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April 2020 - Summary of Steering Committee Decisions

This note summarises the decisions made by the Migration MPTF Steering Committee in April 2020. While the second Steering Committee meeting originally scheduled for 31 March 2020 was cancelled due to the constraints related to the COVID-19 pandemic, consensus amongst all Steering Committee members was reached via a series of bilateral and group video conferencing organized by the Fund Management Unit.

This note summarizes the decisions made in relation to the following:

- Revision of Terms of Reference and Operations Manual for the establishment of a separate funding window to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) follow-up and review processes; and
- Selection of joint programme concept notes for development of full-fledged joint programme document and inclusion in the pipeline.

Separate funding window to support the GCM follow-up and review processes

Revisions to the Migration MPTF Terms of Reference and the Operations Manual were endorsed to establish a separate funding window in support of the GCM follow-up and review processes.

In sum, the Migration MPTF will provide support to the Global Compact follow-up and review processes outlined under articles 48, 49 and 50 of the General Assembly resolution 73/195. This support will be provided through a separate funding window specifically dedicated to this purpose (the "GCM Follow Up and Review Window"). The activities undertaken through the GCM Follow Up and Review Window will focus primarily on supporting the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and relevant stakeholders as well as the activities related to the preparations of the regional reviews and the International Migration Review Forum. For the GCM Follow Up and Review Window, the Migration MPTF Steering Committee's function will be of an advisory nature. Oversight and accountability as well as allocation decisions under this specific funding window rests with the Chair of the Steering Committee. At each Steering Committee, the Chair will provide Steering Committee members with an update on any decision taken regarding the GCM Follow Up and Review Window and will offer all members the opportunity to make recommendations.

Only contributions explicitly earmarked towards the GCM Follow Up and Review Window will be programmed for activities related to the GCM follow-up and review processes by the Chair of the Steering Committee.

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Selection of Joint Programme Concept Notes

In accordance with the programming cycle of the Migration MPTF outlined in its Operations Manual, submission of concept notes was solicited for consideration by the second Steering Committee meeting.

As of the cut-off for consideration by the second Steering Committee meeting, 59 concept notes were received from 48 different countries/regions. The thematic breakdown of the submissions was as follows:

- Thematic Area 1 (Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning): 8 submissions
- Thematic Area 2 (Protecting the human rights, safety and wellbeing of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration): 23 submissions
- Thematic Area 3 (Addressing irregular migration including through managing borders and combatting transnational crime): 6 submissions
- Thematic Area 4 (Facilitating regular migration, decent work and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility): 10 submissions
- Thematic Area 5 (Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants): 12 submissions

With the support of the Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit, the Steering Committee members reviewed the concept notes to ensure basic eligibility and relevance to the Fund and assessed them against the key criteria and principles outlined in the Operations Manual.

On the basis of this quality assessment and with due consideration to the geographic and thematic balance, the Steering Committee selected 30 concept notes that were distributed under the following three tier categories:

- **Tier 1 – Provisional funding allocation:** This category identifies projects to be implemented with the resources currently available. While the formal funding allocation will only be made upon review of the fully developed joint programme document, the Steering Committee commits to allocate resources to the concept notes selected under Tier 1, provided that the partners submit a quality joint programme document aligned with the concept note during the time allocated for programme development.
- **Tier 2 - Joint programme development:** Funding to implement these concept notes under this category is not currently available and no commitment to allocate resources can be made at this juncture by the Steering Committee, but the submitters are nevertheless invited to proceed with the development of the full-fledged joint programme. By having these priority joint programmes fully developed, the Steering Committee would be in a position to allocate funds without delay when additional resources become available. Pre-identifying initiatives ready to be financed in this manner is intended to maximize the Fund's agility and efficiency.
- **Tier 3 – Pipeline of joint programmes:** The pipeline is constituted of all approved concept notes under each of the five thematic areas. The pipeline is a living document (i.e. concept notes can be removed and/or new ones can be added) from which joint programmes to be developed will be selected when resources become available. At this stage, no commitment can be made by the Migration MPTF and no further work is required from the submitters.

The following three tables summarize the selection of concept notes per tier category.

Tier 1 - Provisional Funding Allocation					
Thematic Area	**Country (ref #)[1]**	**Region / Sub-Region**	**Joint Programme Title**	**PUNOs[2]**	**Budget (USD)**
1	**North Macedonia (TA1.003)**	Europe / Southeast Europe	Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning	IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR	1,500,000
2	**Djibouti (TA2.021)**	Africa / East Africa	Joint action on migrant needs and vulnerabilities in Djibouti	IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA	1,500,000
3	**Colombia (TA3.006)**	Americas / South America	Addressing border management and implementing strategies for the protection and assistance to vulnerable migrants, in response to irregular migration and its associated risks of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants in Colombia.	IOM, UNICEF, UNODC	1,650,000
4	**Philippines (TA4.010)**	Asia / South East Asia	Bridging Recruitment to Reintegration in Migration Governance: Philippines (BRIDGE)	IOM, ILO, UN Women	1,500,000
5	**South Africa (TA5.005)**	Africa / Southern Africa	United Nations Pilot Project for Strengthening Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion through Stakeholders' Engagement, Socio-Economic Activities and Countering Anti-Migrant Narratives in South Africa	IOM, UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women	2,500,000

Tier 2 - Joint Programme Development					
Thematic Area	**Country (ref #)**	**Region / Sub-Region**	**Joint Programme Title**	**PUNOs**	**Budget (USD)**
1	**Indonesia (TA1.008)**	Asia / South East Asia	Migration Governance for Sustainable Development in Indonesia	IOM, UNDP, UN Women	1,700,000
2	**Tajikistan (TA2.007)**	Asia / Central Asia	Empowerment of Abandoned Families for improved Migration Outcomes in Khatlon, Tajikistan	IOM, FAO, UNICEF, UN Women	2,200,000
3	**Cote d'Ivoire (TA3.001)** **OR**	Africa / West Africa	Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d'Ivoire with Mali and Burkina Faso	IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNODC	3,000,000

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[1] Reference numbers were allocated to each concept note according to their thematic area and chronological order in which the Fund Management Unit received the concept notes.
[2] Note: PUNOs stand for Participating UN Organizations.

	Guinea (TA3.005) ** See note below*		Reforcement de la gestion des frontieres et de la cohesion sociale et la securite transfrontaliere dans la zone du bec du perroquet (Strengthening border management, social cohesion and cross-border security in the Parrot's Beak area)	IOM, UNDP, WHO, ITC	3,000,000
4	**Regional, IGAD (TA4.009)**	Africa / East Africa	Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region	IOM ILO, UNOPS, UNHCR.	2,150,000
5	**Ethiopia (TA5.002)**	Africa / East Africa	Provision of essential services, protection and economic empowerment to support the inclusion and integration of migrant street children, youths, and adolescents in Addis Ababa	UN Habitat, ILO, WHO	1,500,000
5	**Morocco (TA5.007)**	MENA / MENA	Making Migration Work for All: Improved Social Cohesion and fair access to services for migrants in Morocco	IOM, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF	2,000,000
5	**Chile, Mexico (TA5.008)**	Americas / Central America and Mexico	Capacity building of local governments in Santiago (Chile) and Mexico City to strengthen the socioeconomic integration of migrants, refugees and forcibly displaced persons through access to decent work, sustainable livelihoods, and social dialogue	ILO, UNHCR, IOM	1,702,370

Notes:

- **Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea:** One of the two concept would be included in Tier 2, and the other in Tier 3. As both concept notes are recommended to consider a multi-country approach, the Steering Committee instructs the Fund Management Unit to engage with the PUNOs to work on revisions and re-submissions of the concept notes.
- **Thematic Area 5:** Multiple thematic area 5 concept notes were included in view of the growing impact of COVID-19. Please refer to the box on COVID-19 response in the "way forward" section further below.

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Tier 3 – Pipeline of Joint Programmes					
Thematic Area	**Country (ref #)**	**Region / Sub-Region**	**Joint Programme Title**	**PUNOs**	**Budget (USD)**
1	**Botswana (TA1.004)**	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening of migration data collection, analysis and management systems in Botswana	IOM, ILO, UNDP	1,700,000
1	**Vietnam (TA1.005)**	Asia / South East Asia	Promoting data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning in Vietnam	IOM, ILO, UN Women	1,500,000
2	**Ethiopia (TA2.001)**	Africa / East Africa	Joint Programme to Protect and Assist Children on the Move	IOM, UNICEF	2,000,000
2	**Uganda (TA2.008)**	Africa / East Africa	Strengthening counter trafficking through enhanced protection systems (STEPS)	IOM, UN Women, OHCHR, UNICEF	3,000,000
2	**South Africa (TA2.013)**	Africa / Southern Africa	Making Migration Safe for Women	UN Women, IOM, UNFPA, OHCHR	2,000,000
2	**Mexico (TA2.014)**	Americas / Central America and Mexico	Strengthening the National Capacities for the Regularization and Protection of Persons in the Context of International Migration in Mexico	IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR	1,500,000
2	**Ghana (TA2.016)**	Africa / West Africa	Reinforcing protection of vulnerable migrants in Ghana	IOM, ILO, UNICEF, UNFPA	3,000,000
2	**El Salvador (TA2.022)**	Americas / Central America and Mexico	Strengthen the government capacities in protection and reintegration of migrant persons and their families for a holistic approach with a human rights focus	IOM WFP, UNFPA	3,400,000
3	**Costa Rica* (TA3.002)**	Americas / Central America and Mexico	Costa Rica: Strengthening Coordination and Exchange of Information between Law Enforcement in Prosecution of Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking Transnational Crimes	IOM, UNODC, UN Women, UPU	2,300,000
3	**Cote d'Ivoire* (TA3.001)**	Africa / West Africa	Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d'Ivoire with Mali and Burkina Faso	IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNODC	3,000,000
	OR				
	Guinea* (TA3.005) ** See note above*		Reforcement de la gestion des frontieres et de la cohesion sociale et la securite transfrontaliere dans la zone du bec du perroquet (Strengthening border management, social cohesion and cross-	IOM, UNDP, WHO, ITC	3,000,000

			border security in the Parrot's Beak area)		
4	**Regional, Pacific* (TA4.001)**	Asia / Southeast Asia	Labour Mobility for Sustainable Development and Climate Resilience in the Pacific	IOM, ILO	1,700,000
4	**Nepal (TA4.002)**	Asia / South Asia	Strengthening Government Capacity to ensure safe, orderly and regular Migration (GCM)	IOM, ILO, UNODC, UN Women	2,000,000
4	**Tajikistan (TA4.003)**	Asia / Central Asia	Safe and Skilled Migration for Young Tajiks Abroad	IOM, UNDP, UNICEF	1,600,000
4	**Moldova (TA4.004)**	Europe / Southeast, East Europe	Leveraging the Positive Impact of Migration on Moldova's Development and Offsetting the Loss of Skills	IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO	2,000,000
4	**Lesotho* (TA4.005)**	Africa / Southern Africa	Facilitating regular migration and decent work through implementation of labour migration policy targeting Basotho seasonal labour in Ceres farms (place of destination) and youth in Quthing (place of origin)	IOM, UNDP, ILO	1,700,000
4	**Ecuador (TA4.006)**	Americas / South America	Socio-economic integration of migrants and host communities focused on national and local governments and innovation projects	IOM, UNDP, UN Women	1,500,000
5	**Thailand (TA5.009)**	Asia / South East Asia	Access to Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education for Migrant Children in Thailand	IOM, UNICEF, UNESCO	1,500,000
5	**Peru (TA5.011)**	Americas / South America	Building human security through social inclusion, comprehensive healthcare, and economic autonomy in migrant population and host communities in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho, Lima, Peru	IOM, WHO, ILO	2,000,000

Notes:

- **Concept Notes with conditions (denoted by an asterisk):** Some concept notes were selected with conditions which may include, but not limited to, recommendations for potential multi-country proposals requiring confirmation of support and coordination with other countries. Such conditions would need to be addressed by the PUNOs and, if necessary, concept notes would need to be revised and re-submitted within one month of such notification.
  These concept notes in both tiers 2 and 3 include:
    - Thematic area 3 concept notes from Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Costa Rica
    - Thematic area 4 concept notes from Regional Pacific and Lesotho.

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Geographic Prioritization: Given the importance of ensuring geographic balance, the Steering Committee makes an explicit commitment to continue striving for the greatest level of balance possible by prioritizing under-represented regions and sub-regions.

Encouragement of concept note (re-)submissions: The Steering Committee members unanimously recognized that many interesting ideas were unfortunately not selected. Amongst the concept notes that were not selected, many have strong potential but were not yet mature enough for inclusion in the pipeline. As such the Steering Committee expects the Fund Management Unit to reach out to UN country teams and provide constructive feedback enabling the revision and resubmission of concept notes.

In so doing and referencing the above-mentioned concern related to geographic prioritization, the Steering Committee instructs the Fund Management Unit to provide technical support and prioritize outreach towards: (a) priority countries from under-represented regions; and (b) countries working on concept notes for thematic areas 1 and 3 which are under-represented in the current selection.

COVID-19 Response

While recognizing that the Migration MPTF is and should remain a development fund in support of GCM implementation, the Steering Committee wishes for the Migration MPTF to be responsive to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it is recommended that projects to be funded under the Migration MPTF should, as applicable and within the Fund's existing rules and procedures, where possible prioritize the socio-economic impact of the pandemic on migrants and migration affected communities.

For this purpose, the Steering Committee decided the following:

1) Allow the selected Tier 1 and 2 category projects (for provisional funding allocation and joint programme development) to adjust and respond to the new context, as applicable, during the subsequent programme development phase;
2) Encourage Participating UN Organizations to factor in this dimension when submitting new or revised concept notes; and
3) For future funding, priority be given to joint programmes integrating the dimension of the COVID-19 response, in particular under thematic area 5. This prioritization will of course respect any donor earmarking.