

## Steering Committee Meeting of 6 October 2020: Summary of Decisions

### PARTICIPANTS

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#### Chair:

**Antonio Vitorino** (Director General of IOM and Coordinator of the UN Migration Network)

#### Member States:

**Omar Hilale** (Morocco - Ambassador and PR in New York) – remote participation

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**Manuela Tomei** (ILO – Director, Conditions of Work and Equality Department) – alternate member, remote participation

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#### Observers (ex-officio members):

**Jennifer Topping** (Executive Coordinator of the UNDP MPTF Office)

**Philippe Grandet** (Head of the Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit)



## **AGENDA**

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The Steering Committee had before them the following agenda:

### **OPENING REMARKS**

16:00 – 16:10 Opening remarks by the Chair of the Steering Committee

### **ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES**

16:10 – 16:15 Overview by the Executive Coordinator of the UNDP Migration MPTF Office (Administrative Agent of the Fund) of the funding status of the Migration MPTF.

16:15 – 16:20 Presentation by the Chair/Fund Management Unit of the technical recommendation for the selection of the first joint programmes to be financed by the Migration MPTF

16:20 – 16:40 Discussion on proposed allocation of resources

*For decision: funding allocation to joint programmes*

### **PIPELINE OF JOINT PROGRAMMES**

16:40 – 16:45 Presentation by the Chair/Fund Management Unit of the technical recommendation for the selection of additional concept notes to be included in the pipeline.

16:45 – 17:05 Discussion on proposed selection

*For decision: selection of additional concept notes for the Fund pipeline*

### **MIGRATION MPTF RESULTS MONITORING FRAMEWOK**

17:05 – 17:15 Presentation by the Chair/Fund Management Unit of the proposed Results Monitoring Framework of the Fund with focus on strategic targets related to alignment to GCM principles, resource mobilization and 360-degree approach

17:15 – 17:45 Discussion on strategic targets of the Results Monitoring Framework

*For decision: adoption of Results Monitoring Framework*

### **WAY FORWARD**

17:45 – 18:00 Discussion on key next steps

*For decision: Instructions to the Fund Management Unit on key activities leading to the December Steering Committee (preparation of Fund Risk Management Strategy, organization of Consultative Forum, update of the Fund's Operations Manual)*



## STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

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

### Allocation of Resources

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In line with good practice outlined by the Administrative Agent of the Fund (the UNDP MPTF Office), the Steering Committee opted for programming all the resources committed by the donors to date.

At the April 2020 meeting, the Steering Committee requested 12 country or regional teams, who submitted the strongest concept notes, to develop full-fledged joint programme documents, per the Migration MPTF Operations Manual. Among these, five joint programmes identified as “Tier 1” were meant to be funded from resources already available provided that their final submissions were timely, met the quality standards and were aligned with the approved concept notes. The seven other joint programmes were identified as “Tier 2” and would be funded with potential additional resources.<sup>1</sup>

While the five Tier 1 proposals were given priority, the submissions from Djibouti under thematic area 2 and Colombia under thematic area 3 were assessed as not meeting the requirements for approval as outlined in the Operations Manual and were rejected by the Steering Committee and replaced by the next-in-line “Tier 2” selections under the same thematic areas.

Lastly, to fully allocate all funds available, an additional sixth joint programme from thematic area 5 was selected for funding. The Steering Committee selected the joint programme submitted by Chile and Mexico to increase geographic diversity and align with the Steering Committee’s April decision to request multiple thematic area 5 concept notes under “Tier 2”, in view of the growing impact of COVID-19.

This allocation spread across the five thematic areas of the Fund is strongly anchored in the 360-degree principle of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The six joint programmes contribute to address challenges of a different nature in different contexts. All have integrated to a very large degree the core principles of the GCM and meet the quality standards of the Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> On the basis of a quality assessment and with due consideration to geographic and thematic balance, the Steering Committee, in April, selected 30 concept notes that were distributed under the following three tier categories: Tier 1 for provisional funding allocation (projects to be implemented with the resources currently available, provided that the partners submit quality joint programme documents aligned with the concept note during the time allocated for programme development); Tier 2 for joint programme development (projects to be allocated funds when additional resources become available); and Tier 3 for pipeline of joint programmes (a living document from which joint programmes to be developed will be selected when resources become available).



The six joint programmes chosen for the Migration MPTF inaugural funding allocation are listed below.

Joint Programmes selected for funding allocation					
Thematic Area	Country (ref #) <sup>2</sup>	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs <sup>3</sup>	Budget (USD)
1	North Macedonia (TA1.003)	Europe /Southeast Europe	Institutional support to enhance fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning in North Macedonia	IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR	1,500,000
2	Tajikistan (TA2.007)	Asia /Central Asia	Empowerment of 'Families left behind' for improved Migration Outcomes in Khatlon, Tajikistan	IOM, FAO, UNICEF, UN Women	2,200,000
3	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone (TA3.005)	Africa /West Africa	Strengthening border management, social cohesion, and cross-border security in the Parrot's Beak area	IOM, UNDP, WHO, ITC	2,786,280
4	Philippines (TA4.010)	Asia /South East Asia	Bridging Recruitment to Reintegration in Migration Governance: Philippines (BRIDGE)	IOM, ILO, UN Women	1,500,000
5	South Africa (TA5.005)	Africa /Southern Africa	United Nations Pilot Project for Strengthening Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion through Stakeholders' Engagement, Socio-Economic Activities and Countering Anti-Migrant Narratives in South Africa	IOM, UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women	2,565,570
5	Chile, Mexico (TA5.008)	Americas /South America; Central America and Mexico	Capacity building of local governments in Santiago (Chile) and Mexico City to strengthen the socioeconomic integration of migrants and refugees through access to decent work, sustainable livelihoods, and social dialogue	ILO, UNHCR, IOM	1,702,370

<sup>2</sup> Reference numbers were allocated to each joint programme (at the concept note stage) according to their thematic area and chronological order in which the Fund Management Unit received the concept notes.

<sup>3</sup> Note: PUNOs is an abbreviation for Participating UN Organizations.



In addition to the above resource allocation decision, the Steering Committee discussed:

**Geographic Diversity:** The Steering Committee reconfirmed that, while not a Migration MPTF requirement, geographic diversity is of prime importance for the Fund. In this regard, it was confirmed that clarification on the best way to pursue, and how to measure geographic balance, is needed. A point was made on the need for further elaboration on how regions are defined, as the current regional groupings are not uniform in scale nor in migration dynamics.

The Steering Committee further took note that, while it is facing important migration-related challenges, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region was not allocated resources in this initial round. As such, it was agreed that due consideration will be given to the region in upcoming funding allocations.

**Classification of Thematic Areas:** Some members expressed concerns regarding the thematic area classification of some concept notes. For example, the Tier 2 Ethiopia joint programme which focuses on providing reintegration support to Ethiopians who had irregularly migrated and were forcibly repatriated could be reclassified from thematic area 5 (Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants) to thematic area 3 (Addressing irregular migration), under which falls GCM objective 21 (“Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration”).

The Steering Committee instructed the Fund Management Unit to conduct a review of thematic area classification of pipeline joint programmes, as part of the wider pipeline review and prioritization exercise scheduled for the December 2020 meeting.

## PIPELINE OF JOINT PROGRAMMES

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In accordance with the programming cycle of the Migration MPTF outlined in its Operations Manual, concept notes were received for consideration by the third Steering Committee meeting. It is worthy to note that contrary to the months leading up to the April Steering Committee meeting, no additional out-reach activities were undertaken for this round. However, the Fund still received 15 concept notes from 15 different countries, reflecting once again the strong need and demand for the Fund.

The concept notes were reviewed to ensure basic eligibility and relevance to the Fund, and assessed against the key criteria and principles outlined in the Operations Manual. Upon this review, the following 5 concept notes were approved for inclusion in the pipeline of joint programmes.

Concept Notes to be included in the Pipeline of Joint Programmes					
Thematic Area	Country (ref #)	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)
1	Nigeria (TA1.007)	Africa /West Africa	Strengthening Fact-Based and Data-Driven Migration Governance and Management in Nigeria	IOM, UNODC	2,000,000



2	<b>Trinidad and Tobago (TA2.024)</b>	Americas /South America	Access, Support, Cooperation (ASC) Programme: A Collaborative Approach to Support Survivors of Human Trafficking	IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA	2,600,000
2	<b>Sierra Leone (TA2.025)</b>	Africa /West Africa	Addressing Drivers of Irregular Migration among Youth in Sierra Leone	IOM, UNESCO	1,500,000
5	<b>Moldova (TA5.014)</b>	Europe / Southeast, East Europe	Addressing the medium-long term mobility-driven COVID-19 development impact in the Republic of Moldova and contributing to an early recovery of impacted groups	IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, ILO	2,000,000
5	<b>Bangladesh (TA5.017)</b>	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

The Steering Committee advised that, to the extent possible, the Fund Management Unit shall provide constructive feedback to the teams whose concept notes have not been included in the pipeline, enabling the revision and possible resubmission of concept notes.

The Steering Committee also took note of the relative under-representation of thematic areas 1 and 3 in the pipeline and advised the Fund Management Unit to encourage submission under these thematic areas.

## RESULTS MONITORING FRAMEWORK

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The Migration MPTF Results Monitoring Framework, based on the Results Framework that was approved in December 2019<sup>4</sup> together with the other components of the Operations Manual, elaborates on the results and indicators of the Results Framework, including the articulation of targets, means of verification, and definitions for each indicator. These are tools to guide the Fund's decisions and transparently measure performance.

The Steering Committee reviewed and approved the Results Monitoring Framework with two stipulations:

- It was noted that the Human Rights Marker Guidance Note which accompanies the newly introduced indicator will be tabled at the next Steering Committee, offering all Members the opportunity to review carefully. Upon endorsement of the guidance note, a post-facto scoring

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<sup>4</sup> The Results Framework is based on the objectives and purpose of the Fund's Terms of Reference and GCM guiding principles, and contains three elements: 1) Alignment with the SDGs; 2) Programmatic alignment to the GCM; and 3) Operational effectiveness and performance.



exercise of the Human Rights Marker will be carried out for the six funded joint programmes to ensure full and consistent tracking of all the indicators of the Results Monitoring Framework.

- It was decided that the decision on the annual resource mobilization targets will be taken at the December 2020 Steering Committee.

It was recognized that the targets set in the Results Monitoring Framework can be revised by the Steering Committee if deemed necessary at a later stage.

## WAY FORWARD

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**December Steering Committee Meeting and Consultative Forum:** The next Steering Committee meeting and the first Consultative Forum will be scheduled during the week of December 14, to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the UN Network on Migration.

It was agreed that the following agenda items will be tabled at the next Steering Committee meeting:

- **Migration MPTF Risk Management Strategy:** The strategy will be developed in a consultative manner, as per the Migration MPTF Operations Manual.
- **Revision of the Operations Manual:** Reflecting on the lessons of the first year of operations, necessary adjustments and improvements to the Fund's Operations Manual will be made, including strengthening the provision of various programmatic guidance. The Guidance Note on the Human Rights Marker will also be finalised.
- **Review of the pipeline of joint programmes:** All current programmes under the pipeline will need to be reviewed to ascertain that they are still relevant at country level, still require funding and belong to the most relevant thematic area. This review will also include a review of the thematic area classification.
- **Ambition of the Fund:** The annual resource mobilization targets will be set, further to a discussion on the Steering Committee's vision for the Fund.
- **Rotation:** In order to ensure inclusiveness for the governance of the Fund, and in line with the operations manual, two Network members, one donor, two countries of origin, transit and destination and one stakeholder will rotate at the end of 2020.