

### C3. Joint Programme Revision Request Form Template

## Migration MPTF

### Joint Programme Revision Request

- *Please refer to Operations Manual Section 4.8 Joint Programme revision*
- *All submissions should be in the English language. Please use "Calibri" font size 11 (apply "Normal" style)*
- *Please delete the instructions (in blue) in the final submission*

Part A) Joint Programme Information	
<b>Joint Programme Title:</b>	Costa Rica: Strengthening Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Agencies' Capacity to Coordinate and Exchange Information to Investigate and Prosecute Human Trafficking and the Smuggling of Migrants
<b>Country / Countries / Region:</b>	Costa Rica
<b>Project Identification Number (MPTFO Project ID number available <a href="#">here</a>):</b>	00140115
<b>Convening Agent (Lead PUNO):</b>	IOM
<b>Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs):</b>	UNODC and UN Women
<b>Total approved budget (USD)</b>	2.3 million USD Gender programmatic budget: USD \$726,820 (54%) IOM: \$924,617 UNODC: \$758,486 UN Women: \$616,897
<b>Total duration</b>	18 months
<b>Start and End Dates</b>	Project Commencement: 1 July 2022 Project End: 15 September 2024

Part B) Revision Request	
<b>Date of request submission:</b>	18
<b>Focal point name/ agency/ contact details:</b>	Heydi José González Briones, OIM hgonzalez@iom.int
<b>Nature of revision (tick all that applies):</b>	<i>Please tick next to the relevant revision and provide short note on the revision requested</i>

<b>1) PROGRAMME OUTCOME, SCOPE, PUNOs</b>	
<b>1.1) Change in scope and/or expected outcome(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1.2) Change in PUNOs (withdrawal, addition)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2) BUDGET</b>	
<b>2.1) Additional funding request</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.2) Change of budget allocation among PUNOs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.3) Budget line reallocation (within a PUNO) that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceeds 20% variance (percentage change) between outcomes or UNDG budget categories</li> </ul> <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget line reallocation amount is more than 2% of the total Joint Programme budget</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3) DURATION</b>	
<b>3.1) No cost extension beyond 12 months</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3.2) No cost extension up to 12 months</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>9 months no cost extension</b>

## Part C) Justification

*Please provide a brief justification for the changes requested.*

*For budget revision requests, please include a summary table that clearly shows the changes to be made, with information on before/after amounts, percentage change (variance) and % total JP budget.*

Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs), including the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime and UN Women are requesting a nine month no-cost extension to effectively complete the implementation of this Joint Programme (JP). This extension is being requested to in consideration of the following 1.) Initial delays in the implementation of project activities due to a change in government administration, 2.) Need to establish overseeing government bodies within the new administration, 3.) Adjustments to project implementation to better respond to the current context, and 4.) Time needed to contract external programme evaluator.

### 1. *Initial delays in the implementation of project activities due to a change in government administration*

Between the approval of the joint programme and its activation, a new government administration was elected in Costa Rica. As such, it was necessary to raise awareness about the programme with the recently established government, seek their re-validation and appointment of an official government counterpart before implementation could get underway.

Upon review from the Costa Rican Ministry of Public Security, it was decided that the National Coalition for Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants (CONATT) would serve as the official counterpart for the Joint Programme. This resulted in an additional delay as CONATT was undergoing a period of adjustment as new leadership had recently been appointed.

In consequence, while it was originally scheduled that the project would be presented to the government 16 March 2023, it was not until 25 May 2023, that the Joint Programme was summoned to be present the project to Costa Rican authorities, including members of the CONATT. This presentation was a critical space to discuss the projects' main goals, outputs, and outcomes and align it to existing national strategies.

### 2. *Need to establish overseeing government bodies within the new administration*

During the presentation of the project to government authorities, in line with its legal mandate, CONATT created a Special Technical Commission (STC) to follow-up, approve, and monitor the

implementation of the JP. This resulted in an additional delay of several weeks before the project could be officially launched, and implementation begin.

The Specialized Technical Commission established the first coordination space that includes representatives from all four working groups within the CONATT, including: a) Information, Analysis, and Investigation, b) Prevention of Violence, c) Attention to survivors of violence, and d) Access to Justice. The commission also includes key institutions involved in countering the of trafficking in persons (TiP) and the smuggling of migrants (SoM) and protecting survivors of these crimes and their dependents. This includes the National Women's Institute; The National Children's Foundation; Specialized TiP/SoM personnel from the Attorney General's Office, the Judicial Investigation Agency ; The Directorate of Intelligence and National Security; The Directorate General of Migration (DGME); The Ministry of Public Security Ministry, and other key national countertrafficking stakeholders.

All decisions regarding project implementation in partnership with government institutions must be approved through the STC. As such, it took authorities considerable time to fully and officially delegate powers to the representatives participating in said commission and its first official ordinary session was not held until November 2023.

To date, this commission has held three ordinary sessions and two extraordinary sessions. During these sessions, the STC has worked with PUNOs to review bimonthly implementation progress, approve quarterly work plans, and identify and resolve bottlenecks. This cooperation has facilitated a more efficient exchange of information between member institutions, allowed for greater coordination and for the real-time implementation of decisions. In turn, this has strengthened coordination within the CONATT itself.

### *3.) Adjustments to project implementation to better respond to the current context*

Additionally, as the JP was originally drafted in 2019, it was necessary update the implementation plan to align to the post-pandemic context of the country. Notably, all government activities and initiatives related to combatting TiP and the Smuggling of Migrants experienced significant backlogs and delays. This included processes to investigate and prosecute of alleged cases of trafficking. Therefore, before the JP was able to undertake activities to strengthen these processes, it had to provide significant support to relevant law enforcement bodies to reactivate them.

Furthermore, in 2023 the number of people in-transit to Costa Rica reached unprecedented levels. This situation overwhelmed local response actors' capacities, leading the Government of Costa Rica to declare a State of Emergency on September 29th, 2023, shortly after the launch of the JP. In light of this declaration, the joint programme underwent an internal review process to determine how the implementation of its programmed activities could be adapted to align with the DGME's *Contingency Strategy for Providing Coordinated Humanitarian Attention to Migration Trends in Transit through Costa Rica*.

### *4.) Time needed to conduct external evaluation.*

*Additionally, to be able to conduct an ex-post external evaluation, in line with the requirement of the fund, the JP will need an additional period of time after project activities have finalized. During this time the convening agency will make payments to the previously selected evaluator based on their deliverables (to be submitted to the fund six months post project closure).*

#### Part D) Supporting Documents

**Revised Joint Programme document (signed by the RC, if applicable, and all PUNOs)**

*Please either clearly indicate the changes made in the justification section above or provide a track-change version.*

**Revised budget**

*Please provide two versions – one revised budget and one that clearly indicates the changes requested using before (original) and after (revised) columns, as well as variance.*

**Joint Programme Steering Committee document**

*Please submit the Joint Programme Steering Committee decisions document or minutes to confirm Steering Committee approval of the proposed revisions.*

**Other documents**

*Please specify. Letter by Government Counterpart CONATT requesting for an extended period of implementation to ensure successful and timely implementation of activities.*

#### Part E) Signatures – submitters

*Resident Coordinator*  
**UNS Costa Rica**

*Name of Resident Coordinator*  
**Allegra Baiocchi**

*Date*      18/04/2024

*Signature*

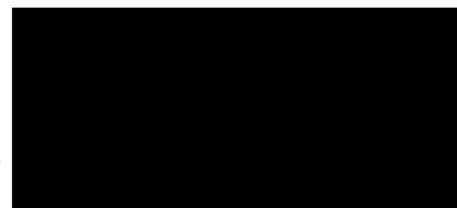


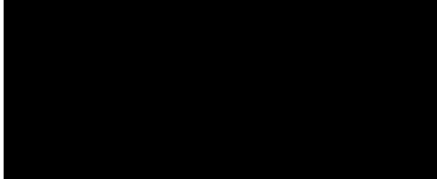




*Name of Convening Agent*  
**President of CONATT**

*Name of Representative*  
**Marta Vindas González**

*Date*

*Signature*



<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> <b>International Organization for Migration</b></p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> <b>Diana Cartier</b> <b>Representative, National Office Costa Rica</b></p> <p><i>Date</i></p> <p><i>Signature</i> </p>	<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> <b>United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime</b></p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> <b>Sylvie Bertrand</b> <b>Regional Representative for Central America and the Caribbean</b></p> <p><i>Date: 18.06.2024</i></p> <p><i>Signature</i> </p> 
<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> <b>UN Women</b></p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> <b>María Noel Vaeza</b> <b>Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean</b></p> <p><i>Date 21/06/2024</i></p> <p><i>Signature</i> </p> 	

*Below to be completed by the Fund Management Unit (FMU):*

Part F) Review	
<b>FMU Comments and Recommendations:</b>	This no-cost extension request is for 9 months (new end date: 15 June 2025), and as such, within the purview of FMU approval as per the Operations Manual.
Part G) Decision	
<b>Decision:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Approve</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approve with modifications / conditions (to specify)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not approve</b>
<b>Comments (if any):</b>	
Signatures:	
<b>Migration MPTF Steering Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Head of FMU:</b>
<i>Date</i>	
<i>Signature</i>	