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**

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

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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.

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.

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.
IN THE PIPELINE

**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.

**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.

**MEXICO USD 1.5M**

The Joint Programme will focus on improving access to formal employment, strengthening protection mechanisms, and promoting pathways for the regularization of undocumented migrants in the corridor between Central America and the United States.

**THEMATIC AREA 2**

**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 (SmM) 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 SmM in border areas, through integrated and secure border management.

**THEMATIC AREA 3**

**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.

**ARGENTINA USD 2.6M**

Focusing on five key border crossings and local communities, this Joint Programme will aim to strengthen border management institutional capacities, address protection needs of migrants, and facilitate implementation of local mechanisms to prevent and combat human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

**THEMATIC AREA 3**

**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.

**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.
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. With a total contribution of $450,000 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.