



Available support to UN field presences on Programme Criticality

The role of the Programme Criticality Coordination Team and the Programme Criticality Secretariat

UN country presences planning to undertake a Programme Criticality assessment can draw on a range of support services provided by the Programme Criticality Coordination Team (PCCT) and the Programme Criticality Secretariat (PC Sec).¹ The PCCT and PC Sec support UN country presences in ensuring that the Programme Criticality Framework and UN risk management policies are applied correctly. This includes different forms of remote and well as on-site support.

Available online resources

For general information on Programme Criticality and access to the official PC Framework, please visit:

- www.programmecriticality.org

An e-course on Programme Criticality (ca. 30-45 minutes) is available on the website. It is recommended for all UN personnel involved in conducting a PC assessment and using PC results:

- Programme Criticality online training ([English](#)) ([French](#))

Remote support to PC assessments:

- Briefings and Q&A sessions for focal points on the ground (via VTC, Skype)
- Learning and guidance materials
- Remote support to preparation of a Programme Criticality assessment (e.g. review of strategic results, output lists)
- Facilitation of contact with the ASG-level Programme Criticality Steering Group (PCSG) for any matters that may require its attention

¹ The PCCT was established in 2013 following the adoption of the revised Programme Criticality Framework by the UN High Level Committee on Management (HLCM). The PCCT and PC Sec support the ASG-level Programme Criticality Steering Group (PCSG) in exercising oversight over the implementation of the Programme Criticality Framework. Mirroring the current membership of the PCSG, the PCCT consists of: UNDP and OCHA (current co-chairs), FAO, DOCO, DPA, DPKO-DFS, UNDSS, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.

In-country support:

- Mobilization of inter-agency teams of trained facilitators to support in-country programme criticality assessments
- Advice to senior management on use of Programme Criticality results in day-to-day security risk management at country level

The PCCT and the PC Sec also organise regular training courses for Programme Criticality facilitators. They can be called upon to provide induction briefings to senior UN leaders and Designated Officials, desk officers at UN Headquarters and programme, security and risk management professionals.

Requests for support

Formal requests for support to PC assessments should be directed to the co-chairs of the Programme Criticality Coordination Team, with copy to the PC Secretariat:

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General queries on Programme Criticality and request for guidance can be directed to the PC Secretariat:

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