

THE AMERICAS & THE CARIBBEAN



CONTEXT

In 2022, governments from Latin America and the Caribbean 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 eight GCM Champion countries, namely Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru, 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

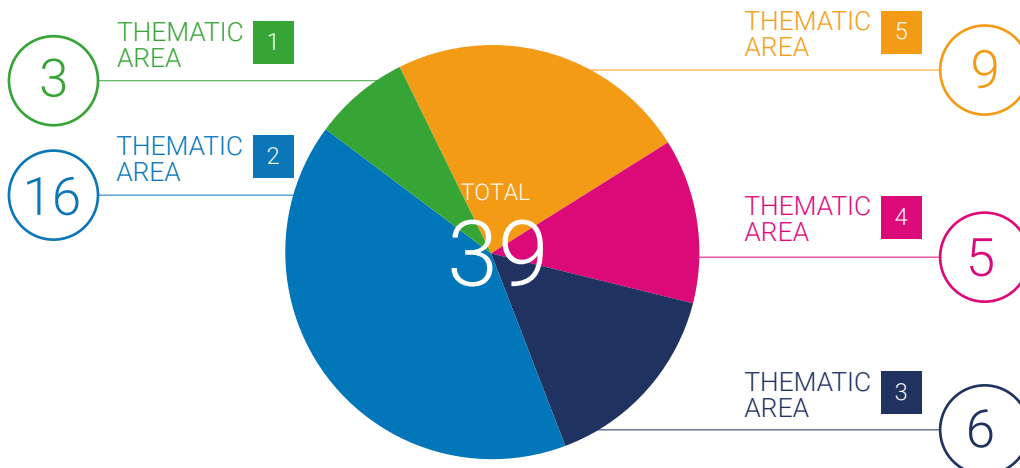
Launched in 2019, the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (the Fund) is the vehicle to bring the Compact to life. It was called for by Member States and is fully aligned with overall reforms of the United Nations Development Systems. Every programme the Fund supports is the product of collaborative work 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

Thematic Area	Description	Corresponding GCM Objectives
1	Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning	1 DATA, 3 INFORMATION PROVISION, 17 ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION
2	Protecting the human rights, safety and wellbeing of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration	2 MINIMIZE ADVERSE DRIVERS, 7 REDUCE VULNERABILITIES, 8 SAVE LIVES, 12 SHELTERING AND REFUGAL, 13 ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION
3	Addressing irregular migration including through managing borders and combatting transnational crime	9 BORDER MANAGEMENT, 10 ERADICATE TRAFFICKING, 11 MANAGE BORDER, 14 CONSULAR PROTECTION, 21 PROMOTE RETURN AND REINTEGRATION
4	Facilitating regular migration, decent work and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility	5 REGULAR PATHWAYS, 6 RECRUITMENT AND DECENT WORK, 18 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION, 19 REGULAR MIGRANTS CONTRIBUTIONS, 20 REMITTANCES
5	Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants	4 LEGAL IDENTITY AND DOCUMENTATION, 15 ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES, 16 INCLUSION AND SOCIAL COHESION, 22 SOCIAL PROTECTION

CONCEPT NOTES FROM THE REGION BY THEMATIC AREA



FUNDED PROGRAMMES

THEMATIC AREA 3

COSTA RICA USD 2.3M



With a strong emphasis on human rights and gender, this Joint Programme combats the smuggling of migrants, human trafficking and other transnational crimes which persists along the borders of Panama, Costa Rica and the Northern Triangle countries by strengthening cooperation between prosecutors and police, in particular in the area of data collection and analysis.

THEMATIC AREA 4

ECUADOR USD 1.5M



In the context of the Venezuela crisis, this Joint Programme aims at improving the socio-economic integration of migrants, returnees and local communities in Ecuador. With a strong whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, this programme aims to ensure equitable access to livelihood opportunities among migrants and host communities and strengthen local governments and other public stakeholders' capacities.

THEMATIC AREA 5

CHILE AND MEXICO USD 1.7M



Many migrants and refugees living in urban settings are more likely to live in segregated and poorly maintained areas, making them more vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, or access to services. This Joint Programme promotes socio-economic integration of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers through improving access to decent work, sustainable livelihoods, and social protection in Mexico City and Santiago de Chile. By facilitating south-south cooperation between two large cities, this unique pilot initiative addresses city-level migration challenges by strengthening collaboration locally and vertically.

THEMATIC AREA 2

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO USD 2.6M



In the past years, millions of Venezuelans have fled their country, resulting in one of the worst displacement crises in the world and the biggest in the recent past of the region. The arrival of Venezuelan migrants and refugees into Trinidad and Tobago has led to a surge in human trafficking cases, putting pressure on existing protection systems and creating higher levels of risk of abuse, violence and exploitation, especially for young women and unaccompanied and separated children. In response to the needs of survivors of trafficking, this funded Joint Programme focuses on strengthening the capacities of national and community-based partners, caring for and empowering survivors and coordinating efforts.

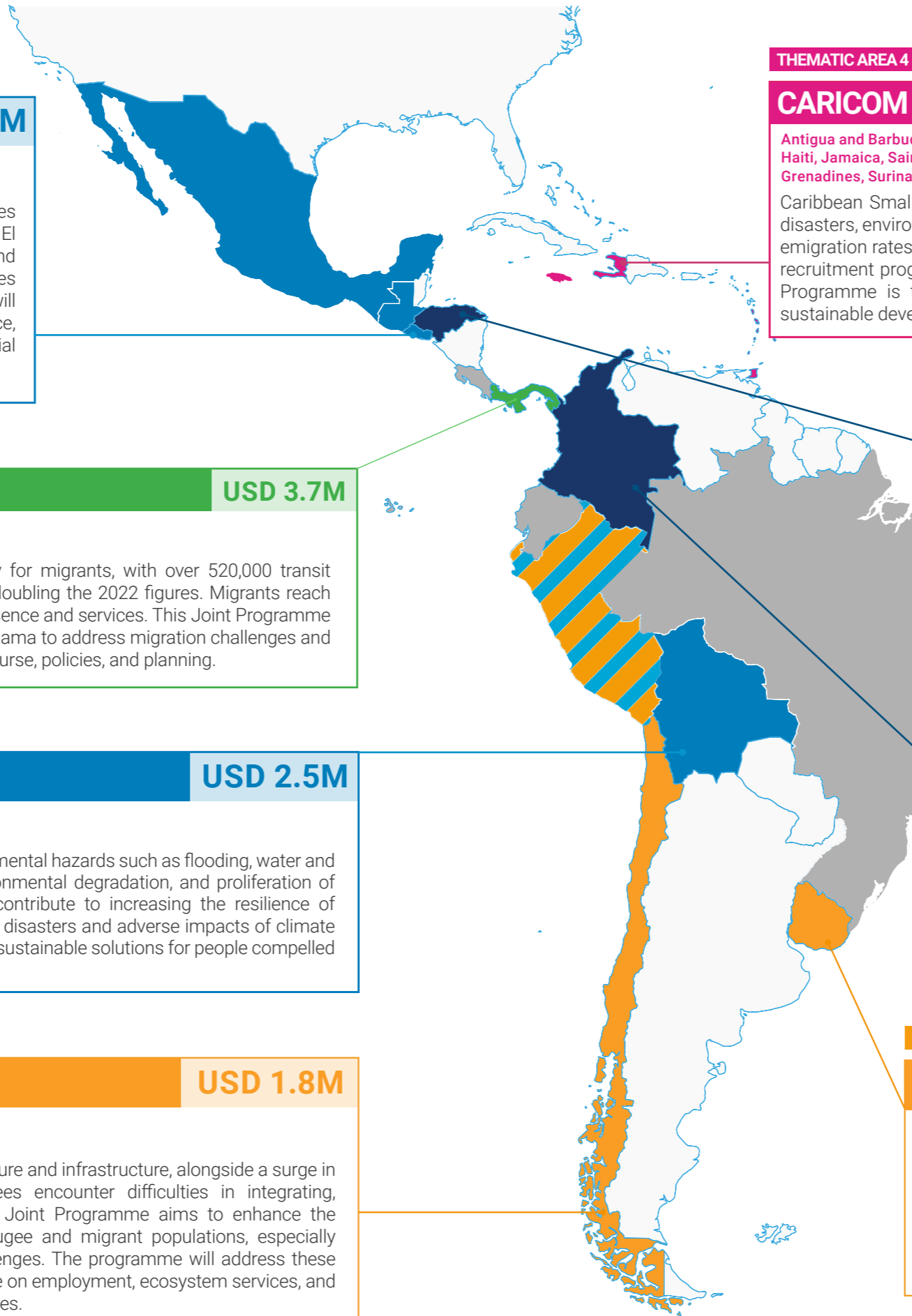
THEMATIC AREA 5

BRAZIL USD 2.5M



The Brazilian Amazon experiences significant human mobility, including cross-border movements in its over ten official border posts. The Joint Programme aims to strengthen the capacities of eight border municipalities in the Brazilian Amazon to address challenges posed by migration and climate change, and health issues.





THEMATIC AREA 2

EL SALVADOR

USD 3.4M



The Joint Programme will respond to the challenges posed by the rapidly changing migration profile of El Salvador from a country of origin to one of transit and return. With a clear geographic focus on municipalities amongst the most affected, the programme will strengthen protection and humanitarian assistance, sustainable financial reintegration, psycho-social assistance, and human rights-focused advocacy.

THEMATIC AREA 1

PANAMA

USD 3.7M



Panama is an origin, destination, and transit country for migrants, with over 520,000 transit migrants entering through the Darien jungle in 2023, doubling the 2022 figures. Migrants reach remote indigenous communities with limited state presence and services. This Joint Programme will aim to enhance local and national capacities in Panama to address migration challenges and opportunities through fact-based and data-driven discourse, policies, and planning.

THEMATIC AREA 2

BOLIVIA

USD 2.5M



The Northern Bolivian Amazon faces numerous environmental hazards such as flooding, water and food insecurity, pollution, deforestation, drought, environmental degradation, and proliferation of invasive species. The Joint Programme will aim to contribute to increasing the resilience of communities in the northern Bolivian Amazon region to disasters and adverse impacts of climate change and environmental degradation and to facilitate sustainable solutions for people compelled to leave their communities of origin.

THEMATIC AREA 5

CHILE

USD 1.8M



Chile faces climate-related challenges affecting agriculture and infrastructure, alongside a surge in international migration. Young migrants and refugees encounter difficulties in integrating, exacerbated by climate-induced unemployment. The Joint Programme aims to enhance the resilience and socio-environmental adaptation of refugee and migrant populations, especially young individuals, in the face of climate change challenges. The programme will address these challenges by focusing on the impact of climate change on employment, ecosystem services, and the specific vulnerabilities faced by migrants and refugees.

THEMATIC AREA 4

CARICOM

USD 2.5M



Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago

Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face significant exposure and vulnerability to disasters, environmental degradation, and the adverse effects of climate change, resulting in high emigration rates to various destinations. This emigration is often facilitated through professional recruitment programs targeting individuals with technical expertise. The main goal of this Joint Programme is to utilize the advantages of free movement within CARICOM for achieving sustainable development, climate change resilience, and ensure a fair transition in the Caribbean.

THEMATIC AREA 3

HONDURAS

USD 3M



Honduras faces major human development challenges, marked by high poverty and crime rates, particularly homicides and femicides. This has led to significant irregular migration and a notable influx of returned migrants, posing challenges for the reintegration of children, young individuals, and women. The Joint Programme will aim to enhance the protection and empowerment of children, young individuals, and women on the move.

THEMATIC AREA 3

COLOMBIA

USD 2M



As an important transit country within two major migratory routes, as well as a country of destination, Colombia faces mixed migration flows and irregular migration challenges, particularly Trafficking in Persons (TiP), Smuggling of Migrants (SoM) and Gender Based Violence (GBV). The objective of the Joint Programme is to contribute to the protection of migrants against the risks and vulnerabilities associated with irregular migration, especially regarding TiP and SoM in border areas, through integrated and secure border management.

THEMATIC AREA 5

URUGUAY

USD 1.75M



Uruguay has experienced a sharp increase in the number of migrants arriving to the country with a positive annual migration balance for over ten consecutive years, with prevalent feminine population and 32% of children and adolescents. The Joint Programme will aim to contribute to the effective exercise of human rights for immigrants in Uruguay, focusing on the labor market integration of migrant women and migrants with disabilities and the socio-cultural integration of migrant children.

THEMATIC AREA 2

GUATEMALA, MEXICO USD 4M



Over the past few years, Central America and Mexico have seen a sharp rise in humanitarian needs and protection concerns as unprecedented numbers of migrants, including vulnerable groups, travel through the region. They face marginalization, violence, and extortion, prompting many to take dangerous remote routes. This Joint Programme will aim to empower local and state authorities to protect and assist people along the Guatemala-Mexico route by addressing high-impact crimes and ensuring access to basic services and protection for victims.

THEMATIC AREA 2

PERU USD 2M



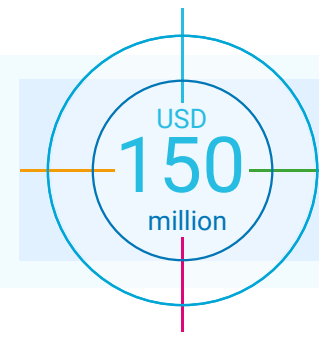
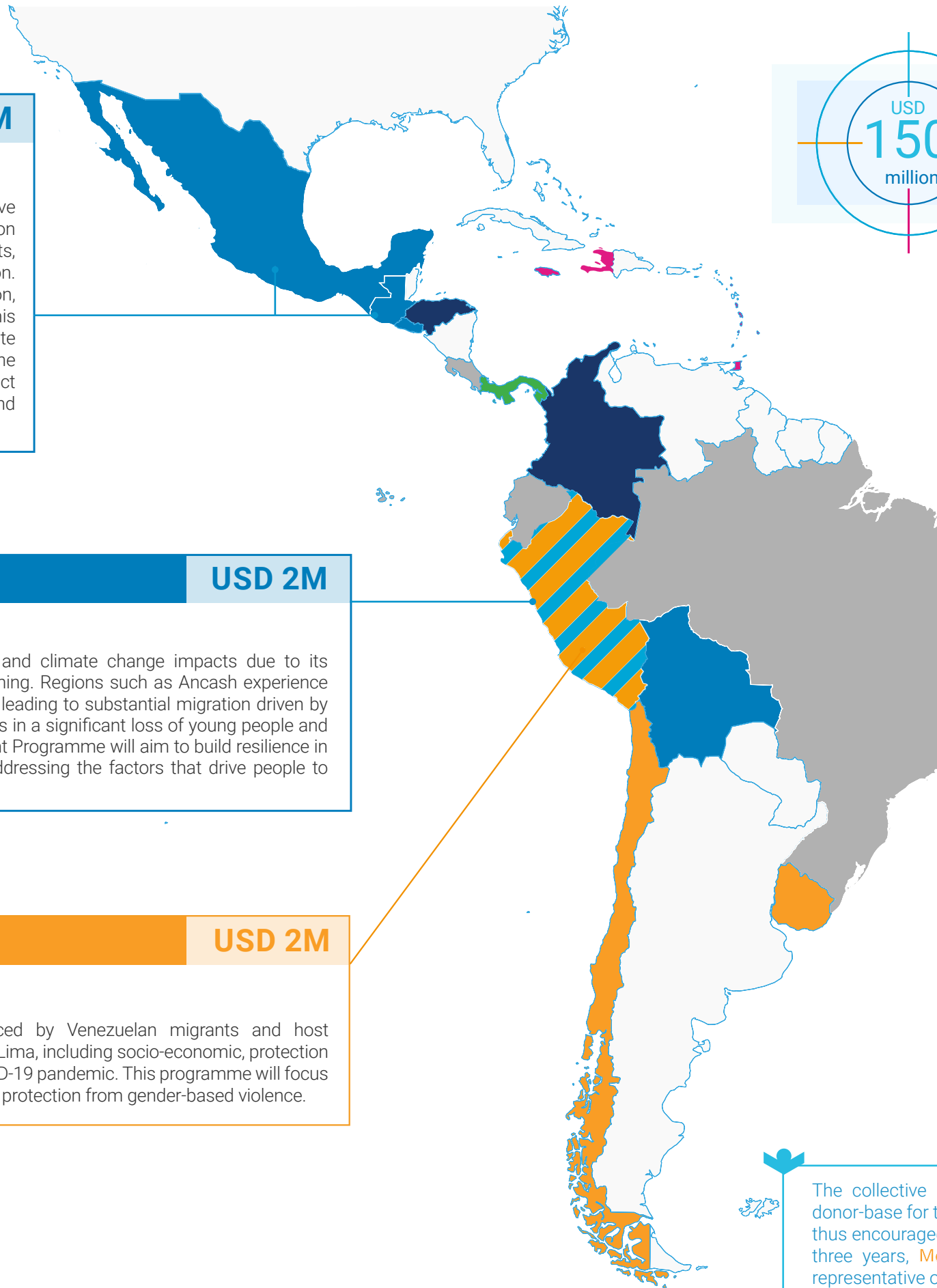
Peru is highly vulnerable to environmental hazards and climate change impacts due to its geography and issues including deforestation and mining. Regions such as Ancash experience severe climate effects, including floods and droughts, leading to substantial migration driven by environmental degradation. This migration trend results in a significant loss of young people and increased workloads for women who remain. This Joint Programme will aim to build resilience in Ancash's population against climate change, while addressing the factors that drive people to leave their communities.

THEMATIC AREA 5

PERU USD 2M



The Joint Programme will address challenges faced by Venezuelan migrants and host communities in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho, Lima, including socio-economic, protection and health needs, particularly compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. This programme will focus on access to quality services, peaceful coexistence and protection from gender-based violence.



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 AUGUST 2024

	GERMANY	19,569,912 USD
	UNITED STATES	10,000,000 USD
	DENMARK	6,588,103 USD
	UNITED KINGDOM	6,275,985 USD
	FRANCE	3,849,601 USD
	NETHERLANDS	3,781,000 USD
	NORWAY	3,776,692 USD
	SPAIN	1,082,303 USD
	SWEDEN	938,159 USD
	PORTUGAL	610,203 USD
	MEXICO	550,000 USD
	PHILIPPINES	166,402 USD
	UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF	150,000 USD
	ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG GMBH	63,121 USD
	IRELAND	55,569 USD
	CYPRUS	39,720 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 has 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. With a total contribution of \$550,000 over three years, Mexico has set an excellent example and was appointed as a donor representative on the Steering Committee of the Migration MPTF for a two-year period. It is hoped that other countries of the region will join in support of the Fund.



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