**CONTEXT**

In 2022, governments from the MENA Region renewed their commitment to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) during the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), calling on States to protect the rights of migrants and to recognize migration as a remarkable contribution to democracy, diversity, as well as a means to accelerate sustainable development.

The leadership of and support from governments, including three GCM Champion countries, namely Egypt, Iraq, and Morocco, is crucial in generating mutual learning processes and cooperation across the region, allowing both the exchange of good practices and the achievement of the Compact’s objectives.

**THE MIGRATION MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND**

Launched in 2019, the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (the Fund) is the vehicle to bring the Compact to life. It was called for by Member States and is fully aligned with overall reforms of the United Nations Development Systems. Every programme the Fund supports is the product of collaborative work by members of the United Nations Network on Migration working with national partners – with regional economic community, government, local authorities and alongside stakeholders, including those representing migrants and migration affected communities.

A critical feature of this unique pooled funding instrument in the field of migration is its 360-degree approach, with no GCM objective privileged over others. To implement this approach, the GCM’s 23 objectives are clustered under 5 thematic areas. This ensures balanced support and provides an umbrella of broad areas towards which donors can earmark their funding, if necessary. This clustering also facilitates effective monitoring and reporting of the Fund’s impact.

**THEMATIC AREAS AND CORRESPONDING GCM OBJECTIVES**

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**CONCEPT NOTES FROM THE REGION BY THEMATIC AREA**

[Diagram showing the distribution of concept notes by thematic area]

January 2024
**FUNDED PROGRAMMES**

**THEMATIC AREA 1**

**MENA USD 3.2M IRAQ, JORDAN, LEBANON**

The MENA region is among the world’s most vulnerable regions due to its arid and semi-arid climates, combined with a projected increase in air temperatures and pollution, worsening water stress and frequencies of extreme weather events.

The Joint Programme contributes to strengthening synergies between Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), in order to address the adverse drivers of migration in the region, including disasters, climate change and health considerations.

**THEMATIC AREA 5**

**MOROCCO USD 2M**

The Joint Programme works with a broad range of government ministries and civil society partners to strengthen social cohesion and improve access to basic services for the most vulnerable migrants in Morocco. The focus is on reinforcing the capacities of service providers to deal with specific needs, such as those of women and unaccompanied children, improving access to information on rights and services for migrants, increasing the participation of civil society and local stakeholders in referral mechanisms, and facilitating multicultural activities.

**IN THE PIPELINE**

**THEMATIC AREA 2**

**MENA USD 2.85M DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, LIBYA**

The four countries in MENA region are all countries of transit and destination with a high proportion of migrant children, including unaccompanied children. Of note, children who are detained for reasons of migration status, are exposed to high risks of abuse, exploitation, and social exclusion. To address the vulnerability of migrant children, the Joint Programme will promote appropriate care and reception models, including community-hosting of unaccompanied migrant children, and strengthen government procedures that will enable these humane alternative care options for children, taking steps towards ending child immigration detention with focus on gender-responsiveness considerations.

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SUPPORT THE FUND

The Fund Steering Committee has set the total capitalization target at USD 150 million by the International Migration Review Forum (2026). To date, approximately 38% of this target has been mobilized (USD 57.5M) from 20 Member States.

DONORS 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

The collective commitment towards the GCM should be reflected by a broad donor-base for the Fund. Members States, traditional and non-traditional donors alike, are thus encouraged to contribute, even modestly.