

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	
Joint Programme Title:	Empowerment of 'Families left behind' for improved Migration Outcomes in Khatlon, Tajikistan
Country / Countries / Region:	Tajikistan
Project Identification Number (MPTFO Project ID number available here):	00124506
Convening Agent (Lead PUNO):	IOM
Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs):	FAO, IOM, UNICEF, UN Women
Total approved budget (USD)	USD 2,200,000
Total duration	31 Months
Start and End Dates	28 October 2020 – 28 May 2023

Part B) Revision Request	
Date of request submission:	14 March 2023
Focal point name/ agency/ contact details:	Ms Cristina Tranca Chief of Mission, IOM Tajikistan. cgheorghe@iom.int
Nature of revision (tick all that applies):	
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) Additional funding request	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2) Change of budget allocation among PUNOs	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3) Budget line reallocation (within a PUNO) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds 20% variance (percentage change) between outcomes or UNDG budget categories AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget line reallocation amount is more than 2% of the total Joint Programme budget 	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) DURATION	
3.1) No cost extension beyond 12 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 months extension request New duration: 37 months New start-end dates: 28 Oct 2020 - 28 November 2023
3.2) No cost extension up to 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part C) Justification

The project "*Empowerment of 'Families Left Behind' for improved Migration Outcomes in Khatlon, Tajikistan (00124506)*" ([here](#)) was officially started on 28 October 2020, when the funds were transferred by the UNDP MPTF Office to the participating UN organizations. However, as the Government of Tajikistan only endorsed the project in June 14, 2021, a seven month no cost extension was granted by the Steering Committee pushing back the project end date by 28 May 2023. The project aims to reduce the vulnerability of families adversely affected by migration in 2 districts (Dust and Kulob), through the achievement of four outcomes. Jointly coordinated with the other three PUNOs, the FAO is mainly responsible for implementing outcome 2: Families left behind have increased economic resilience and address gender related barriers to economic inclusion. The three FAO led

expected outputs are under outcome 2 are below, for which a grant of USD 600,000 was transferred to FAG.

- *Output 2.1: Families left behind [will] have increased capacity to utilize their land and water resources through the implementation of Farmers Field Schools (FFSs) and Junior Field Schools (JFS)*
- *Output 2.2: Families left behind [will] have access to increased/improved value chains through farming, small scale processing initiatives, retail and marketing grants.*

Additionally, UNICEF is responsible for Output 2.3 on vocational trainings to better access alternative employment, UN Women is managing Output 2.4 on Gender Action Learning System (GALS), and IOM and FAO are involved with Output 2.5 on financial inclusion and increased skills and knowledge to manage debt.

Due to the late governmental endorsement of the project, only in mid-June 2021, the FAO project component started with a considerable delay considering the need to cover two agricultural seasons per year with the project activities. Therefore, project activities in 2021 (including the establishment of 8 FFS, demonstration plots and 25 JFS) could not be implemented as planned. In addition, the FAO project team faced delays in recruiting key consultants due to lack of applicants meeting the minimum technical requirements as per Terms of Reference. Therefore, several positions could only be filled at the beginning of 2022. Furthermore, some key project national consultants suffered from prolonged illness related to Covid related health problems.

During 2022, the implementation of the FAO project component was speeded-up and made important progress in implementing some activities, mainly those related to training of beneficiaries (more than 500 abandoned women) and preparation of technical specifications for the agricultural procurement under project Output 2.1. However, the project experienced new delays again due to a lengthy internal procurement process, highly affected by the war between Russia and Ukraine (due to sanctions, delivery of goods took much longer than before). The price of mineral fertilizers increased several times since the beginning of the crisis. The increasing unit price of foreseen agricultural goods and equipment may jeopardize reaching planned indicators. In sum, the establishment of demo's plots, FFSs and JFSs in 2022 has been highly impacted due to the lack of and delays in delivering the materials to be procured for trainings (seeds, fertilizers, other expendable materials and equipment, very small greenhouse for seedlings, nurse backyard, etc)

The uncompleted Output 2.1 (FFSs and demos-plots), has also affected negatively a smooth implementation of the grant scheme (Output 2.2), which should support beneficiaries graduating from the FFSs. The grant component was finally launched by February 2023, and the beneficiaries will be only selected by March 2023. These beneficiaries will receive inputs and technical assistance to implement small agricultural production projects and group- as well as home-based processing activities for value addition.

During the recent PTF meeting, FAO presented the need to extend the project until the end of 2023. This will permit to complete all FAO project activities in the two agricultural seasons of 2023, including monitoring the grant scheme activities and beneficiaries during a period of at least six months, and collecting the expected impact indicators. In this sense, a no-cost extension by six months until the 28

November, 2023 is needed to implement the remaining activities in line with the updated work plan and execute the remaining budget of USD 300 000 USD.

Under the Output 4.1. UN Women is introducing the Gender Responsive Budgeting at the district level in 2023. The component aimed to increase the knowledge, skills and competencies of local level civil servants on Gender Responsive Budgeting, introduce the GRB instruments, and support in development of gender-sensitive budgets focused on socio-economic aspects of migration. As demonstrated by the Joint Financing SDGs programme, where GRB was first piloted, the **baseline knowledge of civil servants** on GRB is extremely low, continuous targeted in-class and on-job training and mentoring needed to employ GRB in a quality manner.

In this sense, I would like to kindly request a non-cost extension of the project's NTE till 28 November 2023, on an exceptional basis. Thus, the PUNOs will conduct endline assessment and final evaluation prior project completion.

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.

Part E) Signatures – submitters	
<p><i>Resident Coordinator</i> Sezin Sinanogly <i>Name of Resident Coordinator</i></p> <p><i>Date</i> 14 March 2023</p> <p><i>Signature</i> [Redacted]</p>	<p><i>Name of Convening Agent</i> International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> Ms Cristina Tranca Chief of Mission, IOM Tajikistan</p> <p><i>Date</i> 14 March 2023</p> <p><i>Signature</i> [Redacted]</p>
<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> Mr Oleg Guchgeldiev, FAO Representative in Tajikistan</p> <p><i>Date</i> 15/03/2023</p> <p><i>Signature</i> [Redacted]</p>	<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> Ms Cristina Tranca Chief of Mission, IOM Tajikistan</p> <p><i>Date</i> 14 March 2023</p> <p><i>Signature</i> [Redacted]</p>
<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> Mr Osama Makkawi Representative, UNICEF Tajikistan</p> <p><i>Date</i> 15/3/2023</p> <p><i>Signature</i> [Redacted]</p>	<p><i>Name of PUNO</i> United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)</p> <p><i>Name of Representative</i> Alia El-Yassir Regional Director Europe & Central Asia UN Women</p> <p><i>Date</i> 20/03/2023</p> <p><i>Signature</i> [Redacted] (OIC)</p>



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

Part F) Review	
FMU Comments and Recommendations:	This no-cost extension request is for 6 months and as such within the purview of FMU approval as per the Operations Manual.
Part G) Decision	
Decision:	<input checked="" 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:	Head of FMU:
<i>Date</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Signature</i>