

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund



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# Overview of the Fund and Of its main activities

**Presentation for FFOA General Assembly** 

**May 2017** 



### **Background**



### Pension funds are inherently risky

	STRATEGIC					
Planning and Resource Allocation						
1	Vision and Mandate					
2	Strategic Planning					
3	Budgeting					
4	Budget Allocation					
5	HR Strategy and Planning					
6	Organizational Synchronization					
7	Use of UN Machinery					
8	Technology Strategy					
	Internal and External Factors					
9	External Political and					
Economic Factors						
10	Organizational Transformation					
	/ Change Management					
11	Decentralized Processes					

GOVERNANCE			OPERATIONS			
	Governance and Oversight		Operations			
12	Governing Bodies	26	Investments Process			
			Efficiency and Effectiveness			
13	Risk Management and	27	Benefits Processing			
	Control Environment					
14	Internal Audit Effectiveness	28	Client Services			
15	Governance (Organizational	29	Records Management			
	Structure) and Internal					
	Factors	30	Benefit Payments (Payroll)			
16	Performance Measurement		Support Services			
17	Transparency					
		31	Procurement			
18	Leadership and Management	32	Asset and Inventory Management			
Ethical Behavior						
		Human Resources				
19	Ethics	33	Talent Retention (Compensation)			
20	Fraud and Corruption					
	·	34	Recruitment			
21	Conflicts of Interest					
		35	Succession Planning			
	Communications		and Promotion			
		36	Performance Management			
22	Communications to /		and Accountability			
	from Management	37	Training / Development			
23	Communication to /		,			
	from Stakeholders		Information Resources and ICT			
24	Personnel Communications	38	ICT System Implementations			
25	Misinformation / Reputation					
		39	ICT Security and Access			
		40	Business Continuity /			
			Disaster Recovery			
		41	ICT Infrastructure & Systems			
			ICT Change Management			
			Managed IT Coming			

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43	Managed IT Service
	Delivery Model
44	Data Integrity / Interfaces

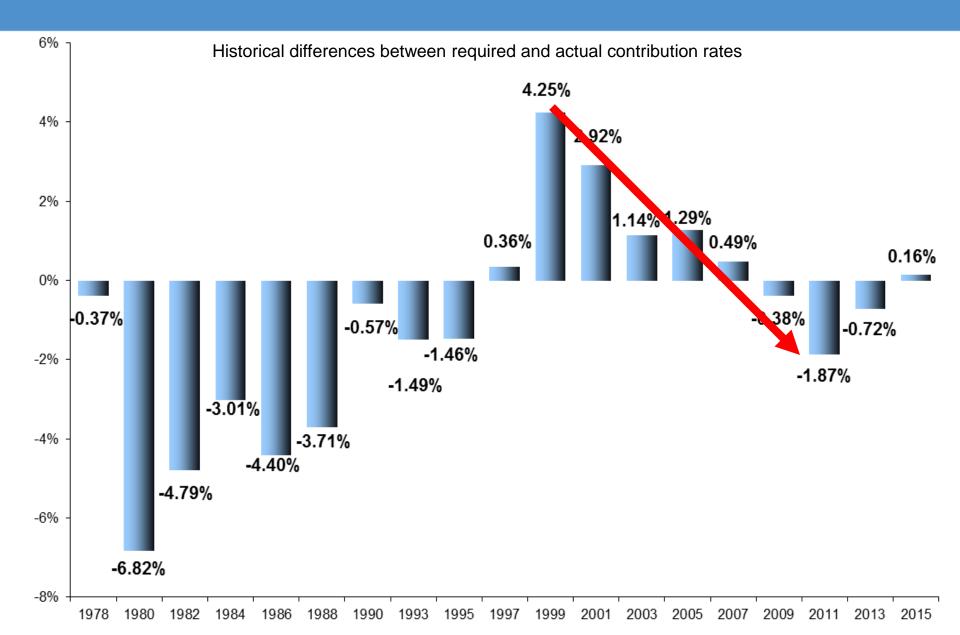
COMPLIANCE		FINANCIAL	
Legal		Funding and Investments	
Contract	51	Solvency - Asset	
		Liability Management	
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Organizational Scope			
JN Regulatory Structure	53	Cash Management	
Privacy and Confidentiality		Actuarial Valuation	
nternal Policies and Procedures	55	Risk Tolerance	
Intellectual Property	56	Investment Manager Performance	
Knowledge Management	57	Market Risk - Financial Markets	
	58	Tax Exemptions	
	59	Investment Research	
	60	Investment Risk Reporting	
	61	Investment Performance	
	62	Hedging	
		Discretionary	
		Advisor	
		Performance	
		Accounting and Reporting	
	64	Financial Reporting Controls	
	65	Financial Management and	
		Reporting / Technical	
		Accounting	

### 2005 "Current" State Assessment

- Solvency Concern clear downward trend in actuarial results, doubts regarding Fund's long-term financial viability, "pension promise" at risk
- Burning IT / Operational Platform
  - Fragmentation in Processes, Systems and Hardware
  - 42 Internal interfaces
  - Loss of institutional knowledge
  - Obsolescent hardware and software
- Governance lack some key components
  - Asset and Liabilities monitoring
  - Risk Management
  - Financial Control (accounting standards, financial rules, etc.)
- Limited Resources 2004 Chairman of the Board to ACABQ, the Fund operates on "a shoe string budget". 2005 Independent risk assessment results were: understaffing main risk of the Fund



### Negative trend



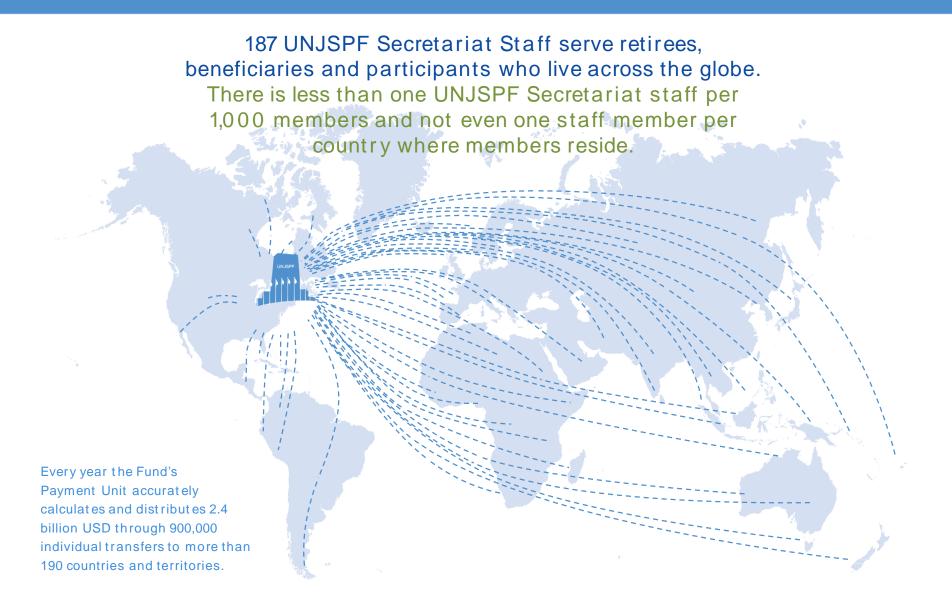


## IT and Operational "Burning Platform"



- In 2009 the Fund began working on upgrading its computer system. The old system (PENSYS) was running on an outdated mainframe computer, built on the COBOL programming language.
- The system had been built piecemeal and had 42 interfaces.
- The system ran in a mainframe and various other hardware components (some of which were no longer being serviced by the manufacturers) Though it served the Fund well for more than 20 years, well before 2015 it had become an operational risk.







# Other Challenges

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### - Increasing

- population being serviced (200,000+)
- complexity (665 embedded calculations)
- age of retirees and other beneficiary population (population 90+ increased 6 times since 2000)
- geographical dispersion (190 countries)
- client service demands (growing exponentially)
- efficiency demands (do more with less)
- operational volume growing significantly
- Requests for enhanced communications

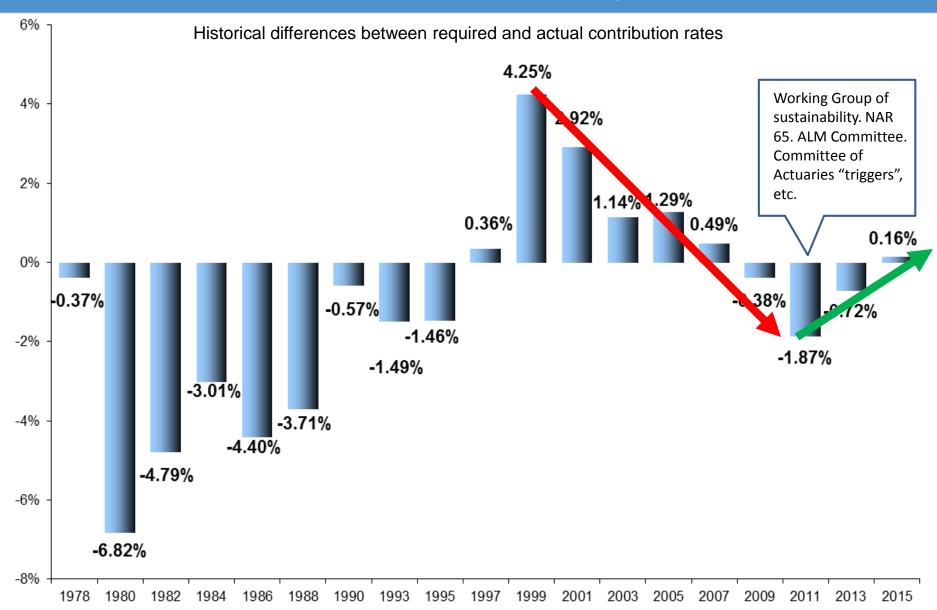
- Limited Resources not increasing at same pace



### Solvency



### Negative trend Reversed by technical actions

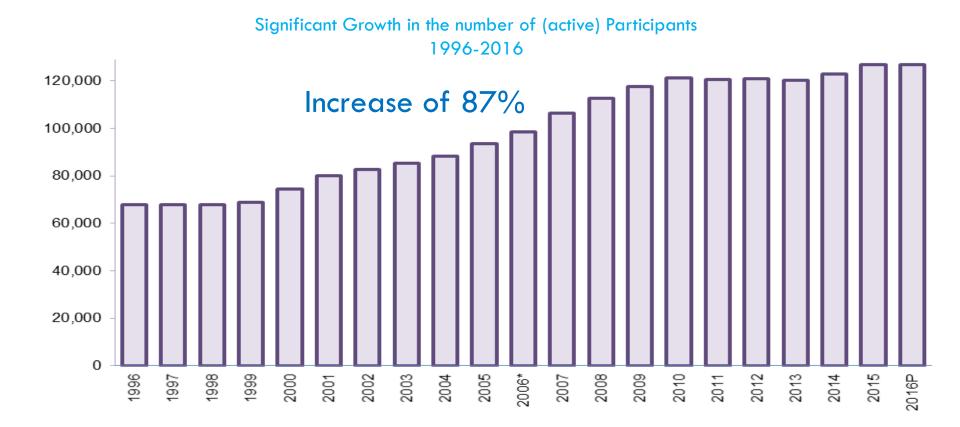




### **Operational Overview**



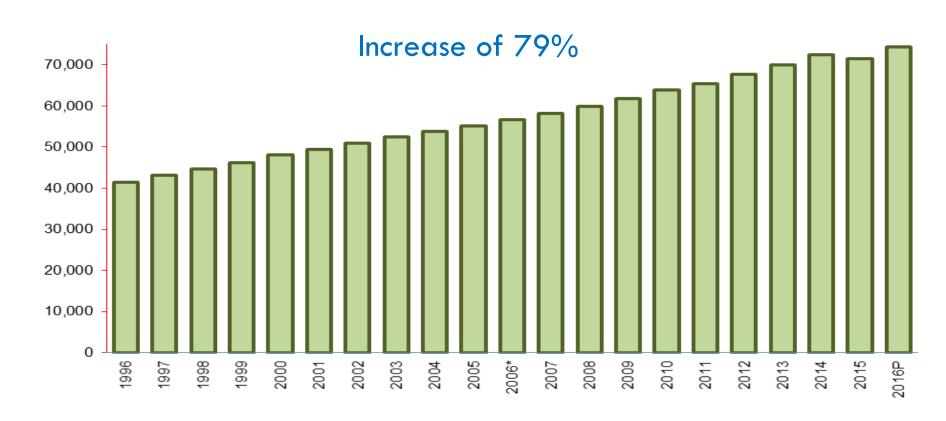
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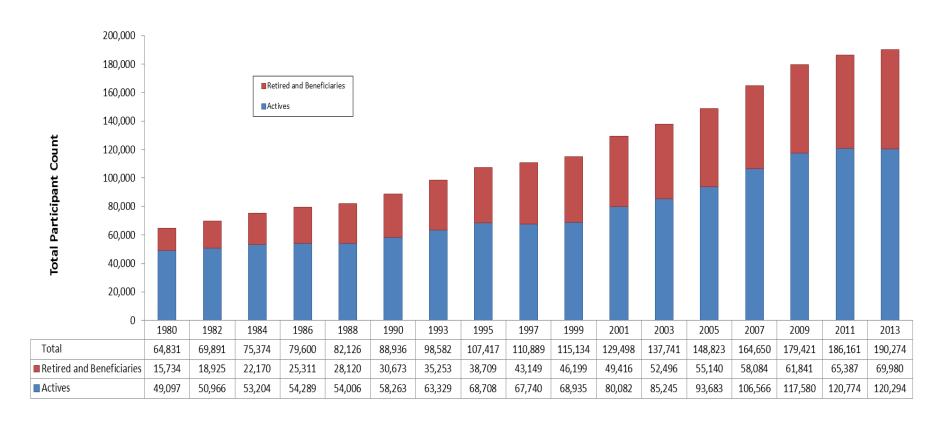
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Significant Growth in the number of Beneficiaries 1996-2016





# Participant, retirees and beneficiaries growth



- Retirees/Beneficiaries increased by 345% since 1980
- Active participants increased by 145% since 1980
- Number of actives per retiree declined from 3.12 to 1.72 from 1980 to 2013
- The Fund is maturing. Good investment performance is key to remain solvent.



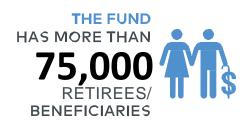
### **Fund's activities**



### Securing the Fund's Future

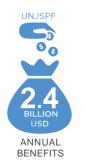


- UNJSPF-customized "Integrated Pension Administration
   System" or IPAS. The design, specification, construction and implementation of this system is the most important operational
- undertaking by the Fund in its history. This was arguably one of the most complex pension payroll and entitlement system migrations in the world.



MORE THAN
126,000

PARTICIPANTS
PAY INTO THE FUND
EACH MONTH









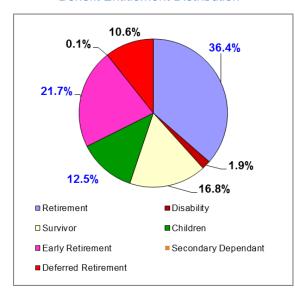
### **Pension Payroll**

- The number one priority of the implementation of the new system was a smooth payroll transition 1.5 million payments (since inception of new system) paid accurately, on time and without interruption
- In 190 countries and 15 currencies
- Adjusting pensions quarterly by more than 100 CPI and FX

#### Largest and most complex payroll in UN system

Benefit Type	Jul-15
Retirement	26,557
Early Retirement	15,834
Survivor	12,256
Children	9,096
Deferred Retirement	7,760
Disability	1,417
Secondary Dependent	43
Total Entitlements	72,963

#### Benefit Entitlement Distribution

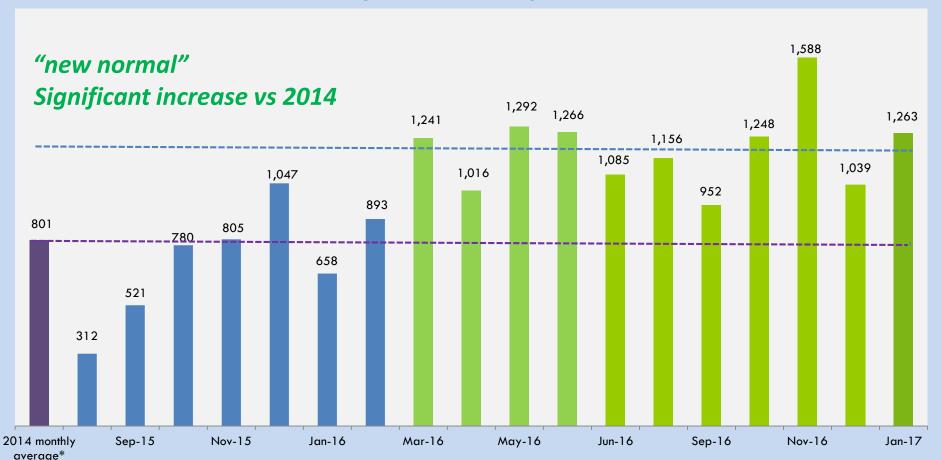




### Significant Processing Rates

### New pension benefits

**August 2015 - January 2017** 



### **UNJSPF**

## Most cases processed same month!

# **WUNUSPF**

Analysis of workflow statistics - As of February 1, 2017

The number of presumed new actionable cases at the end of each month has continually decreased. The number of remaining workflow cases as of 1
February is only 298. This represents roughly one week of processing



NUMBER OF ACTIONABLE CASES READY FOR PROCESSING ON 1 JANUARY 2017

367



NEW INITIAL SEPARATION (BENEFIT) CASES RECEIVED IN JANUARY 2017

1003



**REDUCTION OF CASES IN JANUARY 2017** 

1072

Starting point 1 March 2016

3,436



ENDING BALANCE OF ACTIONABLE INITIAL SEPARATION CASES READY FOR PROCESSING ON 1 FEBRUARY 2017

298

Roughly one tenth

THE FUND IS PROCESSING MORE THAN 80% OF ACTIONABLE CASES WITHIN 20 BUSINESS DAYS AND AIMS TO MAKE THIS 100% IN THE COMING MONTHS.







Launched August 2015



### Won 2 Prizes

J.P. Morgan Elite Quality Recognition Award for achieving operational excellence (more than 99% STP) in 2015 and 2016.

The Fund is the only pension fund in the world that received this distinction.



## Member Self-Service



### **ISO 27001**

ISO/IEC 27001:2013
Information Security of the IPAS in Accordance with the Statement of Applicability Version 1.0



### **New Initiatives**



- ✓ Teams on board and fully operational.
- ✓ Already calculated and paid more than 2,000 new initial benefits
- ✓ Survivors' benefits processing current month cases (following up pending cases due to lack of documentation, closing workflows no formal

## Modern and user-friendly Self-Service System

### More than 66,000 registered users

he United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund launched its Member Self-Service tool at the end of August 2016. This innovative tool will give members the possibility of consulting their own accounts in real time. As all service industries trend towards self-service solutions for their members so has the UN Pension Fund. "We are very pleased to make this long awaited service available," explained the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund Mr. Sergio Arvizú. The new service, which is more secure, will allow retirees.

beneficiaries and participants access to their own real-time account information and has special feat ures facilitating their interaction with the Fund and their ability to review their own information. The United Nations Pension Fund employs 272 people, of which 187 service its 200,000 members living in more than

190 countries and territories. This new to ol will greatly enhance service and the ability of the Fund to respond to its members' needs faster. For more information visit the UNJSPF Website unjspf.org.



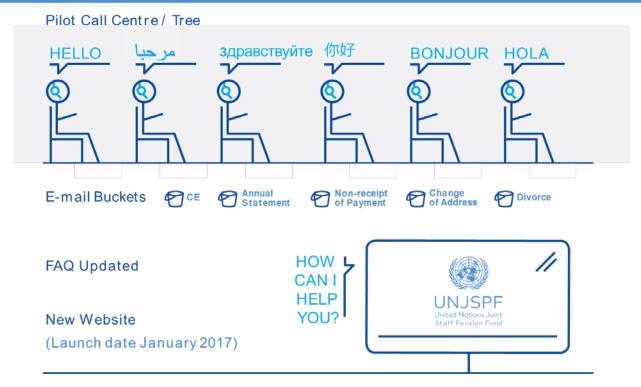


http://mss.unjspf.org/Pages/unjspf/index.html

6 Instructional Videos (also available in "YouTube")



### NY Pilot Call Center Tier 1 - open 12 hrs.



- ✓ Operational since October 2016
- ✓ Available 07:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m. (New York time) Monday to Friday.
- ✓ For survivor's benefit, which are always the Fund's highest priority, there is a special option on the Fund's call tree to ensure these calls are addressed quickly.



## Client Services: Field Missions and liaison officer in Nairobi

#### Global Reach

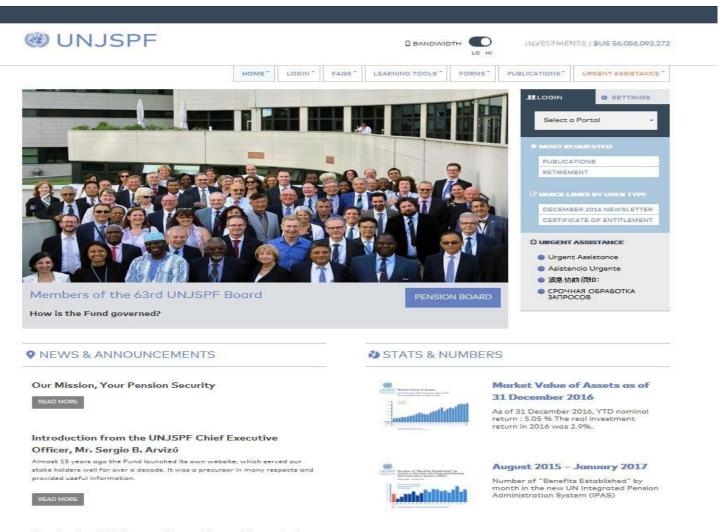
187 UNJSPF Secretariat Staff serve retirees, beneficiaries and participants who live across the globe. There is less than one UNJSPF Secretariat staff per 1,000 members and not even one staff member per country where members reside.



- √ 2016 Missions to West Africa: ONUCI and UNMIL
- ✓ April 2017: Visits to UN Missions and Agencies in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Jordan and Lebanon
- ✓ 2017 Missions' plan: MONUSCO, MINUSCA, UNMISS, UNAMID, MINUSMA, MINUSTAH
- ✓ Pilot liaison officer in Nairobi: effective April 2017 and based and hosted by UNON



## Monumental undertaking Modernize website





### **End-to-End Review**



### First "holistic" undertaking

#### End-to-End Review

The process from separation to submission and receipt of all required documentation and information to the Fund.

(Kick-off 7 October 2016)



- Joint initiative UN (DM, DFS), UNICEF, WHO, FAO/WFP.
- Only after receipt of all separation documentation payment instructions/election of benefit, the Fund may start processing a case.
- ✓ The Fund is processing the majority of cases within the same month as received.



### **Separation Documentation**

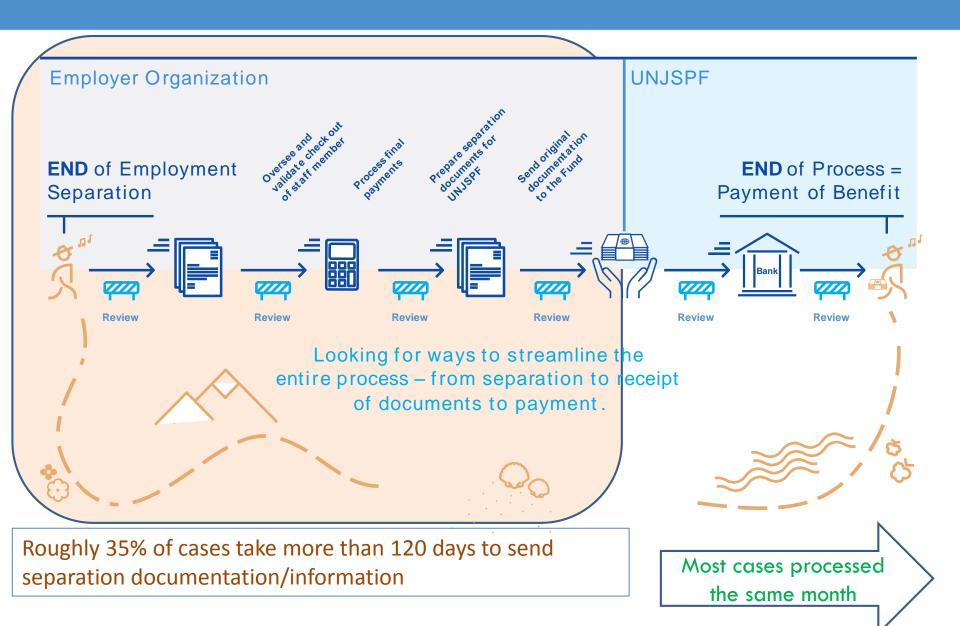
### Delays in sending separation documentation to the Fund New cases

Number of days taken by Member Organizations to send the separation documentation to the Fund									
For new actionable cases in September 2016									
0-60 days	61-90 days	91-120 days	over 120 days	<b>Grand Total</b>					
201	164	71	310	746					
130	43	34	108	315					
331	207	105	418	1061					
26.9%	22.0%	9.5%	41.6%	100%					
41.3%	13.7%	10.8%	34.3%	100%					
31.2%	19.5%	9.9%	39.4%	100%					
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Aging of cases that became calculable in JAN 2017									
ORG NAME	0-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91-120 days	over 120 days	i	OTAL		
Total	232	175	116	62	418		1,003		
Total (%)	23%	17%	12%	6%	42%		100%		



### Three partite process





### **General Assembly**



### Key Concepts in GA resolution

- Noted successful implementation of IPAS
- Welcomed strongly funded position
- Welcomed clean audit opinion
- Approved Board report and most recommendations including changes to Fund's regulations
- Approved some additional temporary resources to deal with "surge"
- Welcomed end-to-end review of separation to payment
- Noted approval by the Board of Financial Rules



### Conclusion

- Since the year 2005 the Fund was facing: 1) a negative solvency trend, 2) a severe IT operational risk, and 3) lacked key governance elements.
- ✓ These 3 challenges have been resolved successfully.
- ✓ In 2017, the Fund is now in an good financial situation, very strongly funded.
- ✓ The new system is working well and repaired all the vulnerabilities of the old system. The Fund is processing 80% of cases within the same month it receives them.
- ✓ Many new initiatives are now made possible with IPAS. Pilot call center, dash-board, new member self-service, pilot liaison office in Nairobi, expanded outreach activities, increased processing rates, agile approach, new website, smart forms, etc.



- o The Fund faces aging, growing global demand as well as limitation in resources. The Fund continues to operate with a very compact structure and has limited resources (fourth initial challenge). This remains a challenge.
  - From 2010-2015 the Fund requested 46 new posts and only 8 were approved.
  - o In the budget request of 2016 approved by the Board, the GA only approved roughly 1/3 of requested resources.
- The submission of documentation to the Fund takes long in an important proportion of cases. The end-to-end project will present proposals to streamline the process and reduce delays from employing organizations.
- Meeting investment return of 3.5% real is the most important solvency objective.

The Fund has a "vision" to go forward, clear priorities, coordinated strategies and actions, fully committed and dedicated staff and senior management, as well as excellent guidance and oversight from the Pension Board and its Committees.

#### New Initiatives and Long-term objectives

- Strengthened governance
- Ensuring the Fund is an agile organization
- Enhancing the service orientation
- Using IT (IPAS) as an agent for change



### **Thank You!**



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