Belarus

Belarus is an upper middle-income country (UMIC) with a GNI of 5,290 USD per capita (2017) and a population of 9.5 million inhabitants (2017). In the 2018 Monitoring Round, Belarus reported on 323 million USD in development co-operation flows.

1. National development planning and results orientation

Overall quality of national results framework
High-quality, inclusive and results-oriented development strategies are critical for countries’ ownership over their development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The quality of national development planning in Belarus is high (89%).

The national development strategy and results framework...
- defines priorities, targets and indicators... ✔ YES
- includes budget or costing information... ✔ YES
- aligns to SDGs... ✗ NO
- Regular progress reports are available... ✗ NO

Extent of use of country-owned results frameworks by development partners
Development partner alignment to country-led development priorities is at the heart of country ownership. Global Partnership monitoring assesses whether interventions: draw objectives from national development strategies; draw indicators from country results frameworks; use government data and statistics for monitoring; and involve government in evaluations. The first three elements provide the official data to report on SDG indicator 17.15.1. In Belarus, development partners align to country priorities to a low extent (46% - SDG indicator 17.15.1).

2. Multi-stakeholder engagement

Recognising that successful development efforts require the inclusive and equitable participation of all actors, the 2030 Agenda calls for collective action by the whole of society. Global Partnership monitoring examines the engagement of civil society and the private sector from both the perspective of the government and representatives of these stakeholder groups.

Quality of public-private dialogue
Government representatives perceive the quality of public-private dialogue as effective, SMEs as emerging, large private sector firms as emerging and trade unions as effective.

Enabling environment for civil society organisations...
- was reported as moderate by government representatives, moderate by civil society organisations and basic by development partners.
3. Quality and use of public financial management systems

**Strengthening public financial management systems**

Strong public financial management (PFM) systems are an essential element of good governance and vital to achieving development goals. Belarus experienced an overall decline in the quality of its PFM systems.

**Development partners’ use of country systems**

Development partners’ use of these systems to deliver co-operation both lowers transaction costs but also helps to accelerate their strengthening. In Belarus, use of country PFM systems decreased from 3% in 2016 to 0% in 2018.

Further, legislative oversight of the budget has improved. The share of development co-operation recorded on budgets subject to parliamentary scrutiny increased from 0% in 2016 to 55% in 2018.

**Systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment**

Adequate and effective financing is essential to achieve gender equality and to empower all women and girls. Belarus has some elements of a system in place to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment, approaching the requirements of SDG indicator 5.c.1.

4. Predictability and forward planning

High-quality and timely information on development co-operation helps governments in planning and managing resources for results and can guide development partners in coordinating their support with other providers, as to avoid fragmentation and duplication of efforts. Annual predictability of development co-operation is medium, with 85% of co-operation disbursed as scheduled. Medium-term predictability is high, with 93% of co-operation available in forward looking expenditure plans for the next three years.

**Predictability of development co-operation**

- Disbursements as scheduled: Trend 2018 vs 2016
  - Belarus: 85% (100% in 2016)
  - UMICs: 91% (100% in 2016)
- Medium-term predictability:
  - Belarus: 57% (100% in 2016)
  - UMICs: 93% (100% in 2016)

**Systems to track development co-operation information in Belarus**

- AIMS: Aid Information Management System
- DMS: Debt Management System
- FMIS: Financial Management Information Systems
- Other Excel-based systems or similar

5. Mutual accountability mechanisms

Mutual accountability underpins the efforts of development actors to meet joint commitments, improve how they work together and increase their development effectiveness. Mutual accountability mechanisms are made up of multiple, reinforcing components that can help enhance transparency and accountability at country level. Global Partnership monitoring defines and assesses mutual accountability against five components. Belarus has two out of five components in place.

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