



## 13<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of 22 November 2024

### Summary of Decisions

#### PARTICIPANTS

##### Chair of the Steering Committee:

- **Amy Pope** (IOM – Director General)

##### Member States:

- **H.E. Mr. Tareq Md. Ariful Islam** (Bangladesh – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **H.E. Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos** (El Salvador, Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **Mr William Okaikoe** (Ghana – Minister Plenipotentiary)

##### Donors:

- **H.E. Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen** (Denmark - Special Envoy for Migration)
- **Ms. Claire Thuaudet** (France - Deputy Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **Ms. Tressa Finerty** (USA – Deputy Permanent Representative in Geneva)

##### Stakeholders:

- **Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu** (African Foundation for Development - Deputy Director)
- **Ms. Ellene Sana** (Migrant Forum in Asia / Center for Migrant Advocacy)
- **Ms. Ghada Hammouda** (Private Sector - Chief Sustainability and Marketing Officer, Qalaa Holdings)

##### United Nations:

- **Mr. Dominique Burgeon**, (FAO – Director FAO Liaison Office with the UN in Geneva)
- **Ms. Tasha Gill** (UNICEF - Global Lead for Migration and Displacement)
- **Mr. John Brandolino** (UNODC – Director of Treaty Affairs)

##### Ex-officio members:

- **Ms. Alain Noudéhou** (UNDP MPTF Office - Executive Coordinator a.i.)
- **Mr. Philippe Grandet** (Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit - Head)

## AGENDA

The Steering Committee had before them the following agenda:

**15:00 – 15:05**      **OPENING REMARKS**

- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Steering Committee.

**15:05 – 15:25**      **OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING STATUS AND FUNDRAISING**

- Overview of the funding status by the Executive Coordinator of the UNDP MPTF Office.
- Discussion on Fundraising Strategy.

**15:25 – 15:35**      **PROGRAMMATIC MATTERS**

- Presentation by the Head of the FMU for endorsement of the recommendations made by the Technical Group.
- Opening the floor for comments/questions by Steering Committee members.

**15:35 – 16:10**      **THE GCM CAPACITY BUILDING MECHANISM**

- Introduction by the Chair on the support to the Demand Driven Facility and the Hub components of the GCM Capacity Building Mechanism.
- Discussion.

**16:10 – 16:25**      **APPROACH TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO NON-UN ENTITIES**

- Introduction by the Chair on the importance of engaging non-UN entities.
- Discussion.

**16:25 – 16:30**      **CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS**

- Way forward and next steps.

## STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

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

### Funding Status and Fundraising

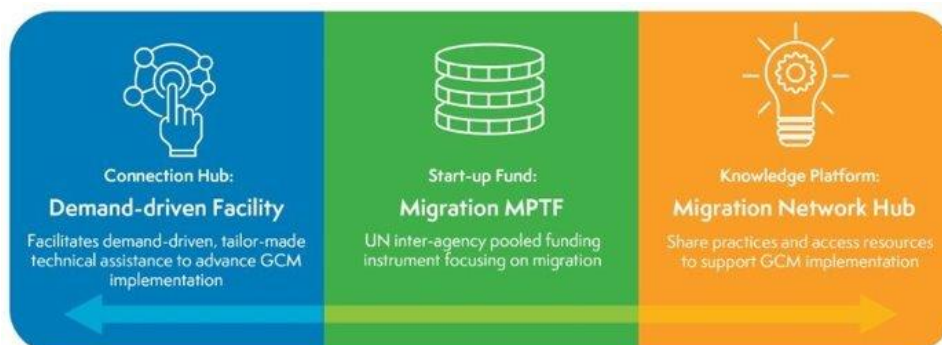
The Administrative Agent presented the funding status of the Migration MPTF to the Steering Committee. The Administrative Agent indicated that the Fund was in a healthy state, bringing total contributions to date to approximately USD 65 million. Of note is the Fund's diversity of donors, with 20 donors from both the global North and South. The Administrative Agent also highlighted the efficient use of resources, which continue to be systematically and swiftly allocated as they become available.

However, the Administrative Agent considers that the Migration MPTF operates below potential, given the strong demand, the scope of its mandate, and the fact that it was established in response to a call by a General Assembly resolution. Moreover, it is clear that the fundraising results have not been as positive in 2024 as they were in 2023: only USD 9 million were raised in new commitments during the year when the funding target was set at USD 25m.

Discussions were held on the outcome of the implementation of the *Migration MPTF Fundraising Strategy 2023-2024*, and the FMU was tasked to draft the fundraising strategy for 2025-2026, building on lessons learned, to be presented at the first Steering Committee meeting in 2025.

### The GCM Capacity Building Mechanism

Six years into the Compact, and four years into the existence of the Migration MPTF, much has been achieved, and many lessons have been learnt on how best to support Member States to implement the GCM. One such lesson has been on the complementarities and synergies between the three components of the CBM.





Given its General Assembly mandate and focus on coordinating concrete support and strengthening partnerships, the CBM is a powerful tool to advance GCM implementation. No comparable structure exists in terms of legislative base, breadth of focus, or system-wide involvement. The CBM embodies the Compact's commitments to cooperation and impact.

- **The Demand-driven Facility (DDF)**, which has so far been in the piloting stage, supports the roll out of Network-developed guidance and tools. To date, six inter-agency, multi-stakeholder facilitation teams have been established to provide capacity building; and 40 UN Country Teams have benefited from dedicated GCM workshops. In addition, several governments and regional bodies are receiving capacity building and technical assistance through the DDF to embed the GCM in regional and national policy frameworks.
- **The Migration Network Hub (Hub)**, an online platform, provides open-source access to peer-reviewed best practices related to GCM implementation through an evolving repository of practices.

The Steering Committee explored the rationale and options for strengthening coherence among the three components and discussed ways in which the Fund could play a role in financing the other two components of the CBM.

Steering Committee members shared an interest in exploring this topic further while also expressing concerns about potential negative impact on the Fund in view of the current fundraising challenges. Moving forward, the Steering Committee instructed the FMU to convene Technical Group discussions on the topic with the objective of drafting a concrete proposal to be tabled at the next meeting.

### Approach to Transfer Funds to Non-UN Entities

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In alignment with the GCM Guiding Principle of Whole-of-Society and People-centered, meaningful engagement with stakeholders is a core priority of the Fund. The Fund has put in place strong measures to address these from the onset, and has further strengthened them in 2023 with the adoption of the *Guidance Note on Engagement with Civil Society, Migrants and Communities*. Today, stakeholders are actively participating in the implementation of two out of three funded Joint Programmes, and three out of four include non-UN and non-governmental partners in their programme management and coordination mechanisms.

Furthermore, the Steering Committee discussed fund transfer modalities to non-UN entities and concluded that further consultations with civil society and partners are needed. It was agreed that the Annual Fund Consultative Forum will be leveraged to this end, and based on the outcome of these consultations, the Steering Committee will revisit the issue of engagement modalities with stakeholders at the next meeting.

## Funding Allocations and Programme Selections

### Selection of Pipeline Concept Notes and Priority Joint Programmes

#### Concept Notes

Eighteen new concept notes were received ahead of the meeting, bringing the total of submissions to 196 from over 113 different countries and regions to date. Following the eligibility and quality review, the following nine concept notes were included in the pipeline of Joint Programmes.

Concept Notes approved for inclusion in the Pipeline of Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area (TA)	Country / Countries	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs)
1	Cuba	Americas/ Caribbean	Migration, policies and data management for territorial development in Cuba	UNDP, IOM, UNFPA
2	Djibouti	Africa/ East Africa	Initiative to support appropriate care and reception models for unaccompanied migrant children in Djibouti	UNICEF, IOM
3	Rwanda <sup>1</sup>	Africa/ East Africa	A whole of society approach to counter trafficking in persons and enhance the protection system for persons at risk	IOM, UNHCR, UNFPA
3	Kenya	Africa/ East Africa	Managing irregular migration and combating smuggling networks along the Southern Route through a comprehensive Community Engagement and Policing (CEP) approach and effective criminal justice response	IOM, UNODC
3	Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama	Americas/ South America	Strengthening the capacity of the Governments of Colombia, Costa Rica, and Panama to provide effective and coordinated responses to transnational organized crime, while enhancing access to protection for migrants and community members in vulnerable situations	UNODC, IOM
3	Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, Western Indian Ocean region	Africa/ East Africa	Route-based Response to Trafficking in Persons of Malagasy Nationals through Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Regional Partnership	IOM, UNODC

<sup>1</sup> While the Concept Note was originally submitted under Thematic Area 2, the Steering Committee determined (confirmed by the PUNOs) that the submission is better aligned with Thematic Area 3.



Concept Notes approved for inclusion in the Pipeline of Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area (TA)	Country / Countries	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs)
4	Sri Lanka	Asia Pacific/ South Asia	Promoting decent employment opportunity and gender equality in the care economy for Sri Lanka migration workers	IOM, ILO
4	Cook Island, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu	Asia Pacific / Pacific	Climate Adaptation and Labour Mobility Nexus for Enhanced Resilience, Governance and Sustainable Development in the Pacific	IOM, ILO
4	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Asia Pacific/ East and Southeast Asia	Strengthening the socioeconomic integration and promoting regular pathways for migration through decent job opportunities and social protection for Lao aspirant youth and returnee migrants	IOM, UNDP, ILO

For some among those that were not selected, the Steering Committee expects the Fund Management Unit to provide constructive feedback in view of encouraging resubmissions or new submissions.

#### *Priority Joint Programmes*

The Fund prioritized 10 Joint Programmes (2 per each Thematic Area), in line with the Investment Plan 2023-2026 approved at the February 2023 Steering Committee meeting. Six priority Joint Programmes previously submitted by Botswana, Indonesia-the Philippines-Thailand, El Salvador, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, and Peru have already been approved. At this Steering Committee meeting, four new Joint Programme documents were submitted for review and consideration. The following two Joint Programmes were approved.

Newly approved Priority Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Title	PUNOs
3	Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso	Africa / West and Central Africa	Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d'Ivoire and Cascades region of Burkina Faso	IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNODC
5	Thailand	Asia-Pacific / East and Southeast Asia	Ending Childhood Statelessness in Thailand through Civil Registration of Vital Life Events	IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO

Decision on the Thematic Area 4 Joint Programme from Belgium, Senegal and Morocco titled “Boosting the contribution of diaspora to climate action in rural areas” submitted by FAO and IOM, was postponed until the next Steering Committee meeting.

Lastly, the following Joint Programme was assessed as not meeting the requirements outlined in the Operations Manual and therefore not approved by the Steering Committee: TA4 “Strengthening Sustainable Development and Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters in the Caribbean through Green Jobs, Labour Mobility and the Promotion of a Just Transition” Joint Programme from the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) countries, submitted by IOM and ILO.



## Allocation of Resources and Identification of New Priorities

### *Fund Allocations*

Taking into consideration the volume of resources available, the donor earmarking, and thematic balance, it was agreed to allocate resources to three Joint Programmes from among the approved priority Joint Programmes.

Allocation of Resources to Joint Programme					
Thematic Area	Country	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)
2	El Salvador	Americas / Central and North America	Strengthened government capacities in protection and reintegration of migrants and their families, for an integrated approach with a focus on human rights.	IOM, WFP, UNFPA	3,400,000
2	Zimbabwe	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening Protection, Safety and Wellbeing of Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children In Zimbabwe	IOM, UNICEF	2,483,375
3	Pakistan	Asia-Pacific / South Asia	Strengthening Response to Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan	IOM, UNODC	2,700,000

### *Identification of New Priority Joint Programmes*

In line with the approach outlined in the 2023-2026 Investment Plan, and following the decision to fund three Joint Programmes (TA2 El Salvador; TA2 Zimbabwe; TA3 Pakistan), and not approve one based on eligibility (TA4 CARICOM), four new priority Joint Programmes needed to be identified from within the pipeline.

To maintain two priority Joint Programmes under each Thematic Area (TA), two Joint Programmes under TA2, and one each under TA3 and TA4 were selected. In total, the following four new priority pipeline Joint Programmes were selected:

- **TA2:** “Addressing the adverse environmental drivers of forced migration in the northern Amazon region of Bolivia through gender, child sensitive and rights-based sustainable solutions and enhancing protection for vulnerable persons on the move” submitted by IOM, UN Women and ILO in **Bolivia**.
- **TA2:** “Strengthening protection and assistance services to migrants, including children in vulnerable situations in Namibia” submitted by IOM, UNICEF and FAO in **Namibia**.



- **TA3:** “Strengthening the capacity of the Governments of Colombia, Costa Rica, and Panama to provide effective and coordinated responses to transnational organized crime, while enhancing access to protection for migrants and community members in vulnerable situations” submitted by UNODC and IOM in **Colombia, Costa Rica and Panama**.
- **TA4:** “Promoting decent employment opportunity and gender equality in the care economy for Sri Lanka migration workers” submitted by IOM and ILO in **Sri Lanka**.

Overall, the ten priority Joint Programmes and their respective status in the approval process are summarised below:

Priority Joint Programmes						
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region / Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
1	Botswana	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening of Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Management Systems in Botswana	IOM, ILO, UNDP	1,700,000	Approved
1	Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	Asia / East and Southeast Asia	Safe Labour Migration and Decent Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the ASEAN Region	UNDP, ILO	2,700,000	Approved
2	Bolivia	Americas / South America	Addressing the adverse environmental drivers of forced migration in the northern Amazon region of Bolivia through gender, child sensitive and rights-based sustainable solutions and enhancing protection for vulnerable persons on the move	IOM, UN Women, ILO	2,537,291	Requested
2	Namibia	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening protection and assistance services to migrants, including children in vulnerable situations in Namibia	IOM, UNICEF, FAO	2,800,000	Requested
3	Côte d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso	Africa / West and Central Africa	Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d’Ivoire and Cascades region of Burkina Faso	IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNODC	4,000,000	Approved
3	Colombia, Costa Rica and Panama	Americas / South America	Strengthening the capacity of the Governments of Colombia, Costa Rica, and Panama to provide effective and coordinated responses	IOM, UNODC	4,000,000	Requested



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			to transnational organized crime, while enhancing access to protection for migrants and community members in vulnerable situations			
4	Belgium-Senegal-Morocco	Global	Boosting the contribution of diaspora to climate action in rural areas	FAO, IOM	3,000,000	Pending
4	Sri Lanka	Asia / South Asia	Promoting decent employment opportunity and gender equality in the care economy for Sri Lanka migration workers	IOM, ILO	1,400,000	Requested
5	Peru	Americas / South America	Strengthening socioeconomic inclusion and access to comprehensive quality healthcare and protection of refugees and migrants and receiving communities in the COVID-19 context in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho-SJL, Lima, Peru	ILO, IOM, UNFPA, WHO	2,053,567	Approved
5	Thailand	Asia-Pacific / East and Southeast Asia	Ending Childhood Statelessness in Thailand through Civil Registration of Vital Life Events	IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO	3,000,000	Approved

### **Joint Programme Revision**

The Steering Committee approved the budget revision for the Thematic Area 3 Costa Rica Joint Programme. The revision will allow for coverage of staffing needs during the no-cost extension period, as well as reallocation from completed activities to other core interventions.

### **Fund Management Unit Budget 2025**

The Steering Committee approved fund allocation of USD 738,300 to the Fund Management Unit.

## Operations Manual and Terms of Reference Revisions

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As the Operations Manual is a living document that often needs revisions to enhance processes and integrate lessons learned, a few minor revisions and updates were approved by the Steering Committee. Revisions and updates include the following:

- **Extension of the Fund:** In June 2022, the Fund duration was extended through the second IMRF in 2026. To allow for Joint Programmes commencing implementation in 2026, the operational closure date for Joint Programmes was revised to December 2028. The Operations Manual (section 7) and the Terms of Reference (section 11) were revised accordingly.
- **Operations Manual Revisions:** Clarification on submission requirements for regional initiatives (section 4.1); Clarification on language for evaluation reports (section 5.2); Addition to Joint Programme Revision Request Form (Annex C3); Revision of indicator 3.2.2 for the Results Framework (Annex A); Removal of risk driver related to COVID under Risk management strategy, risk statement 3 (Annex B).

## Way Forward

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With the closing of the last Steering Committee meeting of 2024, it was agreed that the Committee will meet again towards the second quarter of 2025 (exact date to be determined).

In line with the Terms of Reference and the Operations Manual, four members (France, Ghana, the private sector representative and UNICEF), one from each constituency, will be rotating out of the Steering Committee as of January 2025. Invitations to potential new Steering Committee members will be extended by the Chair and new membership will be announced once they are formally accepted.

In addition to the regular programmatic tasks including providing support to teams submitting concept notes and Joint Programme documents, monitoring on-going Joint Programmes, and providing support to the teams initiating and concluding implementation, the Steering Committee requested the FMU to undertake the following tasks:

- Organise the 2025 Consultative Forum with specific focus on engagement with civil society;
- Prepare the Fundraising Strategy for 2025-2026;
- Prepare a concrete proposal on how the Fund can facilitate support to the other two components of the GCM Capacity Building Mechanism; and
- Prepare the 2024 consolidated Annual Report of the Fund.