

Joint Programme Revision Request Form

Migration MPTF JOINT PROGRAMME REVISION

- All submissions should be in the English language. Please use Calibri font size 11.
- Please delete the instructions (in blue) in the final submission

Part A) Joint Programme Information	
Joint Programme Title:	Evidence-based migration policy planning and discourse in North Macedonia
Country / Countries / Region:	North Macedonia
Project Identification Number (MPTFO Project ID number available here):	00124541
Convening UN Organization:	International Organization for Migration – IOM
Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs):	United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – UNHCR
Total approved budget (USD)	1,500,000 USD
Total duration	36 months
Start and End Dates	28.10.2020 – 27.04.2022
Part B) Revision Request	
Date of request submission:	04.10.2022
Focal point name/ agency/ contact details:	Jelena Krasic, IOM JP Coordinator jkrasic@iom.int
Nature of revision (tick all that applies):	No-cost extension
1) PROGRAMME OUTCOME, SCOPE, PUNOs	
1.1) Change in scope and/or expected outcome(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2) Change in PUNOs (withdrawal, addition)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) BUDGET	
2.1) Changes between outcomes or UNDG budget categories exceed 20%	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2) Changes between outcomes or UNDG budget categories <u>do not</u> exceed 20%	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3) Change of budget allocation among PUNOs	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4) Additional funding request	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) DURATION	
3.1) No cost extension beyond 3 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional 6 months and 4 days (from initial completion date 27 th of April 2023, to 31 st of October 2023).
3.2) No cost extension up to 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part C) Justification

The request for a no-cost extension of the project duration for addition six months and four days is needed in order to assure **successful completion of the following remaining activities** (note: the implementation of all other activities is on track):

- **Activity 1.2.2. Support the incorporation of the standard migration module in the labour force survey and pilot the survey.** The questionnaire for piloting of the Migration Module (MM) in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) was developed in 2021 in close cooperation with the State Statistical Office (SSO) as per the EUROSTAT standards. Initially, the piloting of the MM in the LFS was planned for the 3rd quarter of 2022. However, due to technical reasons - delays in the development of the new SSO LFS software solutions that will incorporate, among others, the migration module and allow various variables to be combined and analysed – SSO has requested the piloting to be postponed to 2023. According to the LFS methodology the piloting of the MM in LFS can be conducted during the 1st quarter of 2023 but additional time is needed to complete the whole process including the cross-checking and confirmation of the gathered data (by June 2023), production of tables, analysis, and preparation of the report (Sep-mid of Oct 2023). SSO is committed to the implementation of the activity, has developed a detailed budget for the survey and is in the process of reviewing the draft of the Implementation Agreement with IOM.
- **Activity 1.2.5. Piloting the usage of Big data for government led migration population analysis.** The partnership arrangement established between the UNFPA, and the Southampton University (SHU) has been envisaged to be conducted in a staged manner with the Stage 1 devoted to producing migration estimates for North Macedonia by using Mirror Statistics. The implementation of the Stage 1 which implied estimation of the North Macedonia's migration flows by using the integrated Modelling of European migration approach, including the use of the Bayesian hierarchical model for producing estimates and their measure of error, has been fully on track. The completion of Stage 1 is expected until the end of September 2022, followed by the Stage 2. The work under Stage 2 is envisioned to expand the remit to include the non-traditional data – the Big data as large volumes data including digital traces, satellite imagery, mobile network operator data, social media, Google search data, etc. In July 2022, the SHU

team has started with preparation of the proposal for exploratory use of non-traditional data with a sufficiently mature basis for their validation hence addressing the gaps in the North Macedonia's migration statistics regarding their granularity, frequency, and reliability. Requested approval of the no-cost extension will assure successful completion of the activities to be carried out by the SHU team under Stage 2 as the desk review, identification of partners and exchange of know-how that will require longer time than what had been initially envisaged in the project document. The estimated budget for the financing of the activities under Stage 2 has already been secured within the existing budget.

The foreseen **joint final independent evaluation** will be conducted **within the requested no-cost extension period** to assess the degree to which the project met its objectives, with particular emphasis on the criteria of relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, impact, and sustainability. An external evaluator will be recruited by the UN Convening Agency, in consultations with PUNO and UN RCO. UN agencies will support the process, while making sure that the evaluation is impartial and independent.

Part D) Supporting Documents

<p>Revised joint programme document (please either clearly indicate the changes made in the justification section above, or provide two versions of the revised document– track changes and clean)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cover page time period changed as per proposed NCE, as well as the Work plan extended with additionally added months.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Other documents (e.g. Joint programme steering committee decisions document)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>



Part E) Signatures - submitters

Resident Coordinator

Rossana Duzjak 

Date 7/10/2022

Signature

*United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees-
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Monica Sandri, UNHCR Representative

Date 05/10/2022

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Name of PUNO

Name of Representative

Date

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Sonja Bozinovska Petrushevsk, Head of Office

Date 4.10.2022

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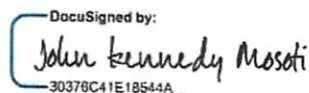


United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA

John Kennedy Mosoti, Country Director

Date 07-Oct-2022

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Name of PUNO

Name of Representative

Date

Signature

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

Part F) Review	
FMU Comments and Recommendations:	
Part G) Decision	
Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve with modifications / conditions (to specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Not approve
Comments (if any):	
Signatures:	
Migration MPTF Steering Committee Chair: <i>Date</i> <i>Signature</i>	Head of FMU: <i>Date</i> <i>Signature</i>