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To: Irena Vojackova-Sollorano Co-Chair – Iraq UNDAF Fund Steering Committee **Date: 26 August 2021**

Mr. Hamid al-Ghazi, Government of Iraq  
Co-Chair – Iraq UNDAF Fund Steering Committee

Through: Irena Bernabeu, UNDAF Fund Steering Committee Support

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**APPROVAL OF PROGRAMME REVISION REQUEST (A)**

Project Number:	
Project Title:	Supporting the United Nations Network on Migration in Iraq
Participating Agency:	IOM (coordinating organisation) and UNDP
Project Start Date:	1 May 2021
Project End Date:	30 September 2021
Previous Requests:	None

**Type of Programme /project variation requested**

- Extension of project duration until 30 December 2021  
 Movement of funds between project budget components  
 Change of project scope

**Request for Time Extension**

Background

IOM and UNDP are implementing a project supporting the Government of Iraq (GoI) to fulfil their commitments to the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by enhancing institutional capacities for comprehensive evidence-based migration management. This project is able to achieve this by – critically - supporting the establishment and functioning of the UN Network on Migration in Iraq during the inception and first phases; providing resources to support the GoI with boosting their institutional and analytical capacities in migration governance and related SDGs; conducting important migration related research to provide an evidence base for cohesive and joint programming by the UN Network of Migration partners; and supporting local actors understand and address migration related issues. This project aims to tackle a number of key outputs within the initial five-month project period. However, to implement all activities in a meaningful way and achieve the ultimate outcome, IOM and UNDP request an additional three months to the project timeline.

Justification for requesting a time extension of 3 months (until 30 December 2021):

**IOM**

In addition to providing more time to complete all activities, a NCE would provide IOM with the opportunity to leverage the project to support the GoI in executing its second voluntary national review of GCM implementation in the final quarter of 2021. This is important because the review will directly inform the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) called for by the GCM to be held at head of state level in



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2022, in which Iraq will play a key role as one of a select number of self-appointed champion countries of the GCM.

Further, an NCE would also mean supporting the UN Network on Migration for an additional three months as there would be dedicated Secretariat support using project resources until December 2021. Due to the longer process of completing to the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) process (the signing ceremony is due to take place in September 2021), the UN Network on Migration paused meetings since the initial launch in March 2021. While the meetings have now resumed, the secretariat of the network, in coordination with UNDP, are developing a strategy for the network for 2021-2022. The process of the strategy will involve consultation with network members to identify priorities and areas of cooperation, potential areas of joint programming, advocacy as well as areas for research and information awareness. While the Terms of Reference of the Iraq network exists, the network strategy will contain targeted thematic priorities against the GMC objectives and will also inform thematic workplans to support GCM implementation ahead of the IMRF.

**UNDP**

In light of Iraq's 2030 Vision and the National Development Plan (2018-2022), UNDP has made strides in supporting the GoI and the UN Network on Migration with decision-making and capacity building activities at the national and sub-national levels. For example, by implementing training activities for returnees and displaced youth to boost labour market supply and facilitating consultation sessions and workshops for Iraq's Voluntary National Review. However, UNDP would benefit from an NCE as it will provide additional time to implement certain activities in a more comprehensive way and ensure that any potential issues, challenges and/or risks can be overcome. More specifically, UNDP will be able to extend the pilot of the safe spaces for migrant women and girls in several locations across the last quarter of 2021 and implement a review mechanism over a longer time period to ensure its success. Further, the research component will be extended, and this additional time will provide the means for more detailed research opportunities.

Justification for requesting a movement of funds between project budget components:

**IOM**

To account for staff and office costs for the additional three months of the NCE, IOM requests to transfer 38,391.32 USD from budget component 7. General operating and other direct costs to components: 1. Staff and other personnel costs, 2. Supplies, commodities, materials, 3. Equipment, vehicles and furniture including depreciation, 4. Contractual services and 5. Travel. This budget reallocation will not change the total amount of funds allocated to IOM (381,250 USD) and will not affect the delivery of the anticipated outputs.

No budget allocated to UNDP has been moved between project budget components.

**SCSO Recommendations:** extension and movement of funds between project budget components approved

**Approval of Co-Chairs of the Iraq UNDAF Fund Steering Committee**

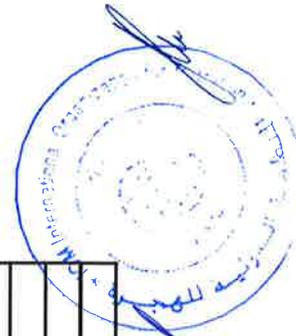


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Irena Vojackova-Sollorano, DSRSG/RC/HC	
<b>Government of Iraq</b>	<b>Date and signature</b>
Khaled Battal Al-Najm, Minister of Planning	

Project Title:	Supporting the UN Network on Migration in Iraq
Agencies	IOM and UNDP
Budget:	600,000 (IOM 381,250 UNDP 218,750)
Budget Currency:	USD
Project Duration:	Eight months

Project Budget		Amount (\$)
<b>1. Staff and other personnel costs</b>		<b>198,520.00</b>
IOM		
	Programme Officer	57,600.00
	Migration Management Unit national staff G4	25,600.00
	Core Staff international	24,000.00
	Core Staff national	56,320.00
UNDP		
	Placement of required Project Management and Support capacities and systems for implementation and monitoring	35,000.00
<b>2. Supplies, commodities, materials</b>		<b>12,663.20</b>
IOM		
	Supplies and materials	1,663.20
UNDP		
	Provide Direct Project Support Services from Country Office and Service Center	11,000.00
<b>3. Equipment, vehicles and furniture including depreciation</b>		<b>8,798.12</b>
IOM		
	Vehicle running cost	2,246.12
	Office rent, Utilities, Maintenance	6,552.00



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<b>4. Contractual services</b>		<b>18,548.00</b>
<i>IOM</i>		
	Security	<b>6,048.00</b>
<i>UNDP</i>		
	Training on migration governance (contractual services)	3,000.00
	Consultations with mig gov and other stakeholders on SDG VNR (contractual services)	2,000.00
	Establish safe spaces in the local communities for women and girls (training, consultants, travel, misc expenses)	5,000.00
	Training for migrant youth to boost labour market supply (contractual services)	2,500.00
<b>5. Travel</b>		<b>1,512.00</b>
<i>IOM</i>		
	Travel and subsistence	<b>1,512.00</b>
<b>6. Transfers and grants to counterparts</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>7. General operating and other direct costs</b>		<b>320,706.68</b>
<i>IOM</i>		
	Network meetings (translation, internet, IT equipment, materials)	8,000.00
	Consultation sessions with Gol for GCM implementation (inc. venue, catering, translation, IT equipment, internet, materials)	<b>14,015.00</b>
	Research on migration ( <del>consultancies</del> )	<b>40,000.00</b>

	Peer to Peer training sessions (inc. venue, catering, translation, IT equipment, materials)	70,000.00
	Creative public information material (infographics and animation)	22,000.00
	PI, visibility, translation, materials	7,000.00
	Monitoring and Evaluation	2,000.00
	Communications	6,048.00
	Bank charges and other office costs	5,703.68
	<b>UNDP</b>	
	Training on migration governance (inc. venue, travel)	20,000.00
	Workshops for mainstreaming SDGs in national strategic documents	17,440.00
	Consultations with mig gov and other stakeholders on SDG VNR	18,000.00
	Research on migration (consultant, travel, misc expenses)	25,000.00
	Establish safe spaces in the local communities for women and girls (training, consultants, travel, misc expenses)	40,500.00
	Training for migrant youth to boost labour market supply (training, consultants, travel, misc)	25,000.00
	<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>560,748.00</b>
	8. Indirect support costs (no more than 7%)	
	IOM	24,942.00
	UNDP	14,310.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>39,252.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>600,000.00</b>

