

Migration MPTF

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PROJECT INFORMATION	
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Executive Summary

The three-year pilot joint programme "Addressing the drivers and causes of migration-related vulnerabilities among border communities along the TransGambia transport corridor" (hereafter referred to as the "Joint Programme") aims to address the drivers and causes of migration-related vulnerabilities among border communities, enhance the cross-border environment and improve trade facilitation along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor. The joint programme, implemented by ITC, IOM, UNDP and UNICEF, will enhance border posts in Jarra West (Lower River Region) and Upper Baddibou (North Bank Region) districts, strengthen the capacity of border authorities, increase awareness among women, youth, and children of their rights, and strengthen skills and livelihood opportunities for women and youth. *(For the outcomes and outputs of the joint programme, see Annex 3)*

The joint programme was launched on June 21, 2022, with the participation of 50 representatives from government structures, UN agencies, civil society organizations, and the private sector. On the same day, the Participating United Nations Organisations (PUNOs) inaugurated the Project Steering Committee (PSC), which is co-chaired by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration, and Employment (MoTIE) and the Ministry of Interior (Moi) *(see Annex 3)*. The second PSC meeting took place in November 2022. This meeting focused on the project managers presenting in project implementation status and the 2023 Project Workplan. The meeting resulted in the approval of the Project Workplan for January to December 2023.

The decentralized Local Programme Committees (LPC) in North Bank Region and Lower River Region (target regions), with participation from governmental and civil society stakeholders, were established in April 2022. The main functions of the LPCs are to make strategic and technical recommendations and provide on-the-ground feedback to the participating UN organizations and project steering committee.

PUNOs completed the project management staff recruitment process to support the project implementation and management. The programme also hired a consultant to conduct a rapid assessment, and a consultant to gather baseline data, a critical element, to effectively measure the joint programme's impact and results. Furthermore, IOM conducted a Comprehensive Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS) Border Assessment at the Misera border post on June 1, 2022, to assess the present state of the border Management Information Systems to inform the project activities.

Outcome 1: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.

- ✓ Misera border crossing post in Lower River Region is currently undergoing renovations.
- ✓ Equipment and surveillance have been procured and set for installation in Q1, 2023.
- ✓ 25 border officials were trained on Basic and Advanced MIDAS.
- ✓ 30 regional Multi-Disciplinary Facilitation Team were trained on child protection cases management, and the Standards Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Vulnerable Children in The Gambia including children on the move (GCMO 12).

Outcome 2: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.

- ✓ Two workshops were organised by MoTIE to raise awareness on AfCFTA and ECOWAS protocols for 40 informal cross border traders and 20 border authorities.
- ✓ Orientations, targeting these community actors, on the child protection systems and roles in supporting the Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs).
- ✓ In Collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare (MoGCSW) the project established a Gender-Based Violence Case Information Management and Response System.
- ✓ In partnership with the National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons (NAATIP), and the MoGCSW conducted a training for border officials, civil society, local government authorities, and Community Child Protection Committees on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for the Protection and Assistance of Vulnerable Migrants.
- ✓ The construction of a Trade Information and Border Assistance Office is currently underway.

Outcome 3: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor demonstrate effective life skills and access to livelihood opportunities.

- ✓ A rapid assessment on small-scale cross-border trade, migration, and livelihood opportunities was conducted, involving 31 stakeholder consultation and 457 face-to-face interviews with small scale cross border traders.
- ✓ 20 women-led and youth led enterprises to participate in the 2022 Youth and Women Agribusiness Trade Fair and all 22 women entrepreneurs were trained on improved agricultural techniques, poultry management and entrepreneurship.
- ✓ To provide access to entrepreneurship support services, in partnership with the UN Human Security Trust Fund project, the construction of a One Stop Entrepreneurship Center is currently underway and in its final stages of completion.
- ✓ The joint programme is also establishing a hospitality center to serve as a training center for youth along the transport corridor.
- ✓ To connect women and youth networks, the Gambia Women Chamber of Commerce and the Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce are supported with the provision of data support and in the process of purchasing IT equipment to further strengthen their regional chapters in North Bank Region and Lower River Region (GCMO 2).

Annual Progress

1. Summary and Context

The three-year pilot joint programme “Addressing the drivers and causes of migration-related vulnerabilities among border communities along the TransGambia transport corridor” (hereafter referred to as the “Joint Programme”) aims to address the drivers and causes of migration-related vulnerabilities among border communities, enhance the cross-border environment and improve trade facilitation along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor. The joint programme will enhance border posts in Jarra West (Lower River Region) and Upper Baddibou (North Bank Region) districts, strengthen the capacity of border authorities, increase awareness among women and youth of their rights, and strengthen skills and opportunities for women and youth.

The official project launch was in June 2022, which brought together all project stakeholders, including government structures, the UN, business support organizations, civil society organizations, and cross-border traders. The launch was made by the Minister of Interior and UN Resident Coordinator in The Gambia, which showed a strong commitment of the Government of Gambia towards project implementation. The joint programme also organized its first Project Streeting Committee Meeting to present the project objectives, the committee’s TOR, and the project work plan for six months. On November 17, the Migration MPTF joint programme held the second Project Steering Committee meeting. The Deputy Executive Director of ITC and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior shared brief welcoming remarks. The meeting included a review of the implementation progress of the joint programme and a presentation of the 2023 work plan to the PSC members.

Prior to the launch of the project, the PUNOs conducted a joint stakeholder consultation and site visits in June 2022. The team met with local authorities, members of the two Local Programme Committees, cross-border traders, and commissioners of the two border posts (Keur Ali and Missera). The local stakeholders were engaged and fully supported the implementation of the joint programme.

Considering a few challenges with key preparatory actions (including the lengthy process of procurement and hiring procedures), the joint programme established critical groundwork with the government counterparts in MoTIE and MoI. During this reporting period, the project implementation was on track. Adopting a whole-of-society approach and working in the close partnership with the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment (MoTIE), Ministry of Interior (MoI), Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare (MoGCSW), Gambia Immigration Department (GID), the two Local Programme Committees (LPC), the Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce and Gambia Women Chamber of Commerce, several milestones in the implementation of the project were reached among which:

Assessments: The completion of the Rapid Assessment, Baseline Assessment, MIDAS Border Assessment, and Safe Space Assessment.

Construction/ Refurbishments/Renovation works: The renovation work and installation of the Misera border crossing is currently underway and expected to complete in Q1 2023. The construction of the One Stop Entrepreneurship Center and Trade Information and Border Assistance Office has made significant progress and is expected to complete in Q2 2023. The assessments for the construction of the safe space

and refurbishment of the Jarra Soma Youth Center are completed with the work expected to start in Q2 2023.

Trainings/Capacity Building Programs:

- ✓ 25 border officials (17 Male, 8 Female) trained on Basic and Advanced MIDAS Training.
- ✓ 30 Multi-Disciplinary Facilitation Team (23 Male, 7 Female) trained on Child Protection Case Management, The Standards Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Vulnerable Children in The Gambia including children on the move.
- ✓ 80 border officials (52 Male, 28 Female) trained on the Implementation of the ECOWAS Support Procedures and Standards for the Protection and Reintegration of vulnerable children on the move and young migrants.
- ✓ 40 informal cross border traders (11 Male, 29 Female), and 20 border officials trained on the AfCFTA and ECOWAS Protocols and harassment at borders, including rights and responsibilities of travellers and authorities.
- ✓ 46 participants from Village Development Committees (VDCs), Mothers' Clubs, Gambia Supreme Islamic Council, Gambia Christian Council and Village Support Groups (VSG) received orientation on the child protection system and their roles in supporting the Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs).
- ✓ 90 participants (54 Male, 36 Female) from various institutions trained on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for the Protection and Assistance of Vulnerable Migrants, including Victims of Trafficking in The Gambia.
- ✓ 48 Members (26 Male, 22 Female) from the Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs) and Village Development Committees (VDCs) in the targeted regions were trained on integrated social and child protection services for Children on the Move (CoM).
- ✓ 22 (13 Male, 9 Female) were trained on improved agricultural techniques, poultry management and entrepreneurship.

Market Access & Entrepreneurship Support: 20 women-led enterprises participated in the 2022 Youth and Women Agribusiness Trade Fair in November 2022. Ahead of the fair. The support included procurement of 10 stalls, marketing and visibility materials, and business cards. The 20 entrepreneurs attended a pre-orientation and packaging coaching session to prepare them for their exhibition at the trade fair.

Referral Mechanisms: Rollout of training for border officials, civil society, local government authorities, and Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs) on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), the development of the Gender Information Management System (GIMS), a harmonized referral platform for gender-based violence cases and the construction of the Trade Information and Border Assistance Office (TIBAO).

Raising Awareness Activities: Support MoTIE to develop a guide on AfCFTA and ECOWAS protocol, which will be used to develop communication products and translated to local languages, and roll-out of a radio program to educate the public on Children on The Move.

Institutional Strengthening Support: Through efforts to connect women and youth networks, ITC has supported the Gambia Women Chamber of Commerce and the Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce with the provision of data support and in the process of purchasing IT equipment to further strengthen

their regional chapters in North Bank Region and Lower River Region. Further supporting BSOs in the entrepreneurship ecosystem to improve service delivery and enhance coordination through a joint customer relationship management (CRM) system. The component facilitates joint delivery through an integrated CRM that is populated with data from different institutions.

2. Results

During the reporting period (1 January to 31 December 2022), the actions taken by PUNOs were mostly preparatory, such as recruitment of staff and consultancy positions, for project management, conduct rapid assessment, baseline assessment, MIDAS border assessment and safe space assessment, PUNOs met with different government and non-government partners in person to plan and coordinate the project activities, approaches and joint cooperation. More details about actions taken under each output and outcome level are highlighted below:

Outcome 1: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.

Output 1.1 Better equipped border posts

In August 2022, IOM contracted a consultant for the assessment and preparation of the bill of quantity for the renovation work to fit in the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS¹) at Misera border crossing in Lower River Region. After the bidding process was completed, the contract was awarded to a construction company for the renovation work at Misera. The refurbishment is ongoing and expected to be completed in March 2023 - renovation work includes the expansion of the border post to cater to the MIDAS operation, development of the queue lines, roofing, aluminium partitioning, and painting of the entire border post (*See Annex 3*).

Additionally, through consultations with IOM, the Gambia Immigration Department (GID) recommended that the border security equipment and surveillance to be procured for the smooth operation of the border post in Misera and Keur Ali. These include document security scanners, regular magnifiers, surveillance CCTV with solar lighting, and security torch lights. As part of the renovation work, the booths have been fixed allowing for passenger information to be collected at both entry and exit points. The procurement of the security equipment and furniture is ongoing and will be installed at Misera and Keur Ali border post accordingly by the end of Q2. (*Annex 3*)

Output 1.2: Improved knowledge and capacity of border authorities

IOM conducted a comprehensive MIDAS Border Assessment at Misera border post in June 2022 as guidelines to inform the need for the installation of MIDAS. The MIDAS equipment was procured and delivered in the Gambia in August 2022 (*See Annex 3(a) List of MIDAS Equipment for Misera and 3(b) MIDAS Assessment Report for Misera*). Moreover, in coordination with the Gambia Immigration

¹ Developed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2009, the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS) is a high-quality, user-friendly and fully customizable Border Management Information System (BMIS) for States in need of a cost-effective and comprehensive solution.

Department, conducted the following trainings at the GID MIDAS Training lab ² in Tanji, West Coast Region:

1. Basic MIDAS Training³ for 10 (5 male, 5 female) frontline immigration officers on 8-9th September 2022.
2. MIDAS Advance Training⁴ for 10 (7 male, 3 female) Immigration officers as Secondary Inspectors on 15-16 November 2022
3. MIDAS Advance Training for 5 Male immigration officers as Training of Trainers (ToTs) on 15-17 November 2022

The purpose of the trainings was to enhance the border officers' knowledge and skills on immigration and border security, MIDAS use and installation, decision-making as secondary inspectors, and troubleshooting and maintenance of MIDAS equipment. This contributes to the efficient and effective operation of MIDAS and its sustainability. The training was comprised of presentations, practical sessions, and group activities. The participants for the training were drawn from border officers at Misera and Kerr Ali (Farafenni) in Lower River and North Bank Regions respectively. A total of 25 immigration officers (17 Males, 8 Females) were trained by the IOM and GID (ToTs). At the end of both trainings, the participants were tested on their level of understanding of MIDAS operations - results show that 80% of the participants stated having a very good understanding of basic and advance MIDAS operations and can operate MIDAS independently. (*See Annex 3*).

Building on UNICEF's programmes to enhance the capacity of the decentralized structures and supporting their coordination mechanisms, 30 Multi-Disciplinary Facilitation Team (23 male, 7 female) members, 15 from each of the targeted regions (LRR and NBR respectively) had a refresher training on Child Protection Case Management, The Standards Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Vulnerable Children in The Gambia including children on the move. The objective of the training was to enable the effective coordination of child protection issues, particularly children on the move within the regions, especially for the identification and referral of these cases. Orientation on the guidance of the SOPs was also done to achieve efficiency, quality output and uniformity of performance in the national child protection system and to avoid duplication of services and resources in The Gambia. The coordination mechanism will develop and provide proper referral systems among key child protection actors and ensure a proper recording of tools, files and services provided to children in The Gambia. A pre and post test was conducted to assess the participants' level of understanding on the topics. The results indicates that there was overall increment in the knowledge gained from the training with a pre-test score of 37.5% and a post test score of 95%.

To create a child protective sensitive entry system that is considerate of the needs and rights of children on the move, UNICEF together with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare trained border officials during the period under review. 80 Border Officials (27 male, 13 female in LRR and 25 male, 15

² MIDAS Training Lab was established in September 2021 by IOM at the GID Training School in Tanji. The MIDAS lab is equipped with MIDAS & Document security equipment, Local Area Network and is use to conduct MIDAS trainings for immigration officers.

³ MIDAS basic training focuses on capturing travellers' biographic and biometric data.

⁴ MIDAS Advance training focuses on the installation, troubleshooting, and decision making.

female in NBR) were trained on the Implementation of the ECOWAS Support Procedures and Standards for the Protection and Reintegration of vulnerable children on the move and young migrants. The training aimed to provide the border officials an understanding of children on the move and to provide the required back-up and access to child protection services, whether these are provided through the national authorities or civil society, so as to ensure that vulnerable children are identified, but also that unaccompanied or separated children can be identified as soon as possible.

Outcome 2: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.

Output 2.1: Increased awareness among rights holders

ITC, UNDP and IOM technically supported MOTIE's regional integration directorate to consolidate all guidance on regional instruments and tools under the ECOWAS protocols and AfCFTA into an official guide which would be provided to cross border traders and travellers along the Trans Gambia corridor and nationwide. The resources in this guide will be translated into local languages and developed into audio-visual communication tools to ensure wider reach and access. Preparatory work on communication training for members of the LPC on ECOWAS and AfCFTA and the development of the audio-visual communication products has been conducted and will be circulated in Q2 2023. During the next reporting period, it is anticipated the roll out of these communication products, communication training and raising awareness/sensitization activities on rights and obligations on ECOWAS and AfCFTA in target communities is in place.

UNDP in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration, and Employment (MOTIE) and stakeholders in integration matters conducted a six-day awareness raising training on the AfCFTA and ECOWAS Protocols and harassment at borders, including rights and responsibilities of travellers and authorities. The two-day training held on 7-9 November 2022 targeted 20 small-scale cross-border traders (5 male, 15 female), and 10 border officials from the Gambia Immigration Department, the Gambia Police Force, the Military Intelligence, Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Custom Officers, and the State Intelligent Services. In Lower River Region (LRR), the two-day training took place on 10-12 November 2022. The awareness raising training was attended by twenty (20) informal border traders (6 Male, 14Female) and ten (10) border official drawn from the Gambia Immigration Department, the Gambia Police Force, the Military Intelligence, Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Custom Officers, and the State Intelligent Services. The facilitators took turn to engage the participants on harassment and the rights of travellers in Gambia and other parts of Africa, ECOWAS Free Movement Protocol, the ECOWAS Brown Card, the Inter-State Road Transit Scheme in the Gambia (ISRT), the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET), ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme, Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), the Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs), Trafficking In Persons (TIP), Financial Literacy, Paying Taxes, and Business Formalization. Each presentation is followed by questions and answer sessions which made the event more engaging and participatory.

To support the strengthening community level actors, UNICEF and partners supported 46 participants drawn from the Village Development Committees (VDCs), Mothers' Clubs, Gambia Supreme Islamic Council, Gambia Christian Council and Village Support Groups (VSG) received orientation on the child protection system and their roles in supporting the Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs). 27 participants from LRR and 19 participants from NBR were part of the exercise. The orientations were followed by open discussions allowing the community voices to be heard on child protection issues such

as non-discrimination, best interests of the child, right to life, survival and development, respect for the views of the child, case management and children on the move.

Information at various levels as to the dangers of unsafe migration is required so that children and youth on the move can take informed migration decisions both regarding the decision to move but also during their migration journey (in terms of available services etc.); to limit the risks of unsafe migration. UNICEF supported a radio program on Q Radio as part of the Communications strategy for Children on the Move. It was a panel discussion on Education linked to Children on the Move (Migrant children). The discussion focused on large number of children on the move in The Gambia, and how they are particularly affected by the learning crisis and have a lack of access to quality education; the multiple discrimination faced by girls on the move and how this impacts their education and recommendations were made to accelerate inclusion in the national education system to improve learning outcomes for these children (CoM). UNICEF will be continuing the radio program together with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare on a bi-annual basis.

Output 2.2: Strengthened protection and reporting mechanisms.

The joint programme collaborated with UNFPA (non-PUNO) and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare (MoGCSW) to establish a Gender-Based Violence Case Information Management and Response System (GIMS). As a multisectoral and multiagency (supported by UNFPA, ITC, UNDP and UNICEF) intervention, this reporting mechanism provides support, care and case management services to survivors of gender-based violence including sexual harassment at borders. The mechanism is an online web-based platform that is linked to phone in call system and toll-free number (199). The number was launched in December 2022 but the official launch of the GIMS is scheduled to be held on 22 March 2023 as part of the Women's Month celebrations.

In the same light, the joint programme is collaborating with the MoTIE to roll out a series of training workshops and awareness activities on the Trade Obstacle Alert Mechanism (TOAM) Platform. This is an ITC online platform which provides entrepreneurs with the opportunity to report trade-related obstacles and follow or monitor their resolutions. During the next reporting period, it is anticipated the roll out of the trainings and raising awareness activities on TOAM.

The joint programme hired Peace of Mind (PoM), a mental health and psychosocial support organisation that specializes in professional counselling, psychotherapy and rehabilitation programs for children and adults in The Gambia to conduct a needs-based assessment for establishing a safe space in Farafenni for victims of gender-based violence. The safe space should provide access to safe and non-stigmatizing multi-sectorial gender-based violence (GBV) response services and receive information on issues relating to women's rights, health, and other related services. As the need-based assessment is underway, the site where the safe space will be established was identified and will be located near a GBV center in Farafenni, North Bank Region (target community).

One of ITC's interventions aims to support small scale cross-border traders (SSCBT) and border communities through the establishment of a Trade Information and Border Assistance Office (TIBA) in Farafenni, North Bank Region (NBR), which aims at addressing the challenges faced by SSCBT in completing border formalities due to the language barrier, a lack of understanding of the documents submitted to border officials, and the level of skills needed to complete the document. The TIBAO will be located in the One Stop Shop Entrepreneurship Center (jointly funded by the UN Human Security Trust

Fund project) in Farafenni. The Center will serve as a regional hub for sustainable business development by supporting training, business advisory services, access to cross border trade information and facilitation, decentralised business registration, packaging, labelling, market linkage support and foster the culture of Innovation for business growth and employment creation.

IOM in partnership with UNICEF, and in collaboration with National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons (NAATIP), and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare (MoGCSW) conducted a training for border officials, civil society, local government authorities, and Community Child Protection Committees on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for the Protection and Assistance of Vulnerable Migrants, including Victims of Trafficking in The Gambia. The training aims to strengthen the coordination structures in place of identifying and supporting the referral of vulnerable migrants, victims of trafficking, and unaccompanied and separated children to the appropriate service providers. The training also sought to raise awareness on trafficking in person trends in The Gambia; enhance the capacity of authorities on basic concepts of trafficking, identification, screening of victims of trafficking, indicators of victims of trafficking, and risk factors. This further improved their capacity to identify potential victims of trafficking and refer them to relevant stakeholders for services.

A total of 90 participants (54 males ,36 females) were identified from various institutions in the North Bank and Lower River Region to take part in this exercise in January 2023. Pre and post-test training tests were administered to assess the knowledge increase in the participant's understanding of issues around trafficking. At the end of the training, results show that 98% (88 out of 90) stated their understanding on the identification of vulnerable migrants had increased, and all participants indicated that the training had met their expectations and personal objectives.(*See Annex 3*).

In order to sustainably improve the provision of child protection prevention and response services to vulnerable children, including children on the move, both institutional and community child protection actors need to collaborate and coordinate their interventions. During the reporting period, the focus was placed on the overall strengthening of the child protection system, 48 Members (22 female and 26 male) from the Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs) and Village Development Committees (VDCs) in the targeted regions were trained. The capacity enhancement programme promoted the holistic approach at community level for 28 participants from North Bank Region and 20 participants from Lower River Region to improve the access to integrated social and child protection services for Children on the Move (CoM).

UNICEF supported IOM during the training of of civil society partners & border authorities on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for protection & assistance of vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking in The Gambia. The training comprised a total of 90 participants (54 male, 36 female) drawn largely from the law enforcement agencies, but with a number of participants from the Department of Social Welfare, Civil Society Organizations, Directorate of Children's Affairs, Department for Community Development, Regional Health Team, One-stop Centres, Local Government Authorities and Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs).

UNICEF together with National Youth Council will be engaging in sensitization activities to transform social norms and behaviour towards unsafe migration. The programme will be supporting the awareness raising and sensitization activities on the opportunities and risks of unsafe child migration as well as informing the communities on the available child protection services along the migratory routes.

Outcome 3: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor demonstrate effective life skills and access to livelihood opportunities.

Output 3.1: Improved livelihood opportunities of informal cross-border traders

The joint programme hired an international consultant and a national consultant who were responsible for conducting a rapid assessment of small-scale cross-border trade, migration, and livelihood opportunities in April -May 2022. The primary data that was collected during the assessment serves to shed light on the phenomenon of small-scale cross-border trade in the region and to develop recommendations on facilitating trade as means to promote inclusive development for border communities. The rapid assessment involved 31 stakeholder consultations, including government partners and the private sector, two focus group discussions with youth and women in the two target regions, and 457 face-to-face interviews with small-scale cross-border traders. The policy brief and in-depth report incorporates comments and recommendations from stakeholders during a validation workshop held at the Mansankonko, Lower River Region on 22nd October 2022. The findings found that almost half of small-scale cross border traders (47%) are women and trade in low value-added goods. The border environment at Keur Ali and Missera borders is benign for small-scale cross-border traders with 91% choosing to pass through formal border crossing points. Despite, the most prevalent challenge recorded in the assessment is concern formal and informal payments that are made at the border posts (*see Annex 3*).

ITC engaged a Business Support Organisation to develop a pilot entrepreneurship training with a three-month coaching program for 30 small scale female cross border traders. The training program is set to take place in February 2023. The training program will raise awareness of small scale and informal cross-border traders, on trade rules, customs procedures, and traders' rights and obligations, as well as to strengthen their entrepreneurial skills.

Output 3.2: Enhanced livelihood opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness

ITC supported 20 women-led and youth led enterprises to participate in the 2022 Youth and Women Agribusiness Trade Fair. Ahead of the fair. The support included procurement of 10 stalls, marketing and visibility materials, and business cards. The 20 entrepreneurs attended a pre-orientation and packaging coaching session to prepare them for their exhibition at the trade fair. To boost visibility and sales for the entrepreneurs, ITC launched a social media competition with vouchers to purchase only from the supported entrepreneurs.

Through several consultation with the Governor, local authorities, transport union and market association, ITC and UNDP are working towards establishing a local market to provide stalls for the community members (including female food vendors) who were displaced following the establishment of the Senegambia bridge (which connects the North and South parts of The Gambia). The construction of the local market is expected to be completed in Q2 2024.

To support sustainable business development, ITC has supported the construction of the One Stop Shop Entrepreneurship Center in Farafenni in North Bank Region. The center will serve as a regional hub to provide training, business advisory services, access to cross border trade information and facilitation, decentralised business registration, packaging, labelling, market linkage support and foster the culture of Innovation for business growth and employment creation. An annex to the center will be the Gender Based Violence Centre (GBV center) where critical health and psycho-social services to survivors of GBV

within an integrated approach that delivers care to them in dignity and safety. The GBV center will be connected to the safe space (Output 2.2).

The joint programme is supporting the operation and management of a poultry farm in Pakalinding, Lower River Region. The poultry farm is a community-based joint venture of migrant returnees and the host community members that aims to improve the livelihoods of the parties concerned and strengthen the social bond in the target communities. The poultry farm has 10 management members, who have received basic training on group management of the venture. With this, the joint programme is collaborating with the implementing partner, Young Poultry Farmers Association (YFPA) to roll out a one-month poultry management training for the 10 management members including three-month mentorship support and the operationalisation support service for the poultry farm. The training is scheduled to take place in April 2023 as the refurbishment works on the farm is near completion.

UNDP in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration, and Employment (MOTIE) and stakeholders assigned the Gambia Songhai Initiative (GSI) and the National Enterprise Development Initiative (NEDI) to conduct agricultural skills and entrepreneurship support training for 22 (13 male, 9 female) youth and women from Upper Baddibou District and Jarra West District respectively to take part in seven (7) weeks on campus agriculture and entrepreneurship support training in market gardening and poultry. The seven weeks training started from October 31, 2022, and ended on December 4, 2022. The first component of the training focused on improving agricultural and vegetable garden techniques/methods. The second component of the training centred on key fundamental in poultry farming. Entrepreneurship support was the third and final component, conducted by NEDI.

Output 3.3: Improved life skills and network access

The joint programme hired a contractor to conduct an assessment of the need for the Jarra Soma Youth Center. The centre host offices for administrative matters, a mini hall, a skills training centre for youth and women. The centre also serves as a hub for other youth groups (returnee associations), visiting volunteers and community women groups. Once the assessment is completed, the refurbishment work will commence in April 2023.

Additionally, ITC is establishing a hospitality center in Mansakonko, Lower River Region (jointly funded by the UN Human Security Trust Fund), which would serve as a training center for youth and women in the region on hospitality management. The center is almost in completion and rollout the first hospitality and bakery training by Q3 2023. Currently, working on a service level agreement between the training institute (The Gambia Tourism and Hospitality Institute (GTHI) and the Mansakonko Area Council.

Through efforts to connect women and youth networks, ITC has supported the Gambia Women Chamber of Commerce and the Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce with the provision of data support and in the process of purchasing IT equipment to further strengthen their regional chapters in North Bank Region and Lower River Region. The joint programme will provide train for trainers in entrepreneurship, coaching and packaging for the focal points in each of these BSOs as a form of institutional support.

ITC is further supporting BSOs in the entrepreneurship ecosystem to improve service delivery and enhance coordination through a joint customer relationship management (CRM) system. The component facilitates joint delivery through an integrated CRM that is populated with data from different institutions. It also includes capacity building support to institutions to strengthen the value proposition of the different institutions in the sector.

Results Stories



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In addition to generating income, trade fairs provide entrepreneurs/traders with a unique opportunity to increase visibility for their businesses, thereby growing their customer base and networks to spur growth. Although there are many opportunities offered by trade fairs, few businesses, especially those operated by women, have a chance to participate in them because of the cost of participation.

As part of its efforts to support the growth of the businesses of women cross-border traders, International Trade Centre, through its UN Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund joint project is improving access to markets for women cross-border traders to allow them to network with and learn from other businesses, which will help them foster innovation. UN Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund joint project aims to address the drivers and causes of vulnerability in migration among border communities along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor.

The project partnered with the Human Security Trust Fund project to support the participation of 25 women cross-border traders at the 4th Edition of the National Youth and Women's Agribusiness and Tourism Trade Fair 2022. The trade fair jointly organized by the Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce and the Gambia Women's Chamber of Commerce is the second biggest trade show in The Gambia. The event brings together entrepreneurs, especially women, and youth, from across The Gambia and beyond to network, learn from and sell their goods and services. In total, over 300 businesses participated in the event.

Ndey Fatou Ceesay's business is one of them.

Ndey once embarked on the perilous journey with the goal of reaching Italy. Her irregular journey did not, however, go as she planned. Human traffickers in Agades, Niger's desert town, kidnapped Ndey and demanded her to pay a ransom to free her. She had to work long hours to pay for her freedom. Upon release from the illegal detention centre, Ndey returned home to start a business to make ends meet.

She is now a trader who deals in cosmetic and handcrafted beauty items. Ndey's business is located in Soma and mostly sells her products in the town and surrounding communities, with little or no opportunity for access to a bigger market. Ndey recounted how the trade fair enabled her to grow her customer base as a first-time exhibitor.

"I have never participated in a trade fair. That was my first time," Ndey said. "I am very happy to have participated in the trade fair because I was able to share contacts with other businesses and customers. I was also able to learn from them to support the growth of my business."

Beyond building networks and learning from other businesses, Ndey's participation in the second biggest trade event also gave her the opportunity to generate income to improve her livelihood. With a bright smile on her face, the 31-year-old businesswoman shared: "the sales have been great. I have been able to generate over USD 1344." Ndey never thought she would make such money in a short period. "I never thought I was going to make that amount of money," she said with a smile.

Ndey Fatou expressed gratitude to the Migration MPTF JP and International Trade Centre for helping her scale up the operations of her business. Her participation in the trade event exposed her business and she is now using the experience gained to supply her customers in many parts of the country. "I am thanking ITC for supporting my participation and for creating the opportunity for all come to sell our products. Today, I have built a customer base that I am able to sell my goods to in many parts of the country," she concluded.

Results Reporting Framework						
INDICATORS	Baseline	Results achieved for the reporting period (only provide data for the specified year)			Cumulative Results <i>Note: For Y1 report, this will be the same; For Y2 report, it will be Y1+Y2; and for Y3 report, it will be Y1+Y2+Y3</i>	Notes
		Y1	Y2	Y3		
OUTCOME1: Outcome 1: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.		0			0	N/A
Outcome Indicator 1a: % of targeted women, youth and children in Gambian border communities along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor reporting an improvement in conduct of duty bearers	Baseline: Highly Satisfactory (3.55%) Satisfactory (86.78%) Unsatisfactory (9.68%) Target: 70% (IOM & UNICEF)	0			0	N/A

Outcome Indicator 1b: % of trained border management personnel demonstrating an improved capacity on matters of cross border trade, migration and human rights.	Baseline: 38% Target: 70% (IOM)				0	N/A
Output 1.1: Better equipped border posts						
Output Indicator 1.1a: Number of border crossing points with enhanced infrastructure and border equipment facilities to facilitate safe and orderly flows of travellers in project region	0	1			1	The renovation work at Misera is underway. The Procurement for the security equipment (security scanners, regular magnifiers, surveillance CCTV with solar lighting, and security torch lights) and furniture is ongoing, booth installation also completed. Installation for MIDAS equipment will be done in Q1, 2023. Awaiting completion of the Local Area Network (LAN) and VSAT to deploy the MIDAS system on site at Misera. Two meetings conducted in 2022 in May and September in both Misera and Keur Ali.
Output 1.2: Improved knowledge and capacity of border authorities						

Output Indicator 1.2a: Number of border officials trained in MIDAS data management, document examination and protection of vulnerable migrants.	0	25			25	25 Border officials trained on Basic and Advanced MIDAS training.
Output Indicator 1.2b: Number of border officials with increased knowledge and understanding of child protection measures	0	110			110	80 Border Officials received training on ECOWAS Standards & Procedures for CoM. (27 males, 13 females in LRR; 25 males and 15 females Border officials received the training)Additionally, 30 MDFTs received a refresher training on child protection case management. (23 male and 7 female participants attended the training, with 15 attendees from each region respectively.
Outcome 2: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor claim their rights and utilise appropriate protection services and mechanisms.						
Outcome Indicator 2a: % of targeted women, youth and children in Gambian	16.10% (6.50% male and 9.70% female)**	N/A				N/A

border communities along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor reporting readiness to utilise appropriate protection services and mechanisms					N/A	
Indicator 2b						
Output 2.1: Increased awareness among rights holders						
Output indicator 2.1a: Number of community members (disaggregated by gender, age and district) with increased knowledge of rules, risks and rights relating to the movement of people and goods	0	106			106	40 informal cross border traders and 20 border officials trained on AfCFTA and ECOWAS Protocol. 46 members from the local community were trained on the child protection system. 27 participants from NBR comprising of 14 VDC, 7 Mothers' Clubs, 3 VSG, 2 GSIC and 1 GCC, whilst 19 from LRR including 9VDC, 8 Mothers' Clubs, 1 GSIC and 1 GCC attended the training. A national radio program was held to support the CoM and to increase their access to information.
Output 2.2: Strengthened protection and reporting mechanisms						

Output indicator 2.2a: Number of people trained/informed on the National Referral Mechanism and/or child protection services and safe migration options	0	138			138	48 CCPCs were trained on the child protection system and the coordination mechanism. In NBR there were 18 male and 10 female participants and in LRR there were 8 male and 12 female participants. 90 participants (54 male, 36 female) were trained on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for protection & assistance of vulnerable migrants.
Output Indicator 2.2b: Reporting mechanisms on NTMs and/or harassment established	0	1			1	The Gender Information Management System was established in close collaboration with MoGCSW. The helpline will be launched in March 2023.
Outcome 3: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor demonstrate effective life skills and access to livelihood opportunities	0	0			0	
Outcome Indicator 3a: % increase in income reported by supported women and youth	Average monthly income (male D7,394 and female D3,860)	0			0	N/A

Output 3.1: Improved livelihood opportunities of informal cross-border traders						
Output Indicator 3.1a: Number of female informal cross border traders benefitting from entrepreneurship support	10	0			0	The training for 30 SSCBTs is scheduled for February 2023, with the logistics completed during the reporting period.
Output 3.2: Enhanced livelihood opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness						
Output Indicator 3.2a: Number of community members (disaggregated by gender, age, and district) supported through skills training and entrepreneurship support	0	40			40	22 women and youth trained on improved agriculture, poultry management and entrepreneurship at the Gambia Songhai Initiative (GSI). 20 women and youth led enterprises were supported to participate in the 2022 Youth and Women Agribusiness Trade Fair.
Output Indicator 3.2b: Number of women- and youth-friendly trade-related infrastructure (incl. storage, hygiene facilities) established	0	0			0	Currently, the one stop entrepreneurship center and hospitality training center is under construction
Output 3.3: Improved life skills and network access						

Output Indicator 3.3a: Number of youth-focused infrastructure (improved/established	0	0			0	Assessment of renovation work currently underway.
Output Indicator 3.3b: Number of women and young people (disaggregated by gender, age, and district) connected to national networks and digital opportunities	0	20			20	20 women-led and youth-led businesses that were supported to participate in the 2022 Women and Youth Agribusiness Trade Fair are now connected to the national networks.

3. Partnerships

The joint programme follows a multi-stakeholder, whole-of society approach, building on partnerships with Government, civil society organisations, private sector and local authorities. Over the reporting period, the following key partners were established and strengthened.

Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment (MoTIE): MoTIE is one of the main government partners for the Joint Programme. MoTIE is the co-chair for the Programme Steering Committee (PSC) and as a result has been very involved in planning the Joint Programme launch. The Ministry is also the implementing partner and facilitators the raising awareness activities on the rights and obligations of ECOWAS and AfCFTA. Additionally, ITC is collaborating closely with MoTIE's regional integration directorate to strengthen the unit and programs.

Ministry of Interior: MoI has been leading the coordination with an oversight role in the Joint Programme. As a co-chair of the Project Steering Committee, MoI has taken a key leadership role. MoI is a key partner and beneficiary in the upgrading of the border post in Missira, introduction of MIDAS, and strengthening capacity development for border officials.

Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare: MoGCSW are the main Implementing Partner for UNICEF. The Ministry will be supporting the implementation of activities related to the creation of community child friendly spaces, leading the establishment of Regional Child Protection Committees within the two targeted regions and the overall strengthening of the child protection system.

Gambia Immigration Department: GID, established under the Immigration Act of 1965, is responsible for controlling, facilitation, monitoring, and regulating the entry, residence and exit of persons at entry points in The Gambia. GID is part of the steering committee providing operational advice and a key implementing partner for the awareness raising activities on the ECOWAS Free Movement Protocol as well as the MIDAS upgrade and refurbishment work at Misera.

National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons: NAATIP forms a key member of the project steering committee- providing strategic operational advice on activities relating to trafficking in person and organized crime. As a way of strengthening institutional capacity and sustainability beyond the project, NAATIP is involved in awareness raising activities with IOM and UNICEF in decentralizing the operationalization of the National Referral Mechanism on the Protection of Vulnerable Migrants including Victims of Trafficking which forms a core part of the Joint Programme.

Department of Community Development: is a key Partner for UNICEF in implementing activities targeted at the strengthening the decentralized structures for coordination of the child protection case management system. Overall, this Department provides technical support to communities, building their capacities and supporting the local governance structure.

National Youth Council (NYC): UNICEF will be working with NYC to implement awareness raising and sensitization activities on the opportunities and risks of unsafe child migration as well as informing the communities on the available child protection services along the migratory routes.

Gambia Women Chamber of Commerce: GWCC is a key partner in implementing a range of activities, including awareness raising, work addressing harassment at borders, the connection to national networks, and the provision of entrepreneurship training for women. The chamber will incorporate

the cross border training participants as members. The joint programme will work closely to strengthen the institution and improve support services offered by GWCC

Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce: GYCC is another key partner in implementing a range of activities including awareness raising, networking/B2B programs and provision of entrepreneurship training- Similar to GWCC, youth participants and young entrepreneurs will be connected to GYCC as members. The joint programme will work closely with GYCC to strengthen the institution and improve the services offered by GYCC.

Local Programme Committees: The joint programme established two local programme committees in each of the two priority districts comprising of representatives from local governments, the two district chiefs, border authorities, CSOs and private sector (regional chapters of GWCC and GYCC). The main role of the LPC is to provide district-level oversight and to ensure continuous engagement of the local community and to ensure transparency. The LPCs partner closely with the joint programme during the planning stage of each of the activities and provide critical on-the-ground guidance to the programme management team.

Peace of Mind: PoM is a mental health and psychosocial support organisation that specializes in professional counselling, psychotherapy and rehabilitation programs for children and adults in The Gambia to conduct a needs-based assessment for establishing a safe space in Farafenni for victims of gender-based violence. The organisation will work closely with the joint programme to establish the safe space and the programs offered at the space for harassment and GBV survivors.

Woman Boss: The Woman Boss is a female-focused business support organisation that supports women and young girls through innovation, entrepreneurial learning and leadership skills that partnered with to support 10 women led enterprises through this Drill Accelerator Program.

UN Human Security Trust Fund Project: The Localizing SDGs – Improving the livelihoods of vulnerable women and youth around the Senegambia Bridge project is a two year project is funded by the United Nations Human Security Trust Fund and implemented by ITC and UNFPA. It will support communities and people around the Senegambia bridge to cope with adverse shocks while creating pathways for women and youth to take advantage of new opportunities. The JP complements this existing initiative which supports the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the target regions along the Trans-Gambia Corridor.

Implementation Agreements			
Name & Type of Partner	Type of implementation agreement (please specify if any MOU or agreement was formally entered)	Relevant outcome and/or output; PUNO counterpart	Financial value (if any)
Local government and/or related entities			
<i>Name of partner</i> <i>Type of partner</i>	N/a		
<i>Name of partner</i> <i>Type of partner</i>	N/a		

Non-governmental stakeholders			
<i>Startup Incubator</i> Implementing Partner BSO	Service Contract	3.1	\$7607.44
<i>Woman Boss</i> Implementing Partner BSO	Service Contract	3.2	\$9,290.00

4. Cross-Cutting Issues

The joint programme's approach is intentionally structured around a human rights perspective throughout the three outcomes: under outcome 1, (focusing on the capacities of duty-bearers to meet their obligations); under outcome 2, the raising awareness activities rolled out by ITC and UNDP in close collaboration with MOTIE focuses on strengthening the capacities and understanding of rights and obligations under ECOWAS and AfCFTA in turn ensuring that rights-holders are able to claim their rights; under outcome 3, the skills, livelihood and entrepreneurship support and activities will ensure that women, and youth have an improved well-being, increased economic resilience and increased access to right based services to raise their concern for a better life. d. While the joint programme addresses the sustainability of actions through institutional capacity development and partnerships, it also ensures that targeted beneficiaries are directly involved in the decision making and implementation process especially through the Local Programme Committees. Moreover, consultation with the Local Programme Committee and target groups are maintained during the implementation of programme activities to ensure that transparency and access to information is prioritise.

The Joint Programme's outputs target gender equality and women's empowerment and includes activities that addresses challenges and barriers to GEWE. With regards to gender responsiveness, the activities in the programmes promote equal representation of women and men, boys and girls. Through the Local Programme Committee, women were engaged to take on leadership roles and have secured the chairperson positions on both committees.

The Joint Programme includes measures that address children's needs and rights and improve elements of children's well-being. The training of Border Officials focused on increasing their knowledge, skills and confidence for engaging and communicating with children in a way that supports their dignity, resilience and well-being, and minimizes harm. The JP seeks to maximize impacts and minimize any possible harms for girls and boys, across all ages, by systematically incorporating child protection issues into each stage of the implementation and monitoring. It recognizes and takes into account the long-term benefits of investing in children that not only help realize the rights and potential of individuals but also strengthen the foundations for economic growth and inclusive development of society as a whole.

5. Constraints, Adjustments, Lessons and Good Practices

Over the period of review, the importance of partnerships and continued engagement with stakeholders have positively impacted the roll out of activities. It was noted that continuous

engagement with key stakeholders such as the MoTIE, MOI, MoGCSW, GID and Local Programme Committees led to increased national support, buy-in and ownership of ongoing activities under the joint programme. These engagements also ensure that activities are in line with government policies and established protocols.

As noted in the project document, the joint programmes' connection to connects localized support measures in border communities supports the wider national development agenda. This support addresses the challenges of security, safety, and prosperity in a novel approach through interlinked initiatives such as the raising awareness activities under ECOWAS with central Government, local Government, private sector and civil society associations. Government representatives at local, regional and national level are highly represented in decision making mechanisms of the project (Project Steering Committee and Local Programme Committees), as well as in the implementation, be it as beneficiaries of capacity strengthening initiatives, as implementing partners, or by providing inputs, for example, to awareness raising initiatives. Similarly, civil society and private sector partners at local and national level took on the trifold role of beneficiaries, implementing partners/service providers (in the case of the private sector) and advisors.

One of the risks highlighted in the Joint Programme Document was the wavering political commitment that exists in The Gambia. This occur when there is a reshuffle of high-level officials such as ministers and permanent secretaries among government ministries. One week before the launch of the joint programme, the permanent secretary of MoTIE was reassigned to another Ministry and replaced by a new official. With this, the convening UN agency had to engage and reintroduce the project objectives to the new permanent secretary ahead of the project launch.

Asides, the challenges above, the introduction of Qunatum, a new platform for all UNDP procurement, financial, procurement and project management. This comes with numerous challenges that affect the speed of transactions. The system being new, staff from all units including the project managers are learning how to navigate through it while it also has numerous technical issues.

Partners continue to the engagement to increase female participation in trainings and other activities as the key beneficiaries for this project. For instance, although there has been significant increase in representation in trainings on MIDAS, the difference can largely be accounted due to the security forces being a male dominated field and present of more male staff at the targeted border posts where these trainings are conducted.

Working with a broad range of stakeholders, with ongoing presence at national and the decentralized level, the project has greatly increased the likelihood of sustainability of results, especially through the implementation taking place through the regional mechanism. This has contributed significantly to promote protection and support of children on the move as part of the broader child protection system. The contribution the project has made in terms of capacity building and engagement of regional, and community level social service workforce will further help to increase their capacity to continue to plan, implement and monitor child protection strategies as part of their daily work. UNICEF will continue the support to community structures and to strengthen the child protection system to target children on the move and other categories of vulnerable children.

Another good practice is the collaboration of UNICEF and IOM in the training of civil society partners & border authorities on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for protection & assistance of

vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking in The Gambia. This promotes synergy and improves efficiency in resource management.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The Joint Programme achieved certain key milestones of the project in its first full year of implementation, while establishing a strong partnership with key partners and government stakeholders

The following actions are planned for 2023:

Outcome 1: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.

- ✓ MIDAS basic and advance training for Immigration Border Officials
- ✓ LAN and VSAT installation at Misera Border Crossing Point
- ✓ Installation of CCTV cameras at Misera Border Crossing Point
- ✓ Deployment of MIDAS system to Misera Border Crossing Point
- ✓ Support community child friendly spaces in NBR and LRR
- ✓ Building on existing structures and provision of materials to manage cases of child protection along borders
- ✓ Train local authorities on accountability, governance, child protection & enhanced processes
- ✓ Build the capacity of border officials on cross border coordination for child protection measures
- ✓

Outcome 2: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth

- ✓ Recruitment and onboarding of two trade information desk officers at the Trade Information and Border Assistance Office in NBR
- ✓ Launch of the Trade Information and Border Assistance Office, One Stop Entrepreneurship Center and Safe Space
- ✓ Launch of the Gender Information Management System
- ✓ 6-days training of civil society partners and border authorities on National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for Protection and Assistance of Vulnerable Migrants, including victims of trafficking in The Gambia- July 2023.
- ✓ 6-days training on ECOWAS free movement protocol, border procedures & irregular migration, including trafficking in persons & smuggling of migrants for border officials
- ✓ 8 days awareness raising training on the AfCFTA and ECOWAS Protocols and harassment at borders, including rights and responsibilities of travellers and authorities in LRR and NBR.
- ✓ Sensitize parents, caregivers and community leaders on how to identify children on the move and protect them from violence, abuse and exploitation while referring/linking them to formal spaces

Outcome 3: Outcome 3: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor demonstrate effective life skills and access to livelihood opportunities.

- ✓ 5-day Entrepreneurship Training and 3-month mentorship for 30 female small scale Cross Border Traders
- ✓ Accelerator Program for 10 female entrepreneurs in LRR and NBR
- ✓ Complementary 5-day Packaging TOT for 10 trainers
- ✓ Complementary 5-day Packaging training for 30 small scale cross border traders include startup support.
- ✓ 5-month poultry management training, coaching and startup inputs for 15 poultry farmers at Pakalinding Poultry Farm
- ✓ Distribution of dual-purpose poultry breed to 6 poultry farms along the transport corridor
- ✓ Commencement of construction of the local market and storage facility
- ✓ Completion of refurbishment of the Jarra Soma Youth Centre and incorporation of child friendly materials
- ✓ Roll-out of two Kick 4 Trade (sports for development) sessions at the Jarra Soma Youth Center for 40 youth
- ✓ Conduct agricultural skills and entrepreneurship supports to 35 young in Upper Baddibou and Jarra West Districts.
- ✓ Construct hygiene facility at Missera Border post and Farafenni Lumo.
- ✓ Establish infrastructure for storage and value addition of agricultural produce.

ANNEX

Annex 1: Self-Assessment Matrix

To support participating UN organizations (PUNOs) in assessing their compliance with the Human Rights marker, the following Self-Assessment Matrix has been designed to be completed **at the joint programme submission phase**. This self-assessment should be completed by PUNOs together with implementing partners. The reason for the choice of yes, no, or not applicable should be briefly explained in the final column of the matrix.

Element of an HRBA	Yes/No/Not Applicable	Justification
1. A human rights-based situational analysis has been conducted to identify: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the key human rights obligations of the State(s) in which you work/whose government's) you are supporting; and the key human rights issues of relevance to your intended target group, including a particular attention to migrants most vulnerable to human rights violations and abuses and/or most at risk of being left behind. 	Yes Yes	The cross-cutting human principles of equality, non-discrimination, inclusion, participation, and accountability underpin the formulation and strategies of actions of this programme and have continued to guide the implementation of the activities.
2. Staff are aware of the human rights obligations of the government they are supporting.	Yes	Staff at the PUNOs are aware of the human rights obligations of the government of The Gambia
3. Measures have been identified to mitigate any unintended negative human rights impacts identified in the situational analysis and their monitoring has been integrated in the project's Monitoring and Evaluation processes.	Yes	Measures to identify the unintended negative human rights impacts identified in the situational analysis. Efforts were made to integrate these in the programme monitoring and evaluation framework.
4. Monitoring processes are in place and evaluation processes are contemplated that make specific reference to relevant human rights and other relevant standards.	Yes	Government partners, CSOs and private sector are aware of this initiative while others are partnering with respective PUNOs. They are all expected to play a key role in the monitoring and evaluation processes

5. Migrants, civil society, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders have been meaningfully engaged in the design and development of the Joint Programme.	Yes	Ensuring an inclusive and whole of society approach, the right bearers and the duty holders were consulted and engaged during the programme design and both groups will be engaged during the implementation of project activities.
6. A plan to ensure a meaningful consultation processes with all relevant stakeholders is in place and will be maintained throughout the duration of the Joint Programme and in the evaluation phase.	Yes	Quarterly meetings between the government and PUNOs including the Local Programme Committee take place which informs the intervention of the JP
7. Appropriate due diligence will be exercised throughout the duration of the joint programme, regarding partnerships with or support to State, non-State, civil society, employers' and workers' organizations and corporate actors.	Yes	Partnerships with the national government, NGOs, CSOs, and private sectors are in place and all play a key role in the implementation of the JP
8. A plan is in place to ensure that Joint Programme staffing is gender-balanced and staff are equipped to respond effectively to stakeholder and target group needs.	No	The programme staff are currently not gender balanced, however, the current composition of staff is able to respond effectively to stakeholder and target group needs
9. Transparency and access to information by the intended target group and relevant stakeholders, including cultural, linguistic, and age-appropriate access, will be maintained throughout the duration of the joint programme.	Yes	This has been provided for in the design of the project and is part of the crosscutting principles that provide for an inclusive participation in community engagement. All visibility material will be translated to local language and ensure age-appropriate access.

10. Measures, including an effective complaint and remedy mechanism, will be put in place in order to provide redress for negative human rights impacts.	Yes	Complaint and remedy mechanism is considered in the design and we have partners with the requisite capacity such as Ministry of Justice.
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Note: Migration MPTF Scoring: A “yes” response should be given a score of 1. A “no” response or a “not applicable” responses should be given a score of 0.

A	8-10	The Human Rights Marker has largely been achieved.
B	4-7	The Human Rights Marker shows significant integration of human rights in the joint programme but some challenges remain.
C	1-3	The Human Rights Marker shows a very partial integration of human rights in the joint programme.

Annex 2 : Child Sensitivity Marker Self-Assessment Matrix

To support participating UN organizations (PUNOs) in assessing their compliance with the Child Sensitivity marker, the following matrix should be completed and submitted as an Annex **at the joint programme document phase** (please note that this is not necessary for the concept note stage). This self-assessment should be completed by PUNOs together with implementing partners. The reason for the choice of yes, no, or not applicable should be briefly explained in the final column of the matrix.

Self-Assessment Questions	Answer	Justification / Additional Info
1. Has a child rights impact assessment been conducted to identify potential positive and negative impacts of the project on children, whether intended or unintended?	No	
2. Do PUNOs and implementing partners have safeguarding policies and practices in place, and will all staff and non-staff personnel working with children receive training on safeguarding prior to commencement of joint programme implementation?	Yes	UNICEF has a guidance on Engaging/Consultation which Children and this will be shared with IPs that will be directly dealing with children
3. Please provide an estimated percentage of the programme budget allocated towards advancing children's rights and meeting children's needs. If not 100%, explain your rationale/the formula you used for reaching this percentage.	11%	Only UNICEF has a 100% programme budget out of the PUNOs allocated towards advancing children's rights and meeting children's needs. This is about 11% of the

		total JP programme budget.
4. Do you have a plan to establish and maintain a meaningful consultation process with children throughout the duration of the Joint Programme, including the evaluation phase?	No	UNICEF plans to have an orientation with children on migration and referring/linking them to formal spaces
5. Does the joint programme include capacity-building for children on their rights?	Yes	There will be a sensitization for children on risks and rights relating to their movement
6. Will all staff and non-staff personnel of PUNOs and implementing partners working with children in the joint programme be trained on engaging with children and on children's rights and needs , including on children's participation, prior to commencement of joint programme implementation?	No	All the activities implemented during the reporting period had no direct engagement with children. However, UNICEF works with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare which operates under the Guidelines of the CRC. In the event, implementation will be done by other partners, then UNICEF will

		be sharing the appropriate guidance accordingly
7. For any joint programme expected results (outcomes, outputs) that involve children, will all data collected be disaggregated by age, sex, and where possible by other identities, e.g. migration status, disability, LGBTQ+, taking into account data protection principles?	Yes	They are and will be disaggregated where possible.
8. Please choose one of the following below or choose N/A if not applicable. A: Achieving impact for children by addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by children affected by migration is the overall/primary objective of the joint programme. All outcomes and outputs contribute towards, and all indicators measure change in terms of children’s rights and needs. B: Achieving impact for children by addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by children affected by migration is a significant component of the joint programme. At least one outcome contributes towards, and related output-level indicator(s) measure change in terms of children’s rights and needs. C: Achieving impact for children by addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by children affected by migration is a minor component of the joint programme. At least one output contributes towards, and related indicator(s) measure change in terms of children’s rights and needs.	C	UNICEF’s outputs all relate to children’s rights and needs




Annex 3: Relevant Intervention Supporting Documents, Reports, Photos and Media Links

1. Outcomes and Outputs of the Joint Programme

Overall objective: Increased safety and prosperity of youth and women in the border communities along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor		
Outcome 1: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.	Outcome 2: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor claim their rights and utilize appropriate protection services and mechanisms.	Outcome 3: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor demonstrate effective life skills and access to livelihood opportunities.
1.1 Better equipped border posts	2.1 Increased awareness among right holders	3.1: Improved livelihood opportunities of informal cross-border traders
1.2 Improved knowledge and capacity of border authorities	2.2 Strengthen protection and reporting mechanisms	3.2: Enhanced livelihood opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness
		Output 3.3: Improved life skills and network access

2. Relevant Supporting Documents, Reports, Photos and Media Links

Outcome 1: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.

			
Annex 1- Images for Misera Renovation W	Annex 2- List of Security equipments	Annex 3(a)- List of MIDAS Equipment for	Annex 3(b)- MIDAS Assessment Report M
			
Annex 4 - Images for MIDAS Installation for	Annex 5(a)- MIDAS Basic Training Report.	Annex 5(b)- MIDAS Advance Training Re	Annex 6- a detailed report on the NRM Tr

Advanced MIDAS Training TOT and for Secondary Inspectors



Training of the 80 Border Officials on ECOWAS standard and procedures for the protection of children on the move and young migrants



Media Links

MIDAS Secondary Inspection training under M-MPTF project

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Outcome 2: Border authorities at key border posts of the Trans-Gambia transport corridor effectively facilitate safe and orderly migration for women and youth.



Annex 6- a detailed
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Outcome 3: Women and youth along the Trans-Gambia transport corridor demonstrate effective life skills and access to livelihood opportunities.



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Coordination

Project Launch and Inaugural Project Steering Meeting



Inaugural PSC
meeting minutes 050'

Photos



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