UNCT Suriname established UN Thematic groups in December 2008 to help strengthen the Delivering as One processes towards a more coherent UN. Technical officers of all agencies participate in the theme groups leading discussions on joint programming and joint implementation. The internal mechanism is sought to strengthen the areas of focus for UN Suriname and to promote joint monitoring of projects.

Building on such initiatives of the Delivering as One process, the groups consists of a wide range of stakeholders inclusive of both resident and nonresident agencies, the Government of Suriname and NGOs with the theme groups being chaired by the UN Resident Agencies.

The overall objective of the UN Theme Groups is to facilitate information sharing, promote understanding, and support planning and monitoring of individual as well as joint activities of UN and other partners with the objective of enhancing the effectiveness and impact of UN supported programmatic intervention in the thematic areas.

The UN Theme groups include:

- UN Theme Group on Social Data
- UN Theme Group on Interior
- UN Theme Group on Health
- Joint UN Team on HIV

UN Social Data Theme Group

- Strengthening national initiatives and systems for production, dissemination and use of social data;
- Improving the quality of social data – decennial census, administrative data, surveys etc – and the use of social data for policy and decision-making; and
- Strengthening the use of data for advocacy and monitoring development planning e.g. monitoring the MOP
Joint Programmes and Teams

UN Interior Theme Group

- Coordination of UN Response to the National Effort relating to the development and implementation of the National Development Plan for the Interior.
- Monitoring and reporting on UN supported programs and projects in the UNDAF framework related to the interior.
- Initiating resource mobilisation
- Advocating for and mobilizing partners around a multi-sectoral and holistic response to the development of the interior, through the development, implementation and monitoring of an advocacy strategy to expand the UN’s support to the national effort

UN Health Theme Group

- Promoting Primary Health Care

Joint UN Team on HIV

- Strengthening the national capacity of the National AIDS Programme (NAP)
- HIV Awareness campaign

UN Gender Working Group

- To enhance UN coordination by undertaking joint UN programmes on gender equality.