UN WOMEN
QUANTUM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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What is an ERP?
• An ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) helps administer the Programmatic, Operational, Human Resource and Financial transactions and is the system of record for corporate analysis.

Why are we Implementing a new ERP?
• Our current ERP (ATLAS) is built on aging (18 year old) technology that will soon go unsupported. It can no longer provide the capabilities and integrations needed for us to remain efficient and effective.

How are we Implementing?
• To replace ATLAS, UN Women has joined with UNDP and six other Partner Agencies in implementing a modern Oracle Cloud ERP, named Quantum.
• Quantum is part of our digital transformation which will become operational starting January 2023.
• Quantum Project represents one of the larger investments to increase UN Women’s ability to effectively and efficiently manage and report on resources and results.
Quantum represents a leap forward in ways of working and collaborating

- Provides an operational platform that is easy to use, accessible from mobile devices and supports multiple languages
- Digital engagement and self-service functionality, supporting a greener UN by reducing paper-based transactions and processes
- Quantum will offer a range of expanded features and integrations that, over time, will streamline the platforms ecosystem we each interact with in our daily work and will facilitate new and simplified ways of working and collaborating
- As a Cloud-based ERP it is continually upgraded and enhanced by Oracle, providing us with the latest technology, functionality and best practices
- Will increase visibility of end-to-end processes, improve data integration, enable data-driven decision making, and strengthen reporting and risk management capabilities
- Results frameworks, resources, monitoring and reporting of project results managed holistically in Quantum
We have joined with UNDP and six other Partner Agencies in implementing Quantum

This partnership allows us to:

• Deliver (and support) a single system to be used jointly by all Partner Agencies
• Harmonize processes across Partner Agencies
• Share common implementation resources
• A single implementation, rather than one per agency

The Quantum Project is governed at two levels:

• Quantum Consortium partners are governing the implementation of the new platform through the Interagency ERP Board
• Internally in UN Women under the UN Women ERP Project Board, chaired by the ASG and DED, UN Women
The launch of the ERP system is now set for January 2023 (updated from September 2022).
This decision has been made jointly by the three lead Agencies - UNDP, UNFPA and UN Women – after a joint readiness assessment, which indicated that an additional cycle of testing was required.
A January launch means 2022 year-end activities and financial closure will be carried out in ATLAS using the existing process, thus reducing risk and minimizing the impact on 2022 programme delivery and operations.
The postponement is expected to have a financial impact on the common project cost for all partner agencies, as well as on individual agencies. This financial impact is still being assessed and we will revert to the Board once the information becomes available.
The timeline has been adjusted, but the pace of project activities will continue. The focus is now on platform and user preparedness, resolving issues presented during testing and ensuring users are trained and supported as we deploy Quantum.

Launching a new ERP presents a 'once in a decade' opportunity, the additional time will allow us to capitalize on this investment.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative, which will help UN Women become even more effective and efficient in delivering results.