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# Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, 16 December 2021 4-6 p.m.

## Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
16:00-16:10	Welcoming and Opening Remarks	Abdallah Al Dardari, UNDP Resident Representative
16:10-16:30	Remarks by Steering Committee Member Representatives	Steering Committee Member Representatives
16:30- 16:40	Financial Updates on the Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan	Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator (MPTFO)
16:40-17:10	Briefing on the Joint Programme Initiation Plan for the Area based Approach to Development Emergency Initiatives (ABADEI) in Northern and Southern Regions	Selene Biffi (UNDP) Sateesh Nanduri (UNHCR)
17:00-17:10	Discussion on the Joint Programmes: STFA Allocation Strategy- Northern & Southern Regions (2022 Q1/Q2)	Munir Hossain (TFMU)
17:10-17:30	<b>Decisions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of Revised STFA TOR</li> <li>2. Approval of Revised ABADEI Strategy</li> <li>3. Approval of Joint Programme Initiation Plan for the Area based Approach to Development Emergency Initiatives (ABADEI) in Northern and Southern Regions</li> <li>4. Approval of STFA Allocation Strategy- Northern &amp; Southern Regions (2022 Q1/Q2)</li> <li>5. Approval of the First Allocation (70% of available resources) for 2022 Q1/Q2 to Northern and Southern Regions</li> </ol>	Hiroko Massey (TFMU)
17:30-17:40	AOB	All participants
17:40-17:50	Closing Remarks	Abdallah Al Dardari, UNDP Resident Representative

# Welcoming and Opening Remarks

Abdallah Al Dardari, UNDP Resident Representative

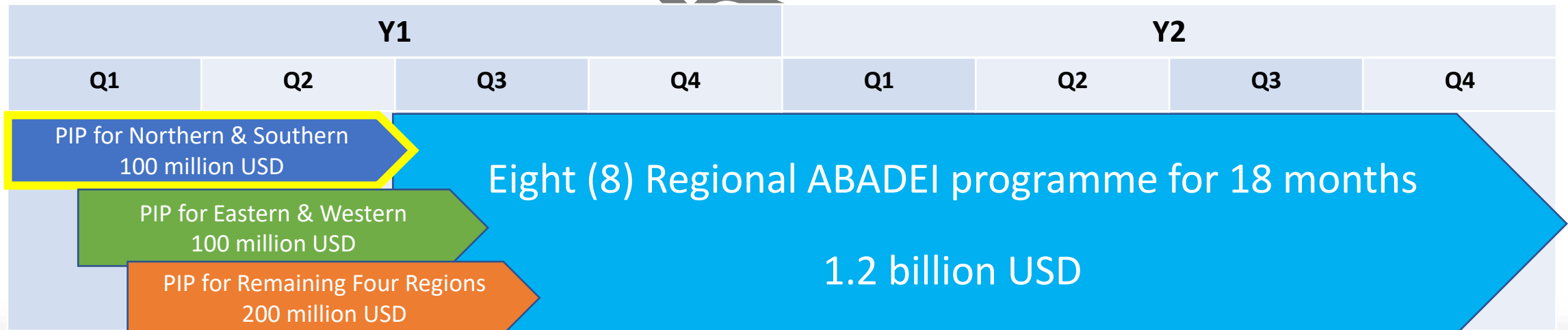
# Projected Funding Outlook 2022/2023

## Estimated budget for ABADEI Strategy

- Approx. budget for two (2) ABADEI programme region for (6 months): \$ 100 million USD
- Approx. Budget for the remaining six (6) ABADEI Programme Initiation Plans (6 months): \$300 million
- Approx. Budget for Eight (8) regions for 18 months: \$ 1.2 billion USD

**Resource mobilized as of December 2021 through STFA:** \$ 100 million USD

**Funding gap for 2022 Q1:** \$300 million



# Remarks by Steering Committee Member Representatives

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# Financial Updates on the Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan

Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator MPTFO

# Financial Resources:

STFA Commitments and Deposits, including programmable amounts



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Contributors	Commitment	Gross Deposits	Net Deposits			Deposit rate	Pending Item
			Earmarked	Un-Earmarked	Total Net Deposits		
CZECH REPUBLIC, Government of	450,106	450,106	-	445,605	445,605	100%	
GERMANY, Government of	56,493,350	56,493,350	55,928,417	-	55,928,417	100%	
* NORWAY, Government of	22,110,728	19,228,234	-	19,035,951	19,035,951	87%	2,882,494
SWEDISH INT'L DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION	11,156,727	11,156,727	11,045,160	-	11,045,160	100%	
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	6,081,465	6,081,465	-	6,081,465	6,081,465	100%	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>96,292,376</b>	<b>93,409,882</b>	<b>66,973,577</b>	<b>25,563,021</b>	<b>92,536,598</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>2,882,494</b>

# Briefing on the Joint Programme Initiation Plan for the Area based Approach to Development Emergency Initiatives (ABADEI) in Northern and Southern Regions

Selene Biffi, Portfolio Specialist, UNDP

Sateesh Nanduri, Strategic Partnerships Adviser/Dty. Emergency Coordinator, UNHCR



# Northern Region



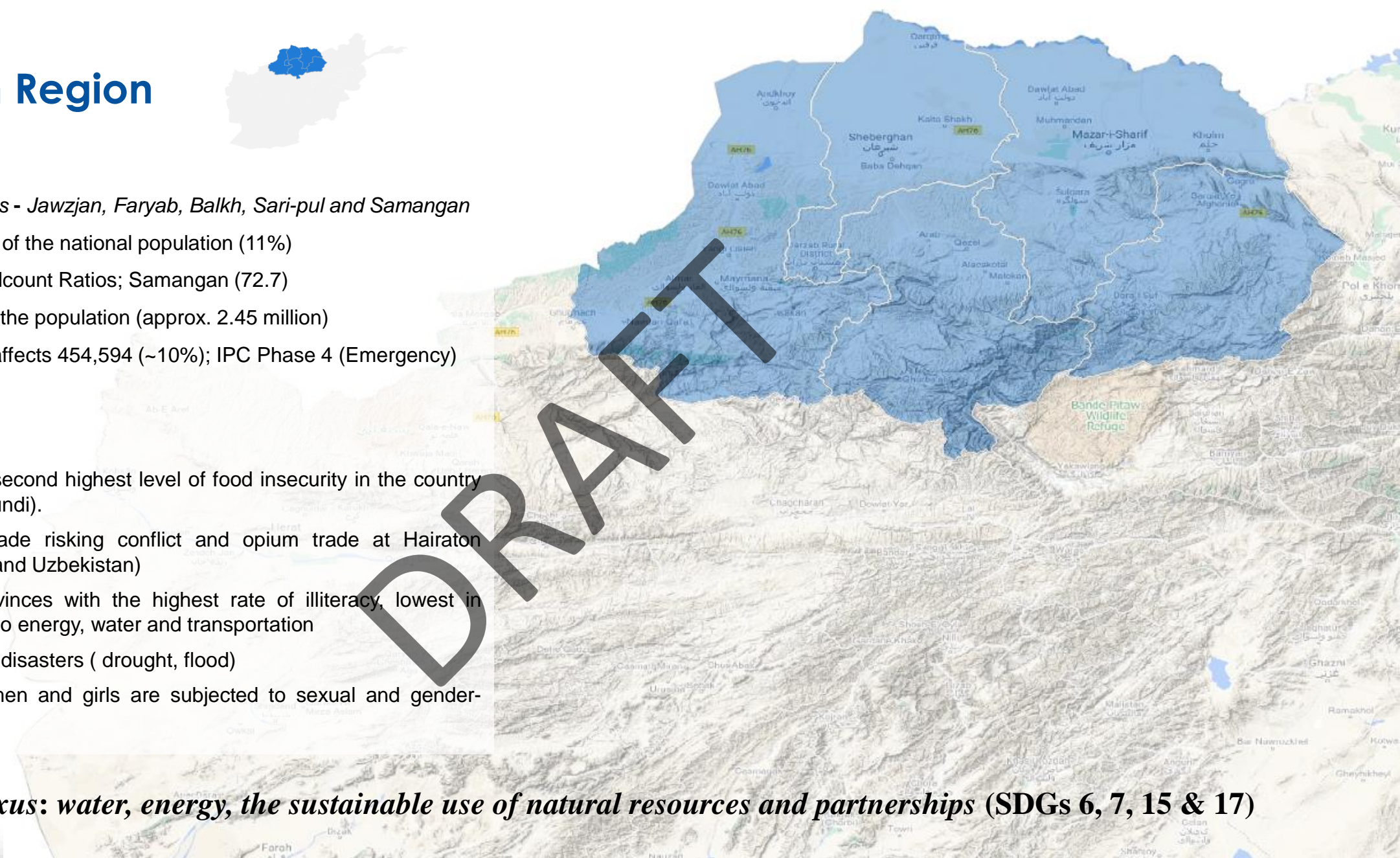
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## Highlights:

- Faryab has the second highest level of food insecurity in the country (along with Daikundi).
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- Frequent natural disasters (drought, flood)
- 42% of the women and girls are subjected to sexual and gender-based violence

**Target SDG Nexus: water, energy, the sustainable use of natural resources and partnerships (SDGs 6, 7, 15 & 17)**



# Southern Region



**Overview:** Provinces - Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul, Uruzgan and Nimroz

- Significant share of the national population (10.08% )
- Higher MPI Headcount Ratios: Zabul (76.9)
- Target: 70.01% of the population (2.75 million)
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## Highlights:

- Helmand is the largest province and centre of poppy production
- Cross border trade and smuggling issues
- Basic infrastructure and services lacking
- Economy of this region is based mainly on agriculture and trade
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# Discussion on the Joint Programmes: STFA Allocation Strategy- Northern & Southern Regions (2022 Q1/Q2)

Munir Hossain, Finance Specialist, TFMU

## Two Regional Budget and proposed allocation (Q1 & Q2 2022) by PUNOs



Participating UN Agencies (PUNOs)	Northern	Southern	Total Budget (N&S)	Total Allocation (N&S)
1- UNDP	18,479,450	15,232,261	33,711,711	28,240,400
2- UN HABITAT	3,424,000	3,372,986	6,796,986	3,986,570
3- UNCTAD	256,800	310,300	567,100	241,730
4- UNFPA	2,211,388	1,370,045	3,581,433	3,194,080
5- ITC	-	-	-	-
6- ILO	-	5,017,051	5,017,051	2,138,580
7- UNODC	1,166,300	139,100	1,305,400	693,800
8- UNIDO	-	-	-	-
9- UNHCR	8,432,920	8,432,920	16,865,841	10,426,390
10- UN Women	1,149,625	329,293	1,478,918	1,035,460
11- IOM	5,981,300	10,884,540	16,865,840	10,596,750
12- UNESCO	1,820,070	1,900,320	3,720,390	2,972,620
13- UNOPS	-	2,632,200	2,632,200	1,122,010
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## Two Regional Financial Allocation (Northern & Southern) of Q1&Q2 by Windows

Windows (ABADEI Programme)	Northern	Southern	Total
1. Provision of essential services	22,343,701	20,069,682	42,413,384
2. Community livelihoods and local economic activities	14,095,206	21,804,857	35,900,063
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# Decision 1: Approval of Revised STFA TOR

## Latest changes in the Terms of Reference include:

- ✓ High-level Advisory Board membership consists of all contributing donors and PUNOs. It will give **final endorsement on the resource allocation strategy** and priorities to be funded through the STFA as well as provide overall guidance and advice to the Fund Steering Committee on strategic and policy issues, in addition to the overall efficiency and responsiveness of the funds and its activities.
- ✓ The governance structure of the Fund is led by the Steering Committee (SC), which will be chaired by the UNDP Resident Representative and will include the following members:
  - Representatives of contributing donors
  - **All Participating UN Organizations**
  - The Fund Secretariat (ex-officio member)
  - The Administrative Agent (ex-officio member)

The Steering Committee will be responsible for approving funding priorities defined by a regularly updated funds strategy **for final endorsement by the High-Level Advisory Board**

- ✓ Added Risk Management Principles.
- ✓ A minimum of 15% of the total fund to be allocated under gender equality marker into all programmes and 30% financial target to be established for projects under STFA e.g. cash for market and unconditional cash transfer.

## Decision 2: Approval of Revised ABADEI Strategy

### Latest changes in the ABADEI Strategy include:

- ✓ Emphasis on Afghan women and girls
  - *Added, "The changed context has affected the women and girls in a disproportionately negative manner, especially manifested in the restrictions imposed on female mobility, opportunities to work, access to education and dissolution of the state institutions to facilitate women's representation in social and political affairs, and the blockage of avenues for women to seek legal justice." pp.2*
  - *Added, "The ABADEI Strategy is especially sensitive to both the chronic and newly emerging vulnerabilities of the Afghan women and girls and aims at providing them assistance in a manner that does not exacerbate their susceptibility to violence and deprivation of opportunities and rights." pp.3*
- ✓ Gender marker to illustrate how the proposed action affects the gender equity pp.10
- ✓ Engagement with the formal and informal grassroots institutions representing the local communities including Community Development Councils (CDC) pp.6 & 19
- ✓ Cross-cutting themes such as gender equity, context-sensitivity, youth involvement and risk reduction pp.13
- ✓ Area-Based Monitoring and Reporting Framework to be offered as a common service to the UN system. pp.24



## Decision 3: Approval of Joint Programme Initiation Plan for the Area based Approach to Development Emergency Initiatives (ABADEI) in Northern and Southern Regions

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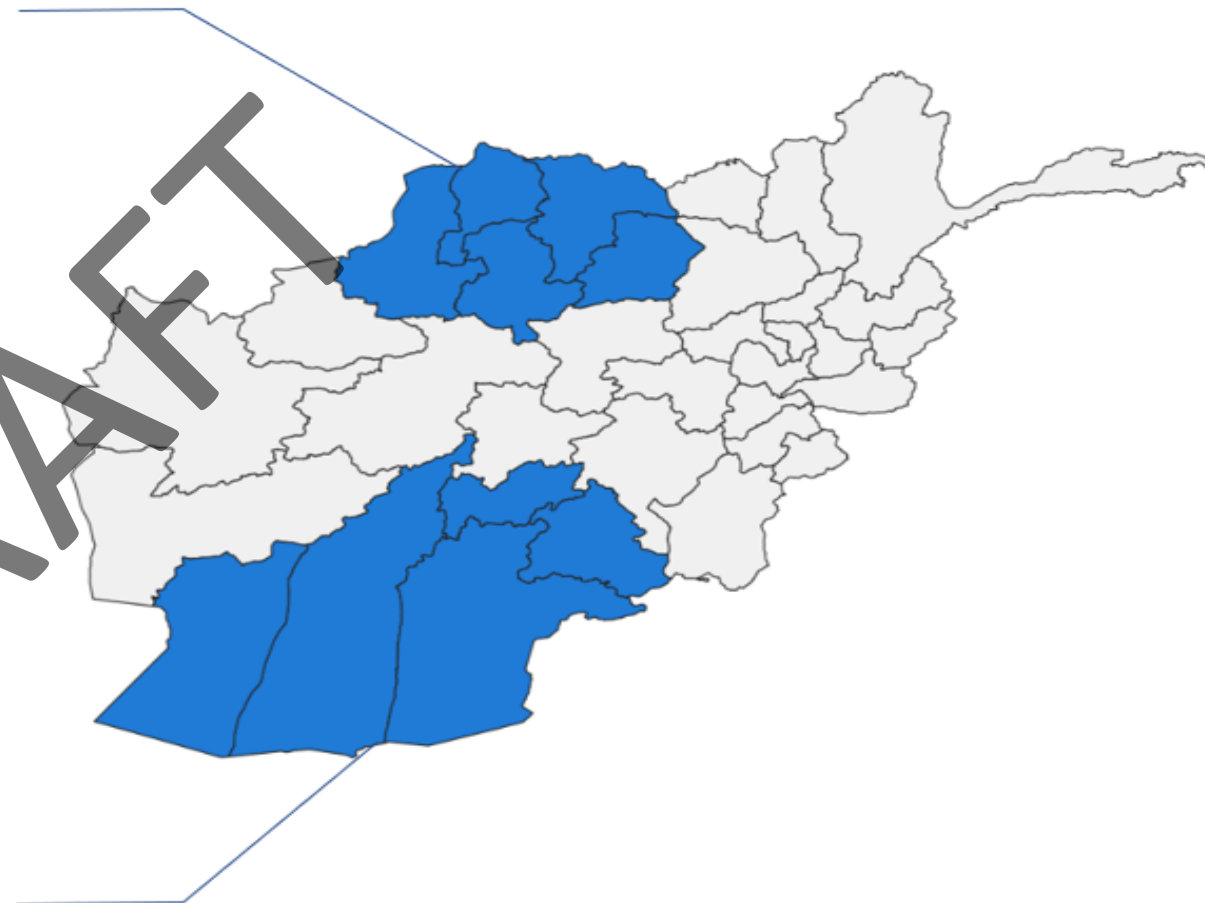
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# Decision 4: Approval of STFA Allocation Strategy- North & South Regions (2022 Q1/Q2)

(USD M)

PUNO	Window1		Window2		Window3		Window4		Total Requested	Proposed for approval
	Requested	Proposed for approval	Requested	Proposed for approval	Requested	Proposed for approval	Requested	Proposed for approval		
ILO	-	-	5.02	2.14	-	-	-	-	5.02	2.14
IOM	6.90	6.35	8.51	3.63	0.81	0.35	0.64	0.27	16.87	10.60
UNCTAD	-	-	0.57	0.24	-	-	-	-	0.57	0.24
UNDP	19.46	17.91	7.90	3.37	2.93	1.25	3.42	1.46	33.71	23.98
UNESCO	2.81	2.58	-	-	0.04	0.02	0.87	0.37	3.72	2.97
UNFPA	3.38	3.11	0.12	0.05	-	-	0.08	0.03	3.58	3.19
UNHABITAT	2.21	2.03	1.72	0.73	0.78	0.33	2.09	0.89	6.80	3.99
UNHCR	6.56	6.03	9.57	4.08	0.68	0.29	0.06	0.03	16.87	10.43
UNODC	0.28	0.26	0.22	0.10	0.59	0.25	0.21	0.09	1.31	0.69
UNOPS	-	-	1.92	0.82	0.72	0.31	-	-	2.63	1.12
UNWOMEN	0.82	0.75	0.36	0.15	-	-	0.30	0.13	1.48	1.04
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42.41</b>	<b>39.02</b>	<b>35.90</b>	<b>15.30</b>	<b>6.55</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>7.68</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>92.54</b>	<b>60.39</b>
<b>Resources proposed for allocation:</b>		41.48		16.30		3.16		3.70		<b>64.65</b>
<b>Contribution from Donors</b>		39.02		15.30		2.79		3.27		60.39
<b>Contribution of UNDP</b>		2.46		1.00		0.37		0.43		4.26
<b>UNDP's total allocation</b>		<b>20.37</b>		<b>4.36</b>		<b>1.62</b>		<b>1.89</b>		<b>28.24</b>

**Decision 5: Approval of the First Allocation (70% of available resources) for 2022 1/Q2 to North and South Regions**

\* Figures as of 7 December

- Approval of allocation \$64.65M (70% of available resources, \$93.22M)
  - Total available resources: \$93.22M
  - Total PIP budget: \$92.54M

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## Closing Remarks

Abdallah Al Dardari, UNDP Resident Representative

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