Reducing urban poverty
- Strengthening humanitarian leadership through capacity building

Health and nutrition

	Name	Mission
Stop TB Partnership	Stop TB Partnership	Access and innovation for all towards a TB-free world
ATscale	Global Partnership for Assistive Technology	Transform people's lives through assistive technology
RBM Partnership To End Malaria	RBM Partnership to End Malaria	Eliminate malaria by 2030
Scaling Up Nutrition	Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement	A world free from malnutrition in all forms
SHF	Sanitation and Hygiene Fund	Universal access to sanitation, wastewater management and menstrual health

Sustainable development

	Name	Mission
Cities Alliance	Cities Alliance	Fight urban poverty and promote sustainable, inclusive cities
Global Executive Leadership Initiative	Global Executive Leadership Initiative	Leadership development for UN, NGOs & Red Cross

Climate and energy

	Name	Mission
Sustainable Energy for All	Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)	Access to sustainable energy for all
ICAT	Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)	Help countries build their transparency frameworks
NDC Partnership	Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership	Support countries to develop and implement their NDCs, co-hosted by UNFCCC and WRI
Santiago Network	Santiago network	Catalysing technical assistance for loss and damage due to climate change, co-hosted by UNDRR
FCLP	Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership (FCLP)	Reverse forest loss and land degradation
Platform on Disaster Displacement	Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)	Better protection for people displaced in the context of disasters and climate change
APRA	Accelerated Partnership for Renewables in Africa Implementation Office (APRA)	African country-led renewable transition for industry, access and growth

Global Reach

Our hosted partnerships support governments and communities worldwide through technical assistance, policy support, multi-stakeholder engagement, pooled procurement, grant management and more.

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1

Latin America and Caribbean

In Bolivia, the initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) is helping strengthen national systems to track greenhouse gas emissions and monitor climate-related targets in the energy sector. This is advancing data-driven implementation of climate targets.

2

Africa

In Sierra Leone, a $20 million initiative with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) and the European Union is rolling out solar mini-grids to bring electricity to 35,000 rural households.

3

Middle East

In Gaza, ATscale, the Global Partnership for Assistive Technology, and WHO procured and delivered more than 1,000 assistive products - including wheelchairs, walking frames and shower chairs - to health facilities supporting people with disabilities.

4

Europe and Central Asia

In Uzbekistan, the Stop TB Partnership is implementing a $12.3 million project to combat tuberculosis, engaging affected communities to improve detection and treatment.

5

Asia

In Nepal, the NDC Partnership is advancing gender equality and climate resilience by helping communities develop gender-responsive adaptation plans - ensuring local leadership and inclusive, community-driven processes.

6

The Pacific

In Papua New Guinea, where 44 per cent of children under the age of five experience impaired growth due to chronic undernutrition, the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement is supporting the implementation of the National Nutrition Policy. This initiative aims to break the cycle of malnutrition and strengthen coordinated, multi-sectoral action, to improve children's health, learning outcomes, and long-term wellbeing.

1. Vivienne Rakotoarisoa harvests a reed, in Mangatsiotra village in Madagascar's coastal Vatovavy Fitovinany region. © Santiago Network/UNEP

2. CitiesForWomen project in Nepal. © Cities Alliance

3. Cities Alliance implementing Femmedina in Tunisia. © Cities Alliance

4. Action Review Panel (ARP) on Child Wasting. © Scaling Up Nutrition/ UNICEF/UN0373501/Billy/ AFP-Services

5. Role of Wildlife in Climate Action. © NDC Partnership/SDG Knowledge Hub

6. Elevating nutrition in Africa's food systems transformation – the road from Nairobi to Addis Ababa. © Scaling Up Nutrition

7. Action Review Panel (ARP) on Child Wasting. © Scaling Up Nutrition/UNICEF/UN0373501/ Billy/AFP-Services

8. A healthcare worker reviews a chest X-ray with a patient during a tuberculosis screening session at a health clinic in Peru. © Stop TB Partnership
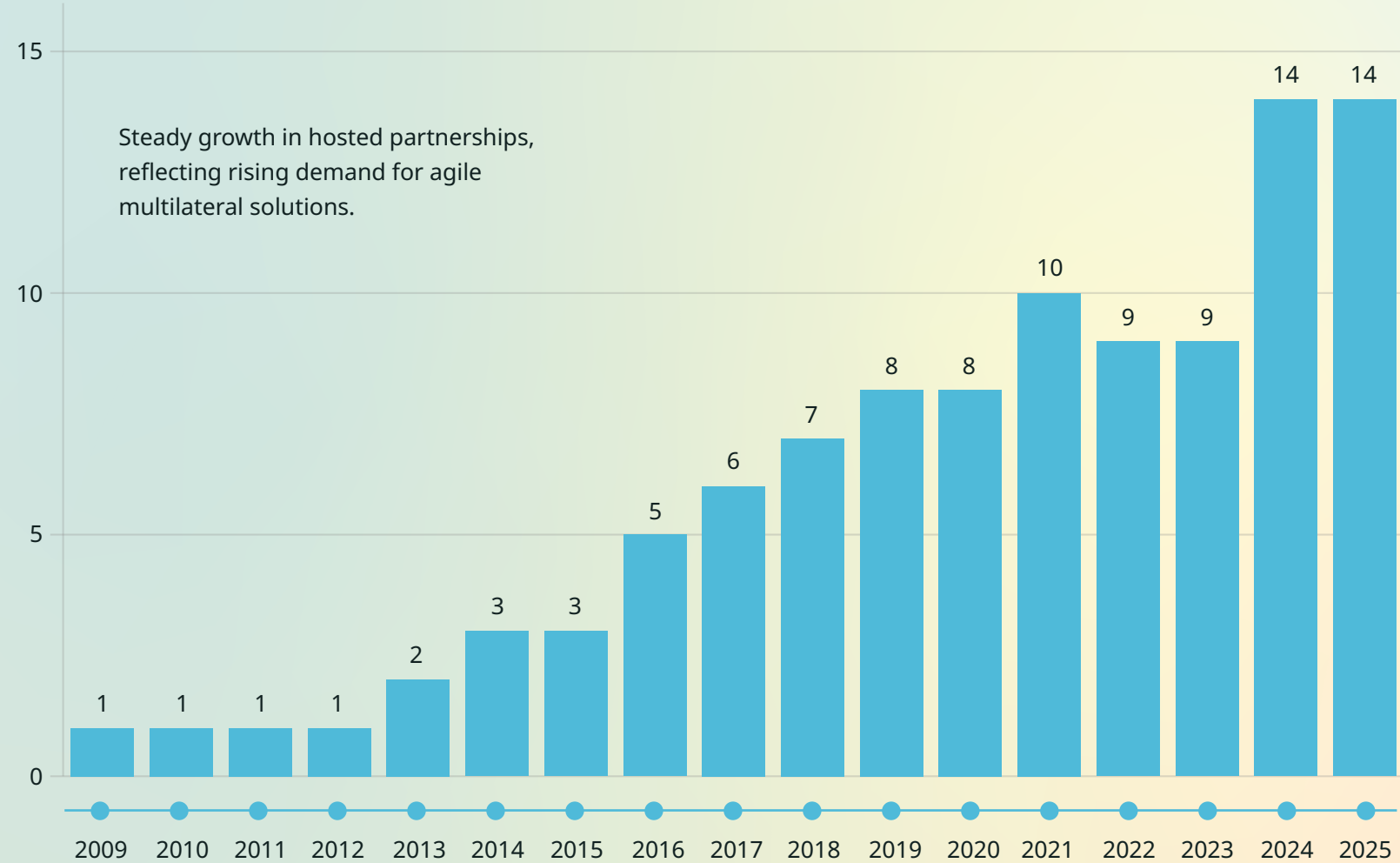
Hosting: Meeting a Growing Multilateral Demand

The demand for hosted partnerships is steadily increasing as organizations seek agile, trusted platforms to deliver their mandates. Over the years, UNOPS has seen consistent growth in the number of hosted engagements, reflecting the value of our model in supporting effective, inclusive, and results-driven multilateral action.

Number of Hosted Partnerships

Steady growth in hosted partnerships, reflecting rising demand for agile multilateral solutions.

Year	Number
2009	1
2010	1
2011	1
2012	1
2013	2
2014	3
2015	3
2016	5
2017	6
2018	7
2019	8
2020	8
2021	10
2022	9
2023	9
2024	14
2025	14

Success Stories

Empowering lives through assistive technology in Kenya

Elijah Karue is able to operate a computer independently, access online resources, and even shop online. © ATscale/ Carlisto Ochieng

Elijah Karue was born with a visual impairment. He is one of thousands in Kenya benefiting from a new assistive technology programme, led by the government of Kenya and supported by ATscale and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

As of June 2025, the programme has reached more than 69,000 people, 55 per cent of them women and girls, and provided around 4,000 individuals with life-changing assistive products. Today, Elijah can operate a computer independently, access online resources and even shop online.

The programme helps persons with functional difficulties and others who need assistive technology to live more independently and participate fully in society. It also strengthens Kenya's national assistive technology system through capacity building. More than 1,900 health workers (48 per cent women) have been trained, and 89 organizations-including government, civil society and non-governmental groups-have been supported.

Reducing the cost of tuberculosis treatment

Patient receiving treatment in Guatemala. © Stop TB Partnership

In a major step forward in the fight against drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB), in April 2025, the Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility has reduced the price of pretomanid by 25 per cent, a key drug in the four-drug regimen used to treat DR-TB. Combined with additional price cuts for other medicines in the regimen, the treatment now costs 47 per cent less than in 2022.

The Santiago network supports climate resilience in Vanuatu

Community Visioning Exercise in Emua Village. © Nabanga Loss and Damage Consortium

Vanuatu, one of the world's most climate-vulnerable nations, is the first to receive tailored technical assistance through the Santiago network. The Nabanga Loss and Damage Consortium, comprising four Santiago network members, will work with the government to develop a national programme addressing both rapid and slow-onset climate impacts.

This country-driven initiative, rooted in strong local ownership, will strengthen the national response to loss and damage in Vanuatu and help build long-term climate resilience, turning global commitments into action.

Common Questions About Hosting

Is hosting through UNOPS a financially sound option?

→ *Yes.*

Hosted engagements are fully self-funded and have a strong track record of financial sustainability. Since 2016, less than 0.2 per cent of over $78 million in delivery has been written off.

Is hosting aligned with the UN's and UNOPS' mandates?

→ *Yes.*

Hosted partnerships contribute directly to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNOPS provides the operational backbone, enabling partners to focus on their thematic goals in health, climate, governance, and more.

Does hosting compete with UNOPS' core operations or country offices?

→ *Not at all.*

Hosted partnerships complement UNOPS' field presence by bringing thematic expertise, new partnerships, and additional funding. They often collaborate with country offices to support in-country delivery.

Is hosting only available in Geneva?

→ *No.*

Hosted partnerships operate globally - including in New York, Nairobi, Bonn, Brussels, and in collaboration with UNOPS country offices worldwide.

Is hosting a flexible model that can adapt to different needs?

→ *Absolutely.*

UNOPS offers modular, scalable support - from finance and HR to legal, grant management, and security - tailored to the size, scope, and mission of each initiative.

Can governments or donors retain influence over hosted partnerships?

→ *Yes.*

Strategic direction is provided by the boards of hosted partnerships, which often include donors and Member States. UNOPS supports implementation while respecting each partnership's strategic autonomy.

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