



Annex E

Migration MPTF

JOINT PROGRAMME REVISION TEMPLATE

- Please attach to this form a “clean” revised version of the Joint Programme Document (new signatures are required) as well as a “track-changes” version where all the changes made to the original joint programme document and its annexes are clearly visible.

PROJECT INFORMATION	
Joint Programme Title:	Bridging Recruitment to Reintegration in Migration Governance: Philippines (BRIDGE)
Country(ies)/Region (or global initiative):	Philippines
Project Identification Number:	MPTF-124507
Convening UN Organization:	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Participating UN Organization(s) (PUNOs):	International Labour Organization (ILO) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

NATURE OF THE AMENDMENT REQUESTED (select all changes that apply)		
Change of programme outcome/scope	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Change of budget allocation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>(required only if changes between outcomes or budget categories exceed 20%)</i>
Additional funding request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Indicate additional amount requested by PUNO</i>
Extension request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Indicate additional duration</i>
Addition of Participating UN Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Indicate additional PUNO</i>

JUSTIFICATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippines has been under several variations of lockdowns or community quarantines with varying regulations. Mobility restrictions and health protocols rendered face-to-face meetings, events, workshops and the like to not be feasible and so virtual conferencing has become the solution and norm for project activities. The original programme outcome activities are still being accomplished but with significantly less cost due to virtual conferencing.

The BRIDGE Joint Programme Team (JPT) therefore requests for changes in budget allocation and workplan of activities to account for the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the programme's outputs and partners. Although there were minimal changes between outcomes, the decrease in and subsequent proposed reallocation of the budget for travel is significant. The programme was designed and submitted prior to the onset of the pandemic and was unable to fully account for the scope and prolonged duration of effects that the pandemic would have in the Philippines.

In addition to converting face-to-face events into virtual activities, government partners have prioritized repatriation and recovery efforts in response to COVID-19. The Philippine government repatriated [327,511 Overseas Filipino Workers \(OFWs\)](#) in 2020, and as of 15 October 2021, the number of repatriated OFWs has increased to [741,368](#). Though government support for BRIDGE has consistently remained strong at the executive level, the limited capacity of government on the ground meant that repatriation and recovery activities take priority. Further, the national elections in 2022 and the likely creation of a [Department of OFWs](#) would both lead to partial or complete restructuring of partner government agencies. These were identified in the initial risk management plan. The JPT has adjusted accordingly by prioritizing research activities and development of tools, and pushing back activities that require more government engagement towards the latter half of the programme period. The proposed revision in budget and workplan ensures that the fund is maximized while programme outputs are accomplished with minimal changes in scope and targeted results.

Summary of budget changes:

	Change by Outcome	
Outcome 1	-7,437 (-2%)	Most of the budget for in-person workshops/consultations for Activities 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.7, 1.1.8 and 1.2.4 were reallocated for software and hardware support for Activity 1.1.9. A small amount of the budget for contractual services for Activity 1.1.1 was reallocated for the same purpose for Activity 1.1.2.
Outcome 2	-10,229 (-2.5%)	Most of the budget for in-person workshops/trainings for Activities 2.1.6, 2.1.7, 2.2.6 and 2.2.13 were reallocated for contractual services and ICT support for Activities 2.2.5, 2.2.8, 2.2.11 and 2.2.12. Some of the budget for contractual services for Activity 2.2.2 was reallocated for the same purpose for Activities 2.2.3 and 2.2.7.
Outcome 3	1,044 (0.7%)	Most of the budget for in-person consultations for Activities 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 were reallocated for publication and material costs in Activities 3.1.3 and 3.1.6.

	Change by Category	
Supplies, Commodities, Materials	400 (3%)	Additional printing and material costs from Outcome 3
Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture	40,316 (165%)	Increased ICT support (software and hardware) for Outcomes 1 and 2
Contractual services	46,272 (9%)	Additional contractual services for Outcomes 1 & 2
Travel	-84,400 (-56%)	Travel costs removed from Outcomes 1, 2, and 3
General Operating and other Direct Costs	-2,587 (-1%)	Other costs resulting from the shift to virtual events