

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund



# Update on Pension Administration

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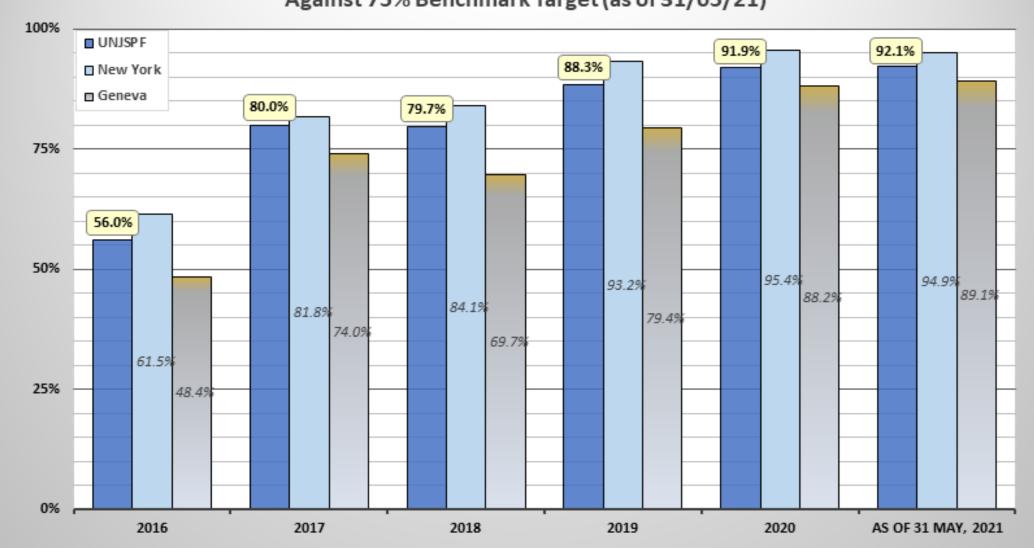
# THE FUND'S PERFORMANCE IMPACT OF COVID-19



- All staff have been successfully working remotely since March 2020
- Performance maintained at a high level 2020 best year ever over 90% of new pension cases are processed within 15 business days of receipt of all documents; high performance has continued in 2021
- Pension payrolls have been processed and distributed on time
- The Fund has continued/initiated modernization initiatives

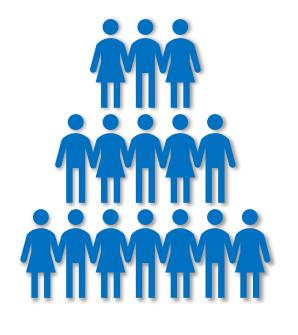


#### Annual Volumes of BENCHMARK Benefits Processed Within 15 Days Against 75% Benchmark Target (as of 31/05/21)



#### The Fund is growing – 2020 figures

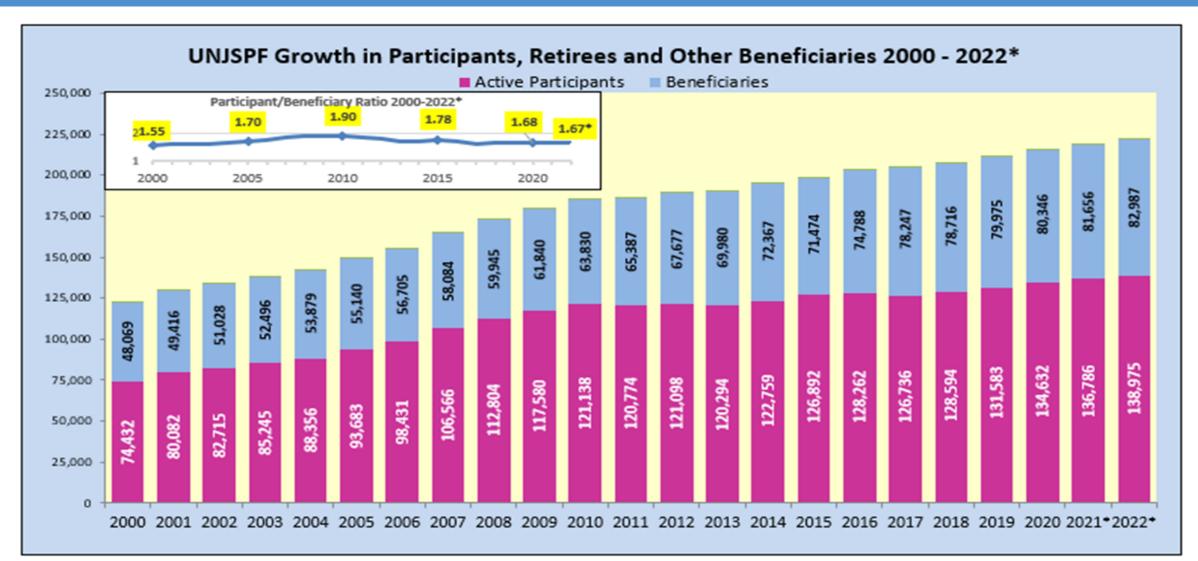




- 134,632 participants (+2.3% from 2019)
- 80,346 benefits in payment (+0.5% from 2019)
- USD \$2.8 billion of periodic benefits (\$2.7 billion in 2019)
- USD \$2.9 billion of contributions from employers and participants (\$2.7 billion in 2019)
- Value of the assets: USD \$ 81.5 billion as of 31 December 2020

#### The Fund is growing - trends and projections

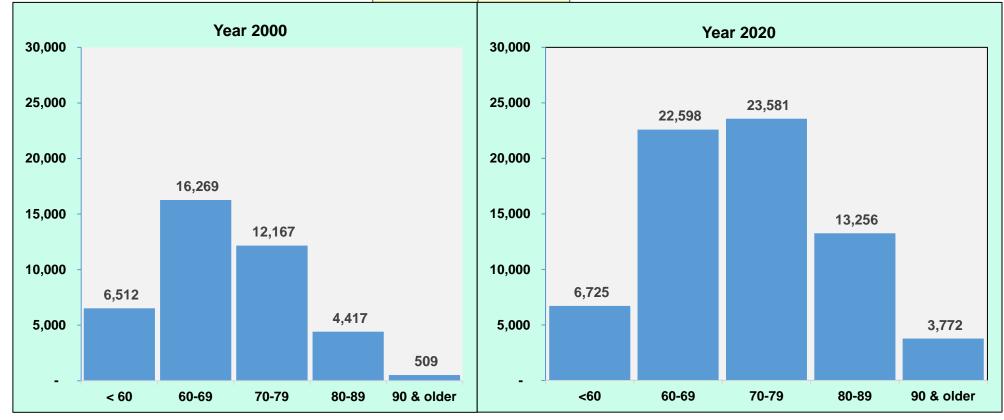




# Aging of Retirees/Other Beneficiaries (w/o Children) 2020 vs. 2000



Age	% Change in Counts
<60	3%
60-69	39%
70-79	94%
80-89	200%
90 & older	641%



### Pension Administration Strategy 2021-2023



### Mission

#### TO DELIVER:

- A simplified client experience
- The modernization of pension services
- A strong global partnership network

### Values

- UN values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity;
  and
- Innovation, Partnership, and Service

### **Vision**

To be a pension fund that provides outstanding service globally

## Pillar 1: SIMPLIFY CLIENTS' EXPERIENCE (1/3)



- •The Fund is moving to becoming paperless:
- -e-transfer of separation documents from employing organizations operational since mid-2020
- -Upload functionality in Member Self Service (MSS) enabled in December 2020 allowing participants, retirees/beneficiaries to submit documents to the Fund through MSS

# Pillar 1: SIMPLIFY CLIENTS' EXPERIENCE(2/3)



- The Digital Certificate of Entitlement (DCE)
- -launch of the DCE app in January 2021; more than 9,000 enrollments, 3000 DCE issued
- -app available in English, French and Spanish
- -the enrollment is only required once, or if there is change of device.

# Please help us publicize this new option

## Pillar 1: SIMPLIFY CLIENTS' EXPERIENCE (3/3)



- The Fund steps up its efforts to make pensions clearer, working with UN System Staff College (UNSSC) since December 2020 to develop e-learning modules for clients and member organizations, and with OIM to merge PA and OIM websites
- The Fund expands its global presence to better serve its clients worldwide, with the Bangkok liaison office operational since November 2020
- New payment method via UN Treasury has been introduced to lower the cost of banking fees for beneficiaries/retirees in two pilot countries Chile and Peru.

# Pillar 2: MODERNISATION OF PENSION SERVICES



- Business transformation: creation of a Business Transformation and Accountability Unit and a new Data Analysis Unit (DAU) in January-February 2021. Strategic Development Framework developed. New set of KPIs under review.
- staff learning and development strategy with UNSSC in March 2021
- New joint PA-OIM HR Strategy adopted in June 2021.
- New systems are being explored, including a modern customer relationship management (CRM) system, a 2022 Budget priority

#### Pillar 3: A STRONG, GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



- External: communication master calendar operational since February 2021, individual meetings with all SPCs, joint PA-OIM communication strategy being finalized.
- Internal: launch of **leadership culture assessment** programme with UNSSC in April 2021, to improve management practices based on a staff survey and workshops

# THE 2021 PENSION BOARD main items on the agenda



- Governance: Size and composition remain on the agenda and a complex issue.
- 2022 Budget proposal: increase of +3.5% on Pension Administration side, to strengthen client services, especially in Geneva, and to invest in a new CRM
- Actuarial matters: the Board will be presented valuation methodology and actuarial assumptions for the 2021 actuarial valuation
- <u>Transfer agreements</u> with the European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund

#### THE 2021 CE SUSPENSION EXERCISE



- The benefits of retirees and beneficiaries who have not submitted their 2020 Certificate of Entitlement (CE) or another valid signature document will be suspended, effective with the June 2021 payroll
- If you know ex-Colleagues who have not submitted their CE, please ask them to contact the Fund as soon as possible.
- Retirees have three ways to submit their CEs:
  - In electronic format by uploading their duly dated and hand signed CE to their Member Self-Service (MSS) account; or
  - By postal mail; or
  - provide their 'proof of life' in biometric format through the Digital Certificate of Entitlement (DCE) app
- For more information about CEs, kindly check the dedicated pages on www.unjspf.org

#### **UN COVID-19 Vaccination Programme**







Programme led by the UN rolled out in 105 countries to provide vaccines to retirees who are not covered by host country programme



The Fund posted a web article about the program and responded to questions from local focal points



The Fund uploaded data of more than 13,000 pre-registered retirees for which it had an email address



The Fund sent 8000+ registration emails (for the 60 countries in phase 1) & helped validate data of self-registered retirees

# Thank you