



11th Steering Committee Meeting of 22 November 2023

Summary of Decisions

PARTICIPANTS

Chair of the Steering Committee:

- **Amy Pope** (IOM – Director General)

Member States:

- **H.E. Mohammad Sufiur Rahman** (Bangladesh – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **Obay Altaï** (Iraq – Deputy Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **William Okaikoe** (Ghana – Minister Counsellor in Geneva)

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- **H.E. Jens Godtfredsen** (Denmark - Ambassador for Migration)
- **H.E. Jérôme Bonnafont** (France - Permanent Representative in Geneva).
- **H.E. Francisca E. Méndez Escobar** (Mexico - Permanent Representative in Geneva)

Stakeholders:

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

United Nations:

- **Benjamin Davis** (FAO – Director of the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division)
- **Monica Ferro** (UNFPA – Director of the Representation Office in London)
- **Andres Franco** (UNICEF - Deputy Director, Public Partnerships Division)

Ex-officio members:

- **Jennifer Topping** (UNDP MPTF Office - Executive Coordinator)
- **Philippe Grandet** (Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit - Head)

AGENDA

The Steering Committee had before them the following agenda:

15:00 – 15:10 OPENING REMARKS

- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Steering Committee.

15:10 – 15:25 OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING STATUS

- Overview of the funding status by the Executive Coordinator of the UNDP MPTF Office.
- Brief remarks by the Chair of the Steering Committee on the implementation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy.
- Discussion on the funding status and the implementation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy.

15:25 – 15:55 PRIORITIES OF THE FUND AND EARMARKING

- Introduction by the Chair of the Steering Committee on the identification of priorities of the Fund and possible earmarking for climate change.
- Discussion on priorities of the Fund and earmarking.

15:55 – 16:15 FUNDING LANDSCAPE

- Introduction by the Chair of the Steering Committee on the funding landscape.
- Discussion on the funding landscape.

16:15 – 16:35 AGEING PIPELINE

- Introduction by the Chair of the Steering Committee on the ageing pipeline.
- Discussion on the ageing pipeline.

16:35 – 16:50 ENDORSEMENT OF TECHNICAL GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUND ALLOCATIONS AND PROGRAMME SELECTIONS

- Presentation by the Chair/Head of the Fund Management Unit for endorsement of the recommendations made by the Technical Group.

16:50 – 17:00 CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS

- Discussion on next steps, including the upcoming rotation of the Steering Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

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

Funding status

The Administrative Agent presented the funding status to the Steering Committee, indicating that the Fund was in a healthy state and efficiently managed (i.e. funds received are swiftly put to use). The Administrative Agent highlighted the diversity of donors and progress made in burden sharing with seven donors having committed over USD 3 million each. Based on contributions, confirmed pledges and indications received, it appears that the Fund is close to meeting its 2023 funding target (USD 20 million).

However, the Steering Committee considers that the Migration MPTF operates below potential, given the strong demand, the scope of its mandate, the fact that it was established in response to a call by a General Assembly resolution and the current positive trend concerning UN pooled funding instruments. The Migration MPTF Fundraising Strategy 2023-2024, will be reviewed at the next Steering Committee meeting and, in the meantime, fundraising efforts will need to be intensified.

Priorities of the Fund and Earmarking

While the Fund is anchored in the GCM's 360-degree approach, ensuring thematic balance and geographic diversity, the Investment Plan approved in December 2020 allows for additional considerations to be incorporated. As such, the Steering Committee has identified five priorities for specific attention: (i) addressing the impact of climate change on human mobility with focus on adaptation and resilience strengthening; (ii) improving migrants' access to essential health care services; (iii) increasing attention to preventing loss of migrant lives along perilous routes; (iv) protecting children in the context of migration; and (v) regional or multi-country programming, in particular through application of a whole-of-migratory route approach.

The Steering Committee agreed to continue paying attention to these, and to re-double efforts to encourage partners at country level in the design of effective programming proposals in these areas. It was also recognised that the objective of preventing loss of life has a particular resonance, given the mandate emerging from the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) Progress Declaration.

In addition, the Steering Committee agreed to explore the possibility of earmarking donor contributions to programming that address the impact of climate change on migration. Currently, the Fund's rules do not allow for earmarking beyond the five thematic areas and this absence is recognised as a potential



obstacle to resource mobilization and to positioning the Fund as a viable tool to address climate change and migration.

The Steering Committee instructed the Fund Management Unit (FMU), in coordination with the Administrative Agent, to explore amending the rules of the Fund to enable climate earmarking while considering the potential impact on the 360-degree principle and the ability of the Steering Committee to make strategic decisions. The FMU will table a proposal at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Funding Landscape

At the time of inception in 2018-2019, the Fund gave due consideration to the broader financing landscape and the existence - or rather absence - of other related pooled funding instruments on migration. Since then, new funding initiatives related to human mobility have emerged; and climate change funding mechanisms have started integrating human mobility dimensions. The Internal Displacement Solution Fund (IDSF) was recently established under the leadership of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Solutions to Internal Displacement; and a growing number of climate and environment-related funding mechanisms have been established over the last decade, including the Green Climate Fund, and the Loss and Damage Fund (expected to be operational in 2024).

While each have distinct mandates, the existence of multiple financing instruments may create the perception of fragmentation, and risk overlap and duplication. In order to turn such risks into opportunities, the Steering Committee confirmed its intention to proactively seek ways of strengthening coordination with other funding mechanisms. In addition, the Steering Committee tasked the FMU to further review the financing landscape and report back at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Ageing Pipeline

The Fund's process to review and select Joint Programmes starts with the identification and inclusion of high quality, relevant and eligible concept notes in the pipeline of Joint Programmes. The pipeline helps ensure quality and balance across the Fund's portfolio.

While continued interest and relevance of each pipeline programme is confirmed with the submitting UN country teams on an annual basis, concerns have been raised regarding the absence of a time-limitation as to how long a concept note can remain in the pipeline. The presence of older submissions in the pipeline may potentially be counterproductive as, with constantly evolving contexts, the relevance of the pipeline as a whole may be called into question. Also, a high number of "old" concept notes waiting to be funded may discourage the submission of new and relevant ones.



Given these concerns, the possibility of adopting a different approach was discussed. Such an approach may include establishing an “expiry date” for those that have not been funded or identified as priorities, while leaving the possibility for the Steering Committee to keep specific proposals beyond that date for strategic considerations. Following these discussions, the Steering Committee instructed the FMU to review the process and suggest a potential revision of the current process for consideration at the next meeting.

Operations Manual and Joint Programme Revisions

As the Operations Manual is a living document that often needs revisions to enhance processes and integrate lessons learned, a few minor revisions and updates were approved by the Steering Committee. Revisions and updates include the following:

- Update of the Human Rights Marker Guidance Note to align with the UN Sustainable Development Group practice.
- Update of the Joint Programme documents template to include confirmation by the Participating UN Organizations that they have and will abide by internal rules and regulations pertaining to the prevention of sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment (PSEAH).
- Update of the Joint Programme visibility guidelines.
- Inclusion of the pilot specific rules for private sector contributions in Annex E.

In addition, the Steering Committee approved the budget revision of the Thematic Area 2 Joint Programme from Trinidad and Tobago titled “Access, Support and, Coordination (ASC) Programme: A Collaborative Approach to Support Survivors of Human Trafficking” (IOM, UNICEF and UNFPA). The revision followed the review of the monitoring framework and subsequent minor revisions to the Results Framework to improve reporting accuracy of the activities.

Funding Allocations and Programme Selections

Programme Selections

Concept Notes

Sixteen new concept notes were received ahead of the meeting, bringing the total of submissions to 161 from 99 different countries and regions to date. Following the eligibility and quality review, the following seven concept notes were included in the pipeline of Joint Programmes.

Concept Notes approved for inclusion in the Pipeline of Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country / Countries	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs
1	Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	Asia / East and Southeast Asia	Safe labour migration and decent work for climate change adaptation and resilience in the ASEAN region	UNDP, ILO
2	Namibia	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening protection and assistance services to migrants, including children in vulnerable situations in Namibia	IOM, UNICEF, FAO
3	India	Asia / South Asia	Addressing the risk of cyber-enabled trafficking and exploitation in international migration with a special focus on youth in select states of India	UNODC, IOM
3	Bangladesh, India, Nepal	Asia / South Asia	Strengthening responses to the modus operandi of human traffickers and migrant smugglers in environmental crises due to climate change	IOM, UNODC
3	Honduras	Americas / Central America	Enhancing protection and empowerment of children, young and women on the move	IOM, UNICEF
3	Malawi	Africa / Southern Africa	Making migration safe and regular for migrants in Malawi and Malawians abroad	IOM, UNODC, OHCHR, UN Women
5	Chile	Americas / South America	Integration of migrant youth in host communities through climate resilience and adaptation in Chile	IOM, ILO, UNDP

For among those that were not selected, the Steering Committee expects the Fund Management Unit to provide constructive feedback in view of encouraging resubmissions or new submissions.

Joint Programme Documents

The Fund prioritized 11 Joint Programmes (2 per each Thematic Area plus one additional for Thematic Area 2)¹, in line with the Investment Plan approved at the December 2020 Steering Committee meeting. Five priority Joint Programmes previously submitted by El Salvador, Zimbabwe, Gabon-Togo, Türkiye, and

¹ At the February 2023 Steering Committee meeting, due to the high demand under Thematic Area 2 and the many quality concept notes received, the Steering Committee exceptionally approved selecting one additional priority under this Thematic Area.



Peru have already been approved. Then, six new Joint Programme documents were submitted for review and consideration by this Steering Committee meeting. The following two Joint Programmes were approved by the Steering Committee.

Newly approved Priority Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs
1	MENA (Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon)	MENA	Harnessing synergies between Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Reduction in Migrant-Inclusive Health System Responses	IOM, WHO, UNDRR
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

The following three Joint Programme documents were assessed as not meeting the requirements outlined in the Operations Manual and were not approved by the Steering Committee

- Thematic Area 1 “Supporting the Governments of Central Asian States in the implementation of the GCM” Joint Programme from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan;
- Thematic Area 3 “Strengthening Protection and Assistance Mechanisms for Vulnerable Migrants and Reducing the Risks of Human Trafficking in the SAVA Region” Joint Programme from Madagascar; and
- 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)” Joint Programme from Mali.

Decision on the **Thematic Area 2 Joint Programme from the MENA region (Djibouti, Egypt, Libya) titled “Initiative to support appropriate care and reception models for unaccompanied migrant children” submitted by UNICEF and IOM**, was postponed until the next Steering Committee meeting.

Following on the decisions made at the previous meeting in July 2023, the Steering Committee reviewed the updated document from the **Türkiye priority Joint Programme document titled “Supporting Migrant’s inclusion in Türkiye’s Transition to a Green Economy” (IOM, UNIDO)** and confirmed its acceptance.



Fund Allocations

Taking into consideration the volume of resources available, the donor earmarking, and thematic balance, it was agreed to allocate resources to one Joint Programmes from among the approved priority Joint Programmes.

Allocation of Resources to Joint Programme					
Thematic Area	Country	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)
1	MENA (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

Identification of New Priority Joint Programmes

In line with the approach outlined in the 2023-2026 Investment Plan, and following the decision to fund one Joint Programme (Thematic Area 1 MENA) and reject three (Thematic Area 1 Central Asia; Thematic Area 3 Madagascar; and Thematic Area 4 Mali), new priority Joint Programmes needed to be identified from within the pipeline. To maintain two priority Joint Programmes under each Thematic Area, two Joint Programmes under Thematic Area 1, one Joint Programme under Thematic Area 3, and one Joint Programme under Thematic Area 4 were selected. In total, the following four new priority pipeline Joint Programmes were selected:

- **Thematic Area 1:** “Safe Labour Migration and Decent Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the ASEAN Region” submitted by UNDP and ILO in the **ASEAN region (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand)**.
- **Thematic Area 1:** “Strengthening of Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Management Systems in Botswana” submitted by IOM, ILO and UNDP in **Botswana**.
- **Thematic Area 3:** “Strengthening Response to Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan” submitted by IOM and UNODC in **Pakistan**.
- **Thematic Area 4:** “Facilitating Regular Migration and Decent Work through Implementation of Labour Migration Policy targeting Basotho Seasonal Labour in Ceres farms (place of destination) and Youth in Quthing (place of origin)” submitted by ILO, IOM and UNDP in **Lesotho**.

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	ASEAN (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand).	Asia / East and Southeast Asia	Safe Labour Migration and Decent Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the ASEAN Region	UNDP, ILO	2,700,000	Requested
1	Botswana	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening of Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Management Systems in Botswana	IOM, ILO, UNDP	1,700,000	Requested
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
2	MENA (Djibouti, Egypt, Libya)	MENA	Initiative to support appropriate care and reception models for unaccompanied migrant children	UNICEF, IOM	2,850,000	Requested
2	Zimbabwe	Africa/ Southern Africa	Strengthening Protection, Safety and Wellbeing Of Unaccompanied Minors And Separated Children	IOM, UNICEF	2,483,375	Approved
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	Pakistan	Asia / South Asia	Strengthening Response to Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan	IOM, UNODC	2,700,000	Requested
4	Lesotho	Africa / Southern Africa	Facilitating regular migration and decent work through implementation of labour migration policy targeting Basotho seasonal labour in Ceres farms (place of	IOM, UNDP, ILO	1,700,000	Requested

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Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
			destination) and youth in Quthing (place of origin)			
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	Approved
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

Approval of FMU 2024 budget

In line with the December 2021 decision to gradually transfer the cost of the Fund Management Unit from IOM to the Migration MPTF, the Steering Committee approved an allocation of USD 613,538 to contribute to the 2024 operating budget of the Fund Management Unit. IOM will cover the remaining one third of the budget.



Way Forward

For 2024, it was agreed that there will be two Steering Committee meetings: the first meeting towards the end of April / beginning of May; and a second one towards the end of October / beginning of November.

In line with the Terms of Reference and the Operations Manual, four Steering Committee members, one from each constituency, will be rotating as of January 2024. The four members leaving the Steering Committee are:

- Countries of origin, transit and destination: Iraq
- Donors: Mexico
- Stakeholders: International Detention Coalition
- United Nations: UN Population Fund (UNFPA)

Invitations to potential new Steering Committee members have been extended by the Chair and new membership will be announced once they are formally accepted.

The FMU will make necessary efforts to ensure that all the incoming members are fully on-board and are able to contribute effectively to the deliberations of the Steering Committee.

In addition to the regular programmatic tasks including providing support to teams submitting concept notes and Joint Programme documents, monitoring on-going Joint Programmes and providing support to the teams concluding implementation, the Steering Committee requested the FMU to undertake the following tasks:

- Organize the 2024 Consultative Forum on 30 January;
- Ensure participation of the Migration MPTF in key events such as the upcoming COP and the GFMD;
- Explore amending the rules of the Fund to enable climate earmarking, in coordination with the Administrative Agent;
- Explore coordination with other funding mechanisms;
- Support induction of the new Steering Committee members;
- Prepare the 2023 consolidated annual report for the Fund; and
- Support fundraising efforts for the “GCM Follow-up and Review Window” of the Fund.