



DCF Survey Study 2020:

Toward effective development
cooperation in the COVID-19
period

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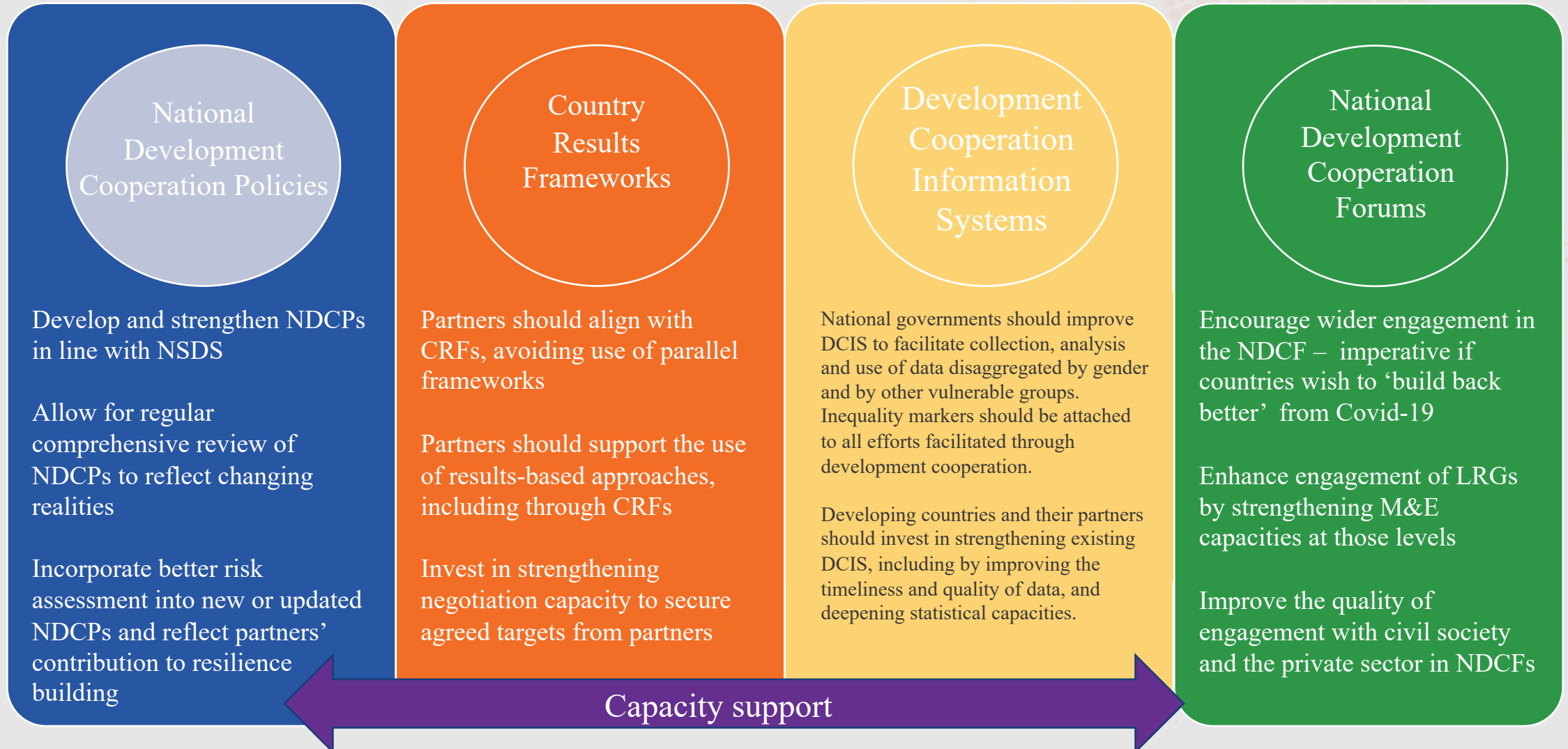
COVID-19 and its implications on development cooperation

- The pandemic has raised uncertainty in the short and long-term, and increased concerns over competing priorities for limited resources.
- Development cooperation enablers are supporting response and recovery.
- South-South and triangular cooperation can contribute to enhancing the impacts of the enablers through peer learning and knowledge sharing.
- Countries interviewed are:
 - Negotiating redirection of existing finance.
 - Engaging development finance institutions.
 - Using NDCF to leverage partnerships with private sector.
 - Using DCIS to track COVID-19 related expenditures.



Key enablers of effective development cooperation

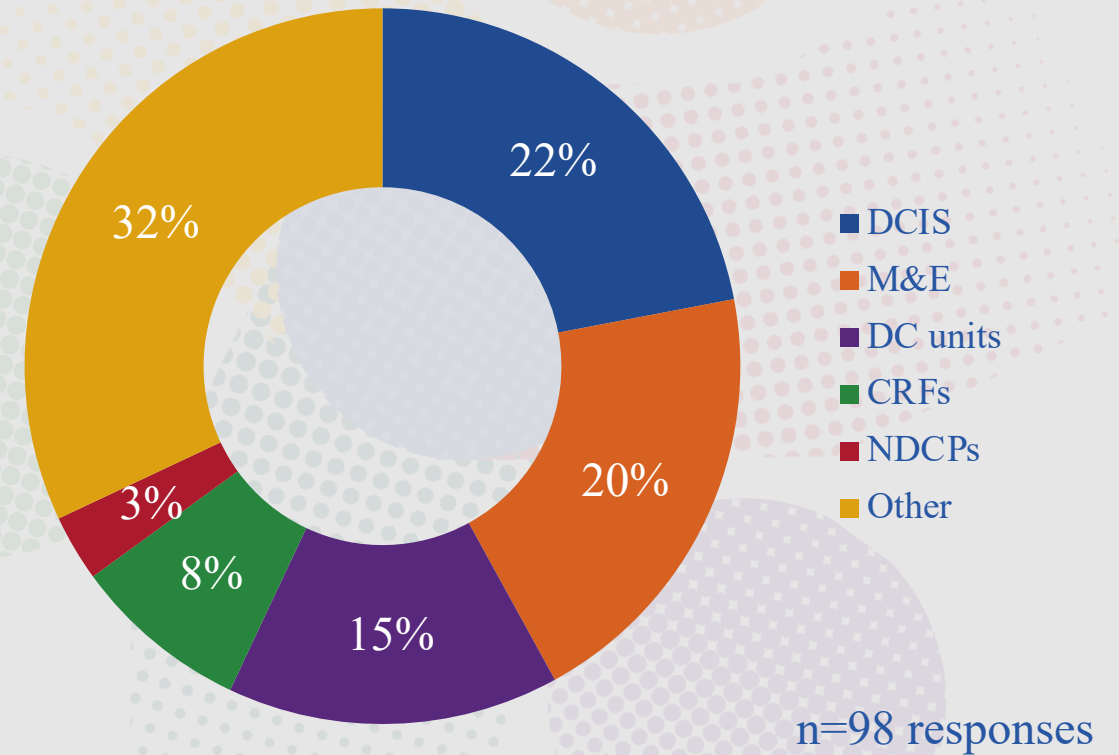
* 55 country responses * LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, Africa and all income groupings included * 10 countries interviewed



Capacity support for strengthening enablers

- Countries receiving support to strengthen all enablers;
- Most support channeled to DCIS and Development Cooperation units;
- Limited capacity support for:
 - LRGs.
 - Parliaments.
 - National NGOs/CSOs, trade unions.
- Expect increased demand for capacity support in COVID-19 period

Capacity needs identified



Development cooperation and capacity support are needed more than ever to build resilience in COVID-19 period

- Governments should review and recalibrate NDCPs to be risk-informed and climate smart and reflect emerging realities brought on by COVID-19.
- Decisions to redirect development cooperation resources should be not only aligned with countries' recovery priorities but also informed by assessment of risks to the projects or programmes from which resources are directed.
- International development cooperation partners should provide high-quality, timely data and support capacity development to strengthen DCIS to track development cooperation resources from all partners for COVID-19-related activities
- Governments should use their NDCFs to improve the quality of dialogue and partnerships with national stakeholders to strengthen country-owned priorities as part of COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

