



# Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund

## INTRODUCTION

Managing international migration in the interests of all requires cooperation at all level by all actors. Recognising this reality, the Member States of the United Nations called for the creation of a fund to support efforts to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Following this call, the United Nations system established the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (the Fund), the only pooled funding instrument in the field of migration.

Launched in July 2019, the Fund has financed twenty-one programmes, with many more in the pipeline. The Fund, open to all states, is built on the foundations of the Global Compact's guiding principles, that framework's 360-degree vision, the need for collective and national ownership, and UN system coherence. In its innovative features – particularly as regards a strong human rights dimension and a fully-representative governance structure (Steering Committee) – the Fund is committed to both the highest ethical standards and fullest transparency. In its clustering of the Global Compact's 23 objectives under five thematic areas, the Fund further allows for donors to provide support to the GCM's implementation in the most balanced manner.

In the coming period, between now and the second global review of the GCM in 2026 (the International Migration Review Forum), all efforts will be made to demonstrate the positive impact of the Fund on the lives and wellbeing of migrants and their communities, and on the imperative need for international cooperation towards this end.

## GOVERNANCE

The Fund is governed by a multi-partner Steering Committee chaired by the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration ("the Network").

### Inclusiveness

In its design, the Fund is committed to inclusive and broad representation at all levels, including in its governance. The Steering Committee is comprised of 12 members: three Network members; three donors; three countries of origin, transit and destination; and three stakeholders. Each serves a three-year term with four members rotating off each year.

In addition, the Fund convenes an annual Consultative Forum, with the purpose of providing an update on the status of the Fund and opening the floor for Network members, Member States and stakeholders to discuss the Fund's current operations and future direction.

### Expertise

The Steering Committee is supported by a Fund Management Unit (FMU), embedded within the secretariat of the UN Network on Migration at IOM Headquarters.

The role of the Administrative Agent ("Trustee") has been entrusted to the UNDP MPTF Office, the center of expertise of the UN on pooled financing mechanism.

### Transparency

The Fund is committed to ensuring maximum transparency in its operations. All Steering Committee decisions, Joint Programme documents and reports, as well as other key documents are made public. The MPTF Office Gateway provides real-time financial data, including contributions, expenditures, generated directly from its accounting system. All documents are also available on the Network's website.

## THEMATIC AREA

1

Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning

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2

Protecting the human rights, safety and wellbeing of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration

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3

Addressing irregular migration including through managing borders and combatting transnational crime

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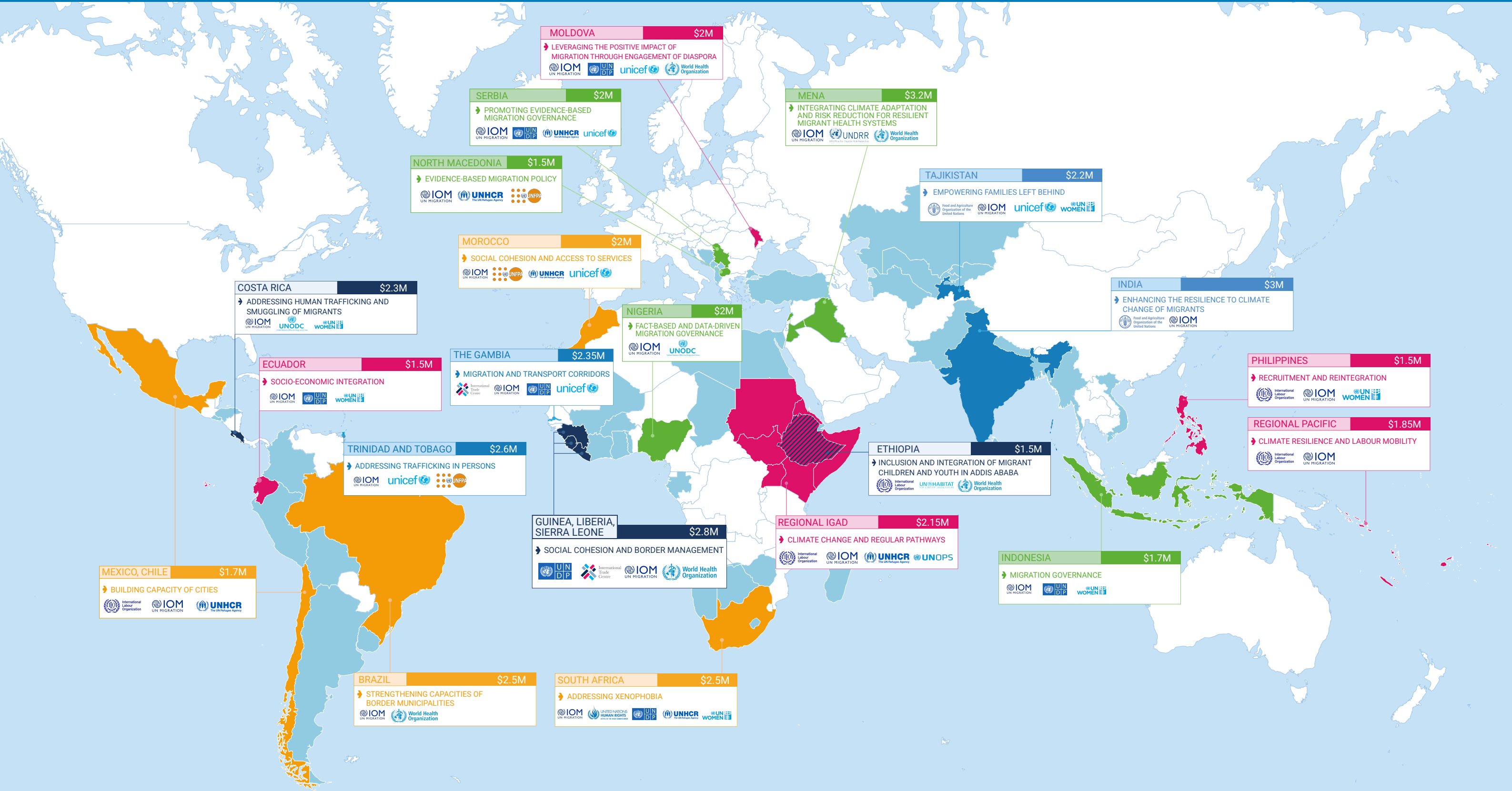
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Facilitating regular migration, decent work and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility

## THEMATIC AREA

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Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants



■ Pipeline Joint Programmes  
■■■■ Funded Joint Programmes

\* Maps are for illustration purposes only. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on the maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations Network on Migration.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Fund is fully aligned with the GCM's ten guiding principles. These principles are reflected in all areas of work, from joint programming to the Fund's results framework. They also constitute the key criteria for assessing, selecting, monitoring and evaluating Joint Programmes.

The Fund specifically espouses the people-centred, whole-of-government and whole-of society approaches in everything it does. Joint Programmes meaningfully engage with more than one government line entity and/or local government(s) as well as with a broad range of stakeholders including civil society, migrants and/or migration affected communities.

The Fund also ensures alignment with human rights, gender-responsive, and child-sensitive principles, and uses markers to assess and monitor all the Joint Programmes. The Fund has adopted an innovative human rights marker, a first of its kind among UN pooled funds, to ensure that Joint Programmes are consistent with international human rights law and its principles.

In addition, a child sensitivity marker has been developed, requiring partners to consider potential positive and negative impacts of the Joint Programmes on children, whether intended or unintended, and whether or not they focus specifically on children.

In line with the whole-of-society and people-centred principles, the Fund adopted a guidance note for Joint Programmes to meaningfully engage with civil society, migrants, and communities, in all aspects of programming: design, implementation, management, and evaluation.

## UN COHERENCE

In its overall approach and through its processes, the Fund actively contributes to positioning the UN system in the field of migration. The requirement for UN Joint Programmes and emphasis on collective action promotes UN coherence and the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator.

All Joint Programme proposals must be submitted by the UN Resident Coordinator. Coordination and collaboration with the wider UN country teams (or country level UN Networks on Migration, if existing) are strongly encouraged throughout development and implementation.

As with the GCM, the Fund is also rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and builds upon the recognition that migration is a multidimensional reality that contributes to the sustainable development of countries of origin, transit and destination, just as sustainable development contributes to the attainment of effective, principled migration governance. To be eligible for financing, all prospective Joint Programmes must be assessed for their contributions to this shared agenda.

The establishment of the Fund also responds to the call for greater use of inter-agency pooled funding mechanisms made by Members States through the Funding Compact and the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of UN system operational activities (QCPR).

## FUNDING as of January 2024

	GERMANY	19,569,912 USD
	UNITED STATES	10,000,000 USD
	DENMARK	6,588,103 USD
	UNITED KINGDOM	6,262,133 USD
	FRANCE	3,849,601 USD
	NETHERLANDS	3,781,000 USD
	NORWAY	3,776,692 USD
	SPAIN	1,072,406 USD
	SWEDEN	938,159 USD
	PORTUGAL	604,927 USD
	MEXICO	450,000 USD
	UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF	150,000 USD
	PHILIPPINES	126,402 USD
	ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG GMBH	63,121 USD
	IRELAND	55,569 USD
	CYPRUS	39,402 USD
	LUXEMBOURG	26,307 USD
	THAILAND	25,000 USD
	TÜRKIYE	20,000 USD
	BANGLADESH	12,007 USD
	MOROCCO	10,000 USD
	AZERBAIJAN	5,000 USD

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## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Member States, regional bodies, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, foundations and individuals may all contribute to the Fund.

All contributors need to sign a contribution agreement with the MPTFO, the Fund's Administrative Agent (Trustee).

The contribution agreement used for the Fund (the "Standard Administrative Arrangement") has been developed by the UN Sustainable Development Group in consultation with Member States and is already used for several other UN pooled funds.

Donors are strongly encouraged to provide un-earmarked contributions so that all resources can be collectively and strategically programmed by the Steering Committee, following the 360-degree approach.

However, earmarking to the level of the five thematic areas is accepted and can be reflected in the contribution agreement.



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