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STFA Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, 7 March 2022

Sheraton Grand Doha

(4-6 p.m. Kabul time)

(2.30-4.30 p.m. Doha time)

Agenda



Time (Kabul time)	Agenda Item	Presenter
16:00 - 16:10	Opening by the Chair of the STFA Steering Committee	Abdallah Al-Dardari, RR, UNDP
16:10 – 16:20	STFA Funding Framework	Ilaria Carnevali, Deputy Executive Coordinator, MPTFO
16:20 – 16:35	Remarks by Steering Committee Members	Members of the Steering Committee
16:35 – 17:10	Decisions: 1. Co-chair for STFA Steering Committee 2. Approval of Four Regional Joint Programmes (Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern regions) 3. Approval of Resource allocation – distribution of remaining fund balances 4. Approval of Quarterly Reporting Template	Hiroko Massey, Trust Fund Manager, TFMU Hiroko Massey, TFMU; PUNO Heads of Agencies Munir Hossain, Finance Specialist, TFMU Hamed Seddiqi, M&E Specialist, TFMU
17:10 – 17:20	Special Feature presentation # 1 (UN Women) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Addressing Challenges in the New Context of Afghanistan	Alison Davidian, Country Representative, UN Women
17:20 – 17:30	STFA Resource Planning (2022-2023)	Hiroko Massey, Trust Fund Manager, TFMU
17:30 – 17:40	Forecast of business	Hiroko Massey, Trust Fund Manager, TFMU
17:40 – 17:50	AOB	Hiroko Massey, Trust Fund Manager, TFMU
17:50 - 18:00	Closing remarks	Abdallah Al-Dardari, RR, UNDP



Abdallah Al Dardari, Resident Representative, UNDP



• Ilaria Carnevali, Deputy Executive Coordinator, MPTFO

Commitments and Deposits



			Net Deposits			
Contributors	Commitment	Gross Deposits	Earmarked	Un- Earmarked	Total Net Deposits	Deposit rate
CZECH REPUBLIC, Government of	653,782	653,782	-	647,244	647,244	100%
GERMANY, Government of	56,493,350	56,493,350	55,928,417	-	55,928,417	100%
LUXEMBOURG, Government of	2,264,558	2,264,558	-	2,241,912	2,241,912	100%
NORWAY, Government of	22,110,728	19,228,234	-	19,035,951	19,035,951	87%
SWEDISH INT'L DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION	11,156,727	11,156,727	11,045,160	-	11,045,160	100%
TURKEY, Government of	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,970,000	-	2,970,000	100%
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	6,081,465	6,081,465	-	6,081,465	6,081,465	100%
	101,760,610	98,878,116	69,943,577	28,006,573	97,950,149	97%

Deposits



Contributors	Sector	Source - Allocated /Earmarked	Use of Funds	Available Balance
Un-Earmarked		28,945,032	13,051,512	15,893,520
Earmarked				
GERMANY, Government of	AFG01-Essential Services Provision	55,928,417	41,479,710	14,448,707
SWEDISH INT'L DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION	AFG01-Essential Services Provision AFG02-Community Livelihoods AFG03- Protection of Farm-based Livelihoods from Nat Disasters	11,045,160	11,045,160	
TURKEY, Government of	AFG01-Essential Services Provision AFG02-Community Livelihoods	2,970,000	-	2,970,000
Earmarked Total		69,943,577	52,524,870	17,418,707
Grand Total		98,888,608	65,576,382	33,312,226

^{*}Sida's contribution has been earmarked for Windows 2, 3 and/or 4

^{**}Turkey's contribution has been earmarked for Windows 1 and/or 2





		Net Funded	
Regional	Un-Earmarked	Earmarked	Total
01 A North - Provision of Essential Services		19,458,534	19,458,534
01 B North - Community Livelihoods and Local Economic Activities	4,267,672	5,522,580	9,790,252
01 C North - Protection of Farm-based Livelihoods from Nat Disasters	1,957,770	-	1,957,770
01 D North - Community Resilience and Social Cohesion	1,778,888	-	1,778,888
02 A South - Provision of Essential Services	:=	22,021,176	22,021,17
02 B South - Community Livelihoods and Local Economic Activities	987,838	5,522,580	6,510,418
02 C South - Protection of Farm-based Livelihoods from Nat Disasters	1,205,870	2	1,205,870
02 D South - Community Resilience and Social Cohesion	1,925,482	2,	1,925,482
Grand Total	12,123,520	52,524,870	64,648,390

Sources and Uses of Funds



	Prior Year(s)	Current Year	Total
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from Donors	96,613,558	2,264,558	98,878,116
Contributions from MDTFs	-	-	
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	10,493	-	10,493
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	-	
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	
Other Revenues	-	-	
Total: Sources of Funds	96,624,050	2,264,558	98,888,608
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	63,526,380	1,122,010	64,648,390
Transfers to MPTFs	-	-	
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	-	
Net Funded Amount to Participating Organizations	63,526,380	1,122,010	64,648,390
Administrative Agent Fees	905,321	22,646	927,967
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariatetc.)	-	-	
Bank Charges	26	-	26
Other Expenditures	-	-	
Total: Uses of Funds	64,431,727	1,144,656	65,576,382
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	32,192,324	1,119,902	
Balance of Funds with Administrative Agent			33,312,226
balance as a percentage of contributions			33.69%



Members of the Steering Committee & Special Guests

Steering Committee Decision items:

1) Co-chair of STFA Steering Committee

Hiroko Massey, TFMU

2) Four Regional Joint Programmes (Northern/ Southern/ Western/Eastern)

Hiroko Massey, TFMU; PUNO Heads of Agencies

3) Resource allocation – distribution of remaining fund balances

Munir Hossain, TFMU

4) Quarterly Reporting Template

Hamed Seddiqi, TFMU



Hiroko Massey, TFMU



Hiroko Massey, TFMU PUNO Head of Agencies

Regional Programmes: (Northern, Southern, Eastern & Western regions)



Relevant UN Transitional Engagement Framework (TEF) Outcomes:

Outcome 2

Essential services that address basic human needs for the people in Afghanistan are sustained

Outcome 3

Afghanistan will preserve social investments and community-level systems essential to meeting basic human needs, protect gains to the SDGs, and develop scenarios for future engagement



"Core" STFA Joint Programme Outputs

JP Output 1

Essential services and community infrastructure - including for health, agriculture and energy supply - are functional, sustained and expanded to meet different needs of women and men.

JP Output 2

Livelihoods, businesses and trade are able to recover and are more sustainable and resilient to instability.

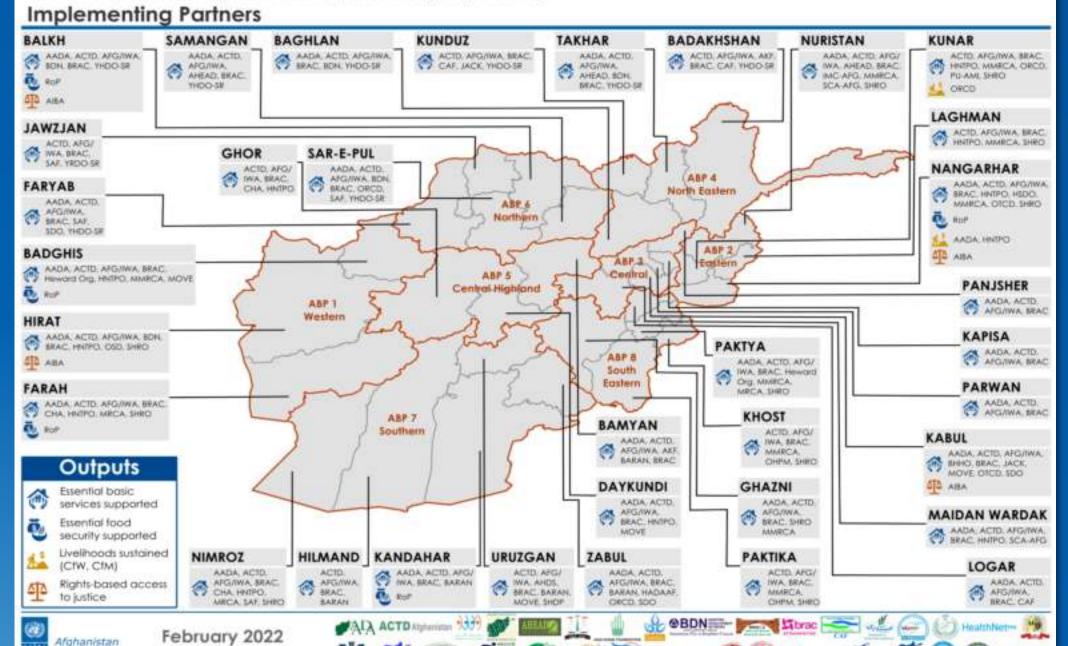
JP Output 3

Communities have improved infrastructure, access to water and preparedness mechanisms to protect farm-based livelihoods and cope with climate shocks and natural disasters.

JP Output 4

Social cohesion, human rights, access to justice are strengthened at local level.

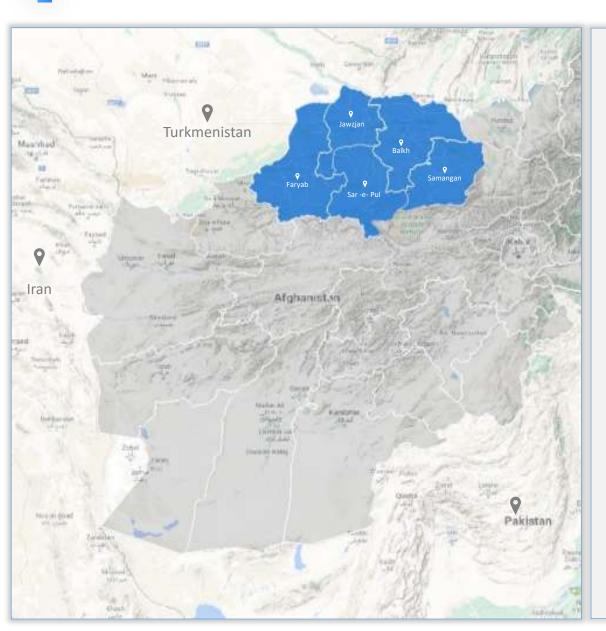
Mapping out partners at sub-national level



ABADEI (Area Based Approach to Development Emergency Initiatives)

Approval of Regional Joint Programme- Northern Region





Geographic coverage (provinces):

Jawzjan, Faryab, Balkh, Sari-pul and Samangan

Timeframe/Duration: 24 months (Jan 2022* – Dec 2023)



Northern Region's Key Highlights:

- Population: 4,356,890 (11.19% of total national population);
- Human Development Index (HDI): 0.530 (Low)
- Mazar-e-Sharif (in Balkh province) is the 4th largest city in Afghanistan.
- Samangan province has the highest incidence of multi-dimensional poverty in the region (72.7%);
- 10.43% of the population face extreme food insecurity Faryab Province is particularly vulnerable
- Northern region is also significantly prone to <u>natural hazards</u> in particular drought and floods.
- <u>The COVID-19 pandemic</u> has also had a significant impact on the region; Balkh has the highest number of cases reported in Afghanistan
- <u>Armed clashes and violent incidents including at borderlands are consistently reported and remain a threat for civilians.</u>
- Increasing influx of IDPs and returnees resettling in the region

Joint Programme's Highlights: A Snapshot (Examples)

- Approximately 116 primary health care facilities supported across the region, including in rural, hard-to-reach areas
- Roll out of general <u>literacy and pre-vocational training campaigns for vulnerable youth and adults, especially women</u> and adolescent girls (115,000 people)
- Over 92Km of <u>rural roads rehabilitated/maintained</u> providing immediate employment opportunities (<u>cash-forwork</u>) and <u>contributing to revitalize the local economy</u> (e.g. improving connectivity with local markets).
- 64 districts will be equipped with <u>functional early warning systems</u> and other preparedness mechanisms for climate shocks and <u>natural disasters</u>

Estimated Budget:

US\$ 150.31 m (Window1: \$56.06 m, Window2: \$49.35 m, Window3: \$28.46 m, Window4: \$16.45 m.)

PUNOs (12): FAO, ILO, IOM, UNHABITAT, UNESCO, UNODC, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNOPS, UNWOMEN

Approval of Regional Joint Programme- Southern Region



Geographic coverage (provinces):

Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Helmand and Nimroz (bordered with Pakistan and Iran)



Timeframe/Duration: 24 months (Jan 2022– Dec 2023)

Southern Region's Key Highlights:

- Population: 3,925,955 (10.08% of total); Human Development Index (HDI): 0.436
- Zabul Province has the highest incidence of multi-dimensional poverty (76.9%)
- Kandahar (in Kandahar province) is the <u>second largest city in Afghanistan;</u>
- 6 % of the population face extreme food insecurity;
- Helmand is responsible for 51.60% of the total poppy production in the country

Joint Programme's Highlights: A Snapshot (Examples)

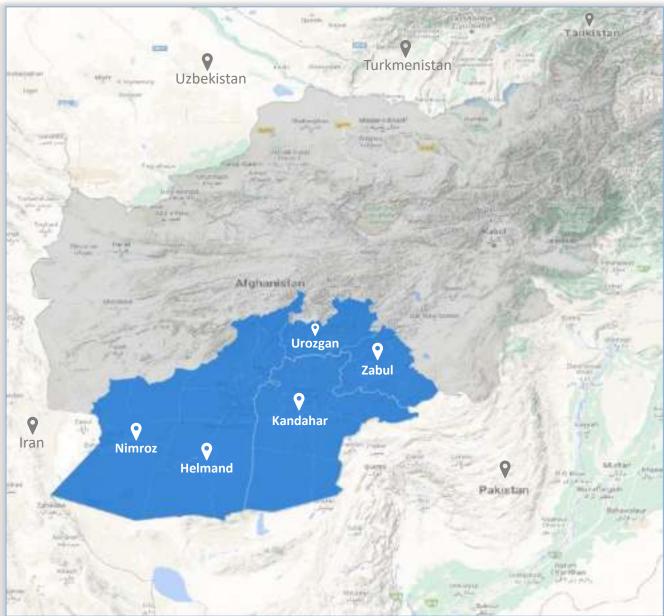
- Establishment of <u>drug demand reduction (DDR)</u> and <u>harm reduction centers and outreach</u> teams in Kandahar city
- "Cash for Work" to engage with vulnerable communities for the <u>rehabilitation of traditional</u> <u>water management</u> systems and other heritage sites
- The JP for the Southern region includes activities to support <u>alternative livelihood opportunities</u> to vulnerable, opium poppy dependent, populations
- Capacity building and provision of relevant start-up kits with assets and tools for <u>private traders</u> and <u>transporters</u> in the southern region to effectively use their new capabilities for increased income and productivity

Estimated Budget:

US\$ 150.91 m (Window1: \$55.49 m, Window2: \$45.43 m, Window3: \$34.40 m, Window4: \$15.40 m)

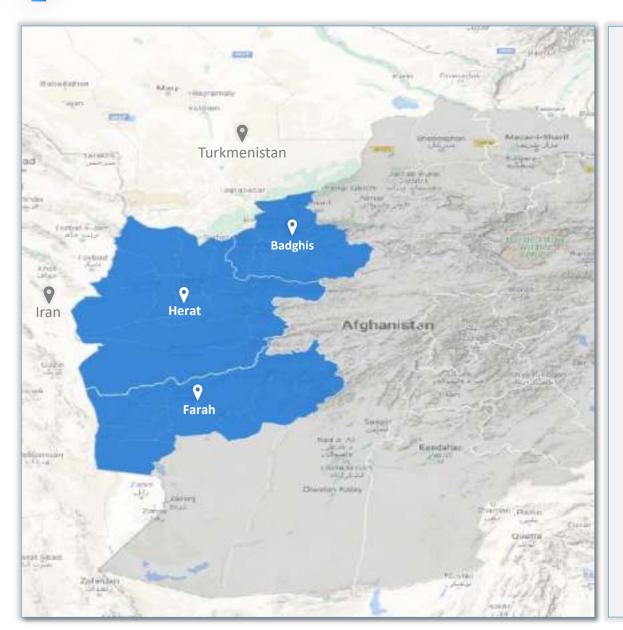
PUNOs (10):

FAO, IOM, UNHABITAT, UNESCO, UNODC, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNWOMEN



Approval of Regional Joint Programme- Western Region





Geographic coverage (provinces):

Herat, Farah and Badghis



Western Region's Key Highlights:

- Population: 3,319,612 (8.52% of total);
- Human Development Index (HDI): 0.476
- <u>Badghis has the highest poverty incidence of any province in the whole country</u>, with a <u>Multi-</u> Dimensional Poverty Head Count Ratio of 85.5%
- <u>Both Bagdhis and Herat provinces are classified as being in food insecurity phase 3 (emergency)</u>, with Farah relatively better off classified as insecurity phase 2 (stressed).

Joint Programme's Highlights: A snapshot (Examples)

- Cash for work initiatives to promote women empowerment and women led business opportunities for formal and informal sector to improve socio-economic livelihoods
- <u>Support small scale infrastructure</u> like roads, bridges, marketplaces, irrigation systems and urban water systems in Herat City
- Support <u>community early warning systems and self-help coping mechanisms</u> for early recovery for farm-based activities
- Revive community structures (such as Community Development Councils) to support social cohesion, reconciliation, community resilience and conflict prevention

Estimated Budget:

US\$ 153.37 m (Window1: \$46.14 m, Window2: \$59.58 m, Window3: \$32.69, Window4: \$14.96 m.)

PUNOs (13):

FAO, ILO, IOM, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHABITAT, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, UNWOMEN, UNHCR, UNFPA



Approval of Regional Joint Programme- Eastern Region



Geographic coverage (provinces):

Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan

Timeframe/Duration: 24 months/ April 2022 – Mar 2024

Eastern Region's Key Highlights:

- Population: 2,912,579 (7.48% of the total)
- Human Development Index (HDI): 0.493 versus 0.511 % in national level.
- Jalalabad (Nangarhar province) is the 5th largest city in Afghanistan
- Nuristan even prior to the current crisis- it had one of the highest incidence of <u>multi-dimensional poverty</u> in the country (80.2%) versus 51.7% at national level (as per 2021 data).
- 8.86% of the population face extreme food insecurity

Joint Programme's Key Highlights: A Snapshot (Examples)

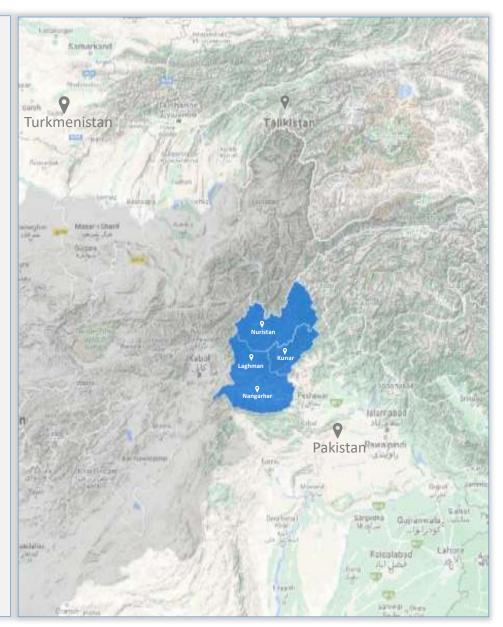
- Establishment of 58 Family Health Houses (FHH) and recruitment of midwives to expand the provision of <u>basic</u> reproductive health service delivery to remote greas-10 Km or three-hour walk from the nearest facility.
- Provision of <u>labour-intensive waged employment</u> to sustain urban livelihoods (men, women and youth) through <u>cash for work (CfW) in Jalalabad city</u> – e.g. construction of drainage canals, closed landfill and waste recycling facility at Bahar Abad to <u>improve sanitation and public health</u>
- Work with <u>traditional and non-traditional media</u> to challenge gender stereotypes and gender discriminatory narratives.
- Support to agricultural livelihoods through <u>revitalization of degraded lands and rehabilitation and construction of community infrastructure</u> (such as irrigation channels).
- Provide <u>unconditional cash transfer (UCT)</u> primarily to women with no/limited income; women-headed household; widowed women; people with disability; and elders
- Provide <u>'cash for market'</u> (CfM) <u>assistance and other form of asset support and capacity building sessions</u> to SMEs (both formal and informal) with particular focus on women-led business and community-owned social enterprises.

Estimated Budget:

• US\$ 150.69 m (Window1: \$49.45 m, Window2: \$56.91, Window3: \$26.46, Window4: \$17.87 m.)

PUNOs (10):

FAO, IOM, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHABITAT, UNODC, UNWOMEN, UNHCR, UNFPA





Munir Hossain, TFMU

Resource Allocation (USD millions)



Name of UN Agency	PIP Budget	Approved Allocation	Remaining to be allocated	Proposal for Allocation
ILO	5.02	2.14	2.88	2.05
IOM	16.87	10.60	6.27	4.47
UNCTAD	0.57	0.24	0.33	0.33
UNDP	33.71	28.24	5.47	3.90
UNESCO	3.72	2.97	0.75	0.53
UNFPA	3.58	3.19	0.39	0.28
UNHABITAT	6.80	3.99	2.81	2.01
UNHCR	16.87	10.43	6.44	4.60
UNODC	1.31	0.69	0.61	0.61
UNOPS	2.63	1.12	1.51	1.08
UNWOMEN	1.48	1.04	0.44	0.44
Grand Total	92.54	64.65	27.89	20.30
Proposed fund allocation to FAO	10.00			
Turkish fund earmarked for Health and S	3.00			
Already allocated in the 1st round				64.65
Total fund available for allocation (After AA fee as at 04 March 2022)				97.95

Total fund available for allocation (After AA fee)	100.74
Less: Already allocated in the 1st round	64.65
Less: Proposed allocation for FAO	10.00
Less: Contribution from the Turkey earmarked only for Health and SME	3.00
Available for allocation to the 11 PUNOs that signed PIP for Northern and Southern Regions subject to the 2nd tranche of Norway being received	23.09

Proposed for decision

^{*} TCWG agreed to allocate the full remaining budget to the PUNOs with below \$2m budget and proportionately allocate the remaining balance to the rest of the PUNOs.

^{**} Proof of 80% delivery of the target budget for Q1 is essential for eligibility to receive the next tranche. TFMU will not recommend MPTFO to release funds if a PUNO fails to meet the 80% delivery criteria. Regular (at least monthly) financial delivery update is to be shared with the TFMU and quarterly report is to be submitted to the MPTFO (formal submission)



Quarterly Reporting Template





[Insert Programme Title]
Quarterly Report

PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS (PUNOS)	DUN Habitat, DIOM, DUN Women, DUNHOR, DUNCTAD, DICT, DILO DUNESCO, DUNIDO, DIAO, DUNGOC, DUNEPA, DUNGPS	PROGRAMME NUMBER	
PROGRAM START DATE		PROGRAMME END DATE	
REPORTING QUARTER & YEAR		REPORT SUBMISSION DATE	

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ANNEX 2 - HUMAN INTEREST STORIES, IF ANY
ANNEX 3 – PHOTOS

Purpose:

■ Management

Track progress and results against planned programmed activities/outputs

Report challenges faced and actions taken to address them

- □ **Communications** Report human interest stories and photographic documentation that can serve to illustrate results achieved
- **Risk Management** Document major shift in risks exposure or activation of significant risk mitigation measures
- ☐ **Update on financial status** Overview of delivery status

Quarterly reports will be due for submission by 15th of the month following the end of the respective quarter

Third Party Monitoring:



Segregation of Roles based on the 'three lines of defense' model

M&E Functions	PUNOs + IPs	TFMU M&E	Third-Party M&E
Monitoring	 Conduct day-to-day monitoring of programme activities Hire third-party services where needed 	 Provide oversight and quality control on the implementation of the JP M&E plans Review and assess agency-specific performances Coordinate Joint M&E activities, sharing knowledge and best practices (M&E WG) Engage with TPM to inform decisions on course-corrections or additional risk mitigation measures that might be required 	 Conduct independent verification of program progress (corroboration of information) Verify PUNO- specific performance against targets and indicators
Evaluation	 Manage/ facilitate PUNO-level evaluations, as per their standard policies and procedures (including through joint evaluations) Follow-up on recommendations from Mesri/PUNO-level evaluations 	 Coordinate JP/Fund-level evaluations and specific evaluations recommended by the STFA SC and the TCWG Work with PUNOs to facilitate joint evaluations Work to ensure implementation of recommendations from JP evaluation activities Establish and maintain a common folder to compile evaluation reports including both primary and secondary data sources 	 Provide inputs to the programme-specific evaluation activities from a third-party M&E perspective Conduct PUNO specific evaluations Conduct fund level evaluations

Third Party Monitoring:



Segregation of Roles based on the 'three lines of defense' model

M&E Functions	PUNOs + IPs	TFMU M&E	Third-Party M&E
Reporting	 Produce programme reports presenting progress and results of programme activities and key M&E findings Produce analytical reports presenting key M&E findings and recommendations 	 Review programme reports and provide feedback Produce analytical reports to the SC and TWG on progress and results of programme activities and PUNO-specific performances 	 Consolidate programme reports Produce analytical reports
Learning	 Report key lessons learned from programme and field-level activities 	Organize learning workshops to discuss JP and fund-level learnings and contextual developments	Share key learnings and best practices based on the TPM findings
Communications	 Collect and report human interest stories from JP programme activities Collect photos and other visual materials to report programme activities Where relevant present results through their own communication channels, including social media 	Establish mechanisms to effectively communicate JP and STFA results with internal and external audiences	 Conduct qualitative interviews with a select sample of beneficiaries to collect and report human interest stories from JP programme activities Collect photos and other visual materials from programme activities



Alison Davidian, Country Representative, UN Women

What's happening in Afghanistan on women and girls?



"Overnight, all of our rights and hopes have been taken away from us"

Participation public and political life

0 women

Violence against women

1 in 2 women already experienced domestic violence before 15 August 2021

Education

Girls are barred from grades 7 to 12

Challenges

- Political uncertainty
- State of the economy
- Lack of human rights monitoring mechanisms



Opportunities

- Potential to expand and reach remote areas
- Moving the needle through sustained advocacy
- Convening



STFA opportunities

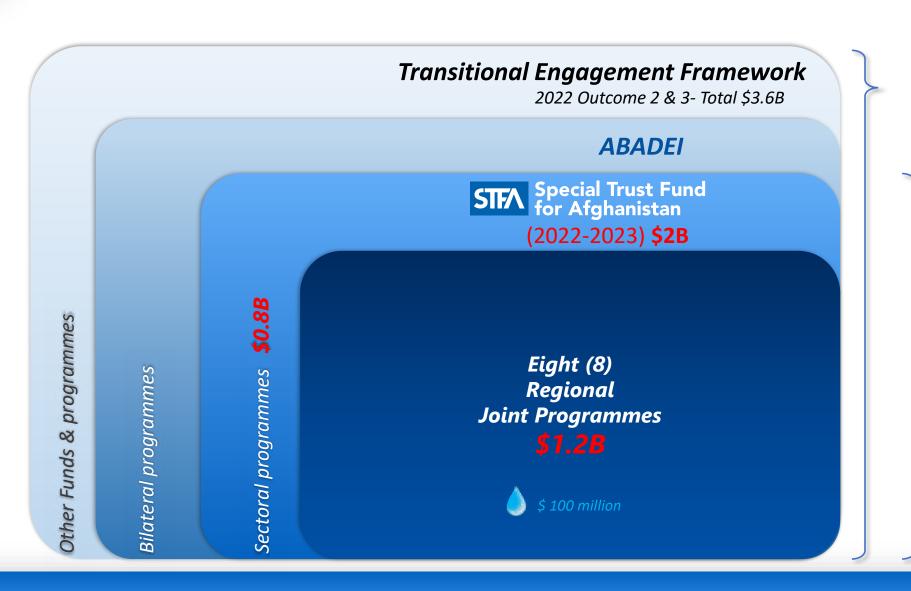




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TEF, ABADEI, STFA resource targets



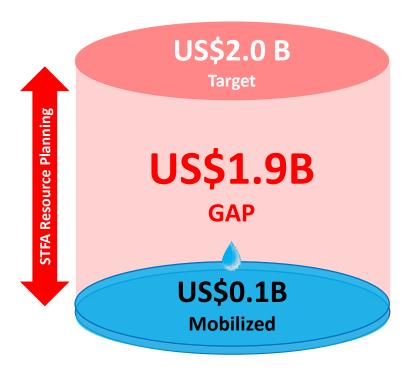


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STFA
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STFA Resource Planning (2022-2023)





\$ 0.8 B

Sectoral Programmes

To address highly technical and complex sectoral needs that require centrally-managed programmes complementary to regional joint programmes











Health \$55 million Unconditional cash transfers \$255 million

Energy \$155 million Private Sector Recovery \$155 million

Agriculture and Rural Community Livelihoods \$80 million

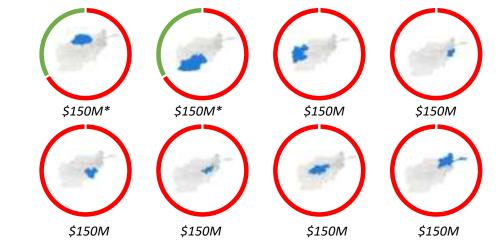
TVET* \$100 million

Eight (8) Regional Joint Programmes

\$ 1.2 B

Resource mobilized (\$0.1B)

Funding gap (\$1.1B)



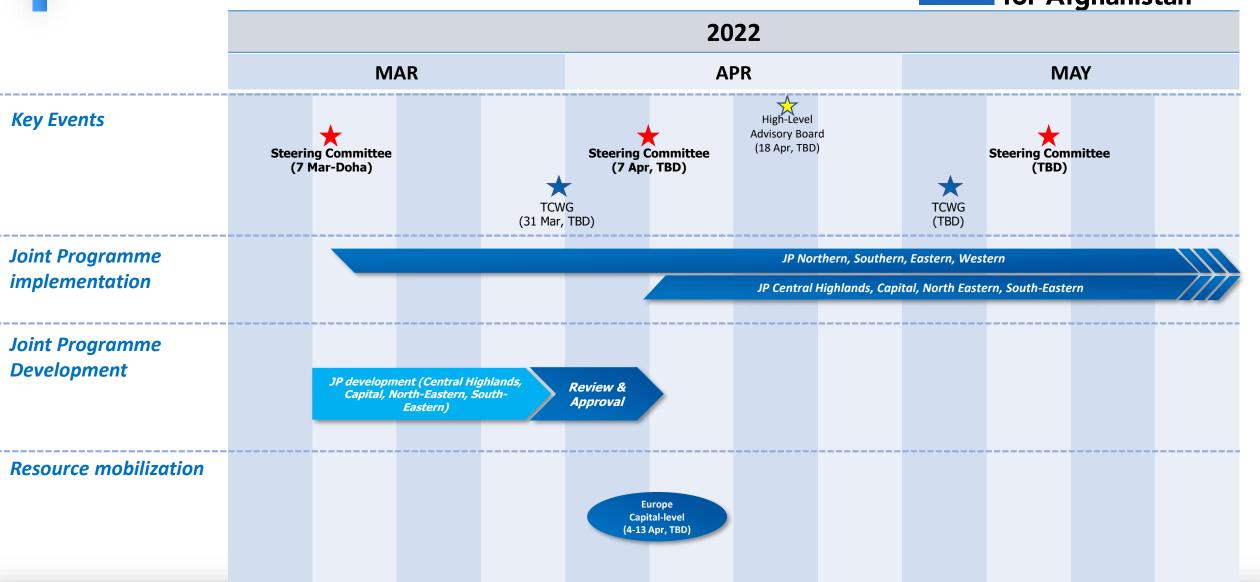
^{*}Technical and Vocational Education and Training



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Forecast of business













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