

10th Steering Committee Meeting (virtual meeting of July 2023)

Summary of Decisions

DECISION ENDORSED BY

Chair of the Steering Committee:

- **Antonio Vitorino** (IOM – Director General)

Member States:

- **Emmanuel Kwame Asiedu Antwi** (Ghana - Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **Abdul-Karim HASHIM MOSTAFA** (Iraq – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **Mohammad Sufiur Rahman** (Bangladesh – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)

Donors:

- **Francisca Elizabeth Mendez Escobar** (Mexico – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **Jens Godtfredsen** (Denmark - Ambassador for Migration)
- **Christophe Leonzi** (France - Ambassadeur Chargé des Migrations)

Stakeholders:

- **Carolina Gottardo** (International Detention Coalition - Executive Director)
- **Stella Opoku-Owusu** (African Foundation for Development - co-Exec Director)
- **Ghada Hammouda** (Private Sector - Chief Sustainability and Marketing Officer, Qalaa Holdings)

United Nations:

- **Máximo Torero Cullen** (FAO - Chief Economist)
- **Monica Ferro** (UNFPA - Director, Geneva Office)
- **Andres Franco** (UNICEF - Deputy Director, Public Partnerships Division)

AGENDA

The Steering Committee had before them the following agenda:

- Joint Programme Documents, Concept Notes, and Joint Programme Revisions.
- Allocation of Resources and Identification of Priorities.
- Fund Management Unit Budget 2023.

STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The following is a summary of decisions reached, all by consensus, under each agenda item.

Joint Programme Documents, Concept Notes, and Joint Programme Revisions

Joint Programme Documents

In line with the Investment Plan 2023-2026 and decisions taken at the February 2023 Steering Committee meeting, the Fund prioritized 11 Joint Programmes (2 per each thematic area plus one additional for thematic area 2). Seven priority Joint Programmes previously submitted by Serbia, El Salvador, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Gabon-Togo, Republic of Moldova, and Peru have already been approved; and four new Joint Programme documents were submitted for review and consideration by this Steering Committee meeting.

Three out of the four Joint Programme documents were received in full. Upon confirmation of eligibility, adherence to the GCM principles, and quality assessment, the following three Joint Programmes were approved:

Approved Priority Joint Programmes					
Thematic Area	Country	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs)	Budget (USD)
2	India	Asia / South Asia	Enhancing the resilience to climate change of migrant and vulnerable households in the coastal areas of Odisha State and drought-prone areas of Telangana State	FAO, IOM	3,000,000
4	Türkiye	Europe / Europe	Supporting Migrant's inclusion in Türkiye's Transition to a Green Economy" submitted by IOM and UNIDO in Türkiye	IOM, UNIDO	2,500,000
5	Brazil	Americas / South America	Strengthening capacities of border municipalities in the Brazilian Amazon to face the challenges of migration, climate change and health	IOM, PAHO	2,504,469

For the Türkiye Joint Programme, it was noted that some clarification and additional information would need to be included in the document related to risk monitoring, civil society engagement, and project management.

The thematic area 1 Joint Programme from the **MENA region (Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon) titled "Harnessing synergies between Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Reduction in Migrant-Inclusive Health System Responses" submitted by IOM, WHO and UNDRR** was not approved as it failed to meet in full the national ownership eligibility criteria at the time of the meeting. However, given the reassurances received from the concerned country, the Steering Committee, on an exceptional basis, decided to postpone taking a final decision on this Joint Programme until the next meeting. This extended deadline for submission will also offer the opportunity to strengthen the alignment with the whole-of-society and people-centred approaches and the articulation of the regional dimension of the Joint Programme.

Concept Notes

Four new concept notes were received ahead of the meeting, bringing the total of submissions to 145 from more than 98 different countries and regions to date. Following the eligibility and quality review, no concept notes were included in the pipeline of Joint Programmes. The Steering Committee expects the Fund Management Unit to provide constructive feedback to the UN country teams in view of encouraging resubmissions or new submissions.



Joint Programme Revisions

The funded Joint Programme titled “Institutional support to enhance fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning in North Macedonia” requested budget revisions that required Steering Committee approval because variations between budget categories exceeded 20% even if the total budget remained unchanged. The Steering Committee approved this revision request as it was deemed to be primarily of administrative nature, not affecting the activities or expected results.

Allocation of Resources and Identification of New Priorities

Allocation of Resources

Taking into consideration the volume of resources available, the donor earmarking, geographic and thematic balance, it was agreed to allocate resources to five Joint Programmes which were amongst the approved priority Joint Programmes.

Allocation of Resources to Joint Programmes					
Thematic Area	Country	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs)	Budget (USD)
1	Serbia	Europe / Europe	Promoting evidence-based migration governance for maximizing development potential of migration	IOM, UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR	1,999,101
2	India	Asia / South Asia	Enhancing the resilience to climate change of migrant and vulnerable households in the coastal areas of Odisha State and drought-prone areas of Telangana State	FAO, IOM	3,000,000
3	Ethiopia	Africa / East Africa	Provision of essential services, protection and economic empowerment to support the inclusion and integration of migrant street children, youths, and adolescents in Addis Ababa	UN Habitat, WHO, ILO	1,500,000
4	Republic of Moldova	Europe / Europe	Leveraging the positive impact of migration on Moldova's development through improved policy evidence and better engaged diaspora	IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO	2,000,000
5	Brazil	Americas / South America	Strengthening capacities of border municipalities in the Brazilian Amazon to face the challenges of migration, climate change and health	IOM, PAHO	2,504,469

Identification of New Priorities

In line with the approach outlined in the 2023-2026 Investment Plan and following the decisions to fund the above five Joint Programmes (Serbia, India, Ethiopia, Moldova and Brazil in thematic areas 1 to 5) and approve one Joint Programme (Türkiye under Thematic Area 4), new priority Joint Programmes needed to be identified from within the pipeline. To maintain two priority Joint Programmes under each thematic area, Joint Programmes under Thematic Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 were selected. In addition, due to the high demand under Thematic Area 2, the Steering Committee agreed to approve selecting one additional priority under this thematic area. In total, the following five new priority pipeline Joint Programmes with a strong focus on addressing the impact of climate change on migration were selected:



- **Thematic Area 1:** “Supporting the Governments of Central Asian States in the implementation of the GCM” submitted by IOM, UNDP and UNESCO in **the Central Asia region (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).**
- **Thematic Area 2:** “Initiative to support appropriate care and reception models for unaccompanied migrant children” submitted by UNICEF and IOM in **the MENA region (Djibouti, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya).**
- **Thematic Area 3:** “Strengthening Protection and Assistance Mechanisms for Vulnerable Migrants and Reducing the Risks of Human Trafficking in the SAVA Region” submitted by IOM and FAO in **Madagascar.**
- **Thematic Area 4:** “Initiative for Diaspora Engagement and Investment in Mali’s Regions (INEDIT Mali - Initiative pour l’Engagement des Diasporas et des Investissements dans les Territoires au Mali)” submitted by IOM, UNCDF and UNIDO in **Mali.**
- **Thematic Area 5:** “Addressing the medium to long-term reintegration needs and strengthening social protection support mechanisms for the social inclusion of Bangladeshi migrants” submitted by IOM, ILO, UN Women, UNFPA, and UNICEF in **Bangladesh.**

Overall, the eleven priority Joint Programmes and their respective status in the approval process are summarised below:

Priority Joint Programmes						
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
1	Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).	Europe / Europe	Supporting the Governments of Central Asian States in the implementation of the GCM	IOM, UNDP, UNESCO	3,000,000	Requested
1	Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon	MENA	Harnessing synergies between Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Reduction in Migrant-Inclusive Health System Responses	IOM, WHO, UNDRR	3,200,000	Pending
2	El Salvador	Americas / Central and North America	Strengthen the government capacities in protection and reintegration of migrant persons and their families for a holistic approach with a human rights focus	IOM, WFP, UNFPA	3,400,000	Approved

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Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
2	Zimbabwe	Africa/ Southern Africa	Strengthening Protection, Safety and Wellbeing Of Unaccompanied Minors And Separated Children	IOM, UNICEF	2,483,375	Approved
2	MENA (Djibouti, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya)	MENA / MENA	Initiative to support appropriate care and reception models for unaccompanied migrant children	UNICEF, IOM	2,850,000	Requested
3	Gabon-Togo	Africa / West and Central Africa	Addressing irregular migration and combatting transnational crime in human trafficking along maritime and land routes from Togo to Gabon	UNODC, UNICEF	2,200,000	Approved
3	Madagascar	Africa / East Africa	Strengthening Protection and Assistance Mechanisms for Vulnerable Migrants and Reducing the Risks of Human Trafficking in the SAVA Region	IOM, FAO	2,800,000	Requested
4	Mali	Africa / West and Central Africa	Initiative for Diaspora Engagement and Investment in Mali's Regions (INEDIT Mali - Initiative pour l'Engagement des Diasporas et des Investissements dans les Territoires au Mali)	IOM, UNCDF, UNIDO	2,000,000	Requested
4	Türkiye	Europe	Supporting Migrant's inclusion in Türkiye's Transition to a Green Economy	IOM, UNIDO	2,500,000	Approved
5	Bangladesh	Asia / South Asia	Addressing the medium to long-term reintegration needs and strengthening social protection support mechanisms for the social inclusion of Bangladeshi migrants	IOM, ILO, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF	2,568,521	Requested



Priority Joint Programmes						
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
5	Peru	Americas / South America	Strengthening socioeconomic inclusion and access to comprehensive quality healthcare and protection of refugees and migrants and receiving communities in the COVID-19 context in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho-SJL, Lima, Peru	ILO, IOM, UNFPA, WHO	2,053,567	Approved

Fund Management Unit Budget 2023

The Steering Committee approved the revision of the project document related to the Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit Budget. The revision consolidates two previously approved Steering Committee decisions relating to revised duration of the Fund (through to end 2026) and relating to the 2022 and 2023 budget amounts of USD 425,860. Moving forward, it is expected that the Steering Committee will approve FMU budgets on a yearly basis.