



**Special Trust Fund
for Afghanistan**

STFA
Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9 February 2022 4-6 p.m. Kabul time

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| 4 | Updates on the implementation of Northern & Southern joint initiation plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snapshot of the Development of Regional Joint Programmes | Ashley Carl (IOM) Eduardo Shigueo Fujikawa (UNDP) Mazen Gharzeddine (TFMU) |
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Opening and Welcoming Remarks

Abdallah Al-Dardari, UNDP Resident Representative

Remarks

Members of the Steering Committee

Employment Prospects in Afghanistan (A Rapid Impact Assessment)

Ramin Behzad, Senior Coordinator/Representative, ILO



Employment Prospects In Afghanistan

A Rapid Impact Assessment

Conducted by: International Labor Organization – ILO

Released on: 19 January 2022

Purpose: To analyse the potential impact of the change in administration and events of mid-August on employment and working hours in Afghanistan.

Estimation Approach: Cross-country panel data regression analysis

IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING HOURS

In Q3 of 2021:

- More than half a million workers have lost their jobs
- 13% drop in the total number of hours worked in the economy

Workers pushed out of employment due to the change in administration, ensuing economic crisis and restrictions on women's participation.

EMPLOYMENT

By the Q2 of 2022, projected employment losses:

- **700,000 workers**
(baseline scenario)
- **900,000 workers**
(pessimistic scenario)
- More than **500,000 workers**
(even in the most optimistic scenario)

WORKING HOURS

By the Q2 of 2022, working hours are projected to:

- **Remain similarly high**
(baseline scenario)
- **Fall by 18%**
(pessimistic scenario)
- **Fall by 8%**
(optimistic scenario)



IMPACT ON FEMALE EMPLOYMENT Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan

- ✓ Women workers harmed disproportionately (*Women's employment is have decreased by 16% in the Q3 of 2021; while it is 6% for male*)
- ✓ Even in 2020, women's labour force participation was extremely low by global standards at **17%** nationwide, and **10%** in urban Afghanistan



- ✓ Majority of women's employment in 2020 was in **agriculture, the manufacturing of textiles and clothes, public administration and social services**; which are now severely affected.
- ✓ Opportunities are further limited by newly imposed restrictions on their economic participation.

By the Q2 of 2022, the number of employed women could:

- be **21% lower** (**baseline scenario**)
- be **28% lower** (**pessimistic scenario**)
- show some modest recovery (**optimistic scenario**)

Updates on the status of implementation (Joint Initiation Plan, Northern and Southern Regions)

Ashley Carl, Deputy Chief of Mission, IOM

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Launch. All PUNOs have initiated implementation of the Joint PIPs (S&N regions).

Following the approval issued by the SC and the receipt of first tranche of resources - since 1st January 2022, all PUNOs have started implementation – including preparatory activities

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Groundwork. The month of January has focused on preparatory activities: laying the groundwork for scaled operations for the remainder of the implementation period

E.g. (i) Data collection (e.g. for baselines); (ii) participatory consultations in target communities (iii) identification of priority infrastructure projects & project sites; (iv) commencement of procurement activities, including issuance of tenders; (v) responsible partners for field activities being identified-ensuring due vetting processes; (vi) personnel recruitments

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Downstream results. Initial information is being collected and will be showcased in an upcoming STFA/TFMU portal. More formal and comprehensive downstream results to date will be reported on a quarterly basis (Jan-March; April-Jun)

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Field experience informing larger-scale design. The experience of Joint PIP implementation is feeding into the design of larger scale initiatives (8 Regional Joint Programmes, 24 months)

Groundwork activities (January 2022): a few examples



1. Provision of Essential Services & Infrastructure

Conduction of Household Emergency Assessments (HEAT) –1,200 HH (UNHCR-led; inter-agency collaboration); Community-Based Needs Assessments (IOM)

Initiation of procurement of solar energy equipment for community facilities (UN Habitat, UNDP-UNFPA)

Family Health Houses (specifications, design, requirements) (UNFPA-IOM);

UNODC is also collaborating with UNFPA, UNHCR, UNDP, ILO, UNCTAD, UN-Women, FAO on Alternative Development & Health

Engagement with relevant civil society organizations – including Afghan Midwife Association (UNFPA)



2. Community Livelihoods & Local Economic Activities

Selection of micro and small businesses (including women-led businesses) for livelihood-centered activities (UNHCR, UNDP)

Identification of providers to support the roll-out of the unconditional cash transfer schemes in the N&S regions (UNDP)

Preparations for Cash-for-Work (CfW) schemes– labour-intensive civil works- focusing on upgrading infrastructure (UNOPS)



3. Disaster & climate resilient infrastructure

Sites identified for disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities (UNDP)

Selection of beneficiaries for WASH and related infrastructure interventions (UNHCR;UN Habitat); UN-Habitat is also engaging with IOM, UNOPS and others to strengthen collaboration in this area (programme, operations)

Preparation of concepts for Disaster-Resilient infrastructure (UN Habitat)



4. Community Planning & Social Cohesion

Community engagement & participatory planning activities (e.g. UNHCR, IOM)

Training package on Prevention of Sexual Harassment; Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (UNOPS)

Engagement with Local Road Users Committees (LRUCs) for project site identification/ prioritization (UNOPS)

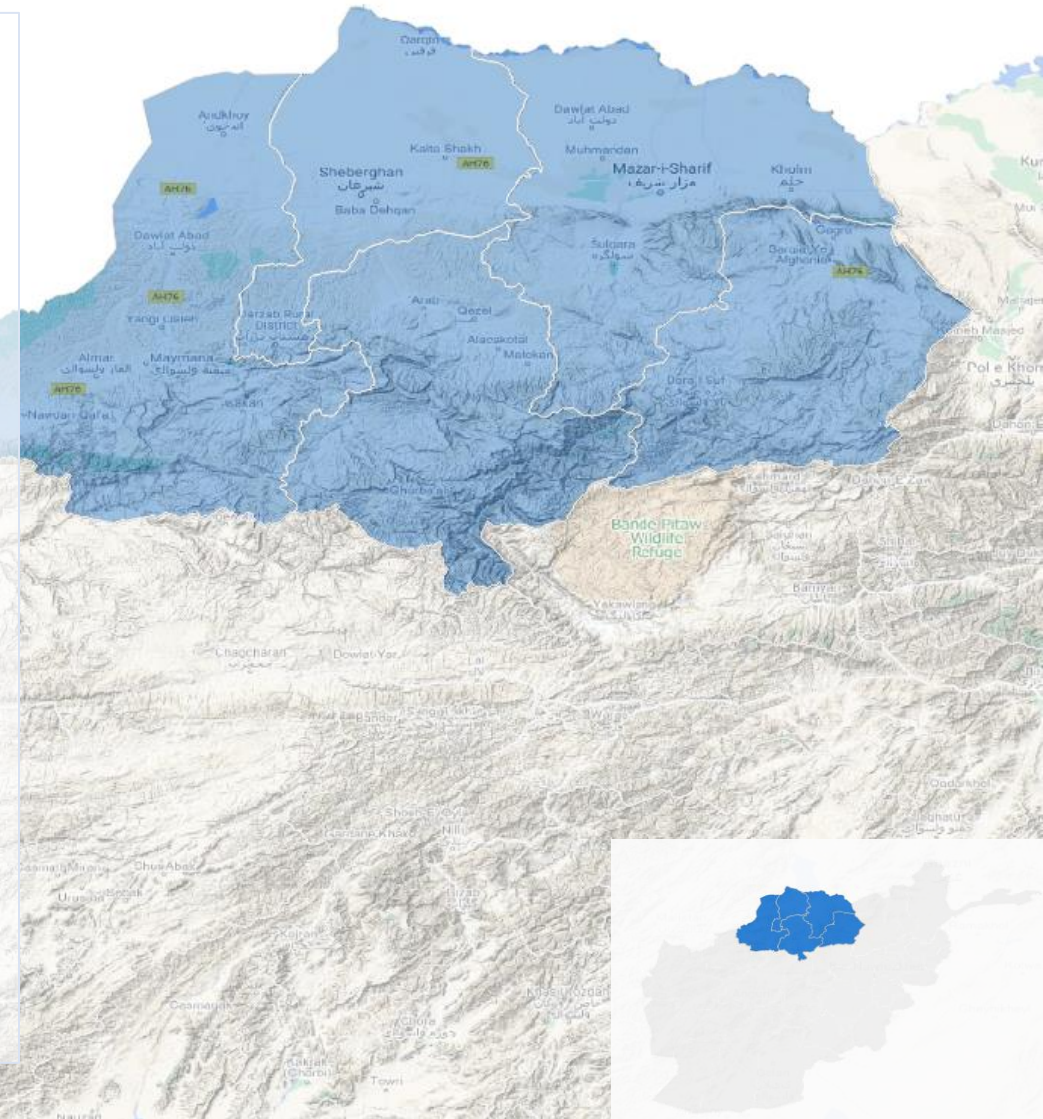
Snapshot on the development of Joint Programmes

Eduardo Shigueo Fujikawa, UNDP/SURGE

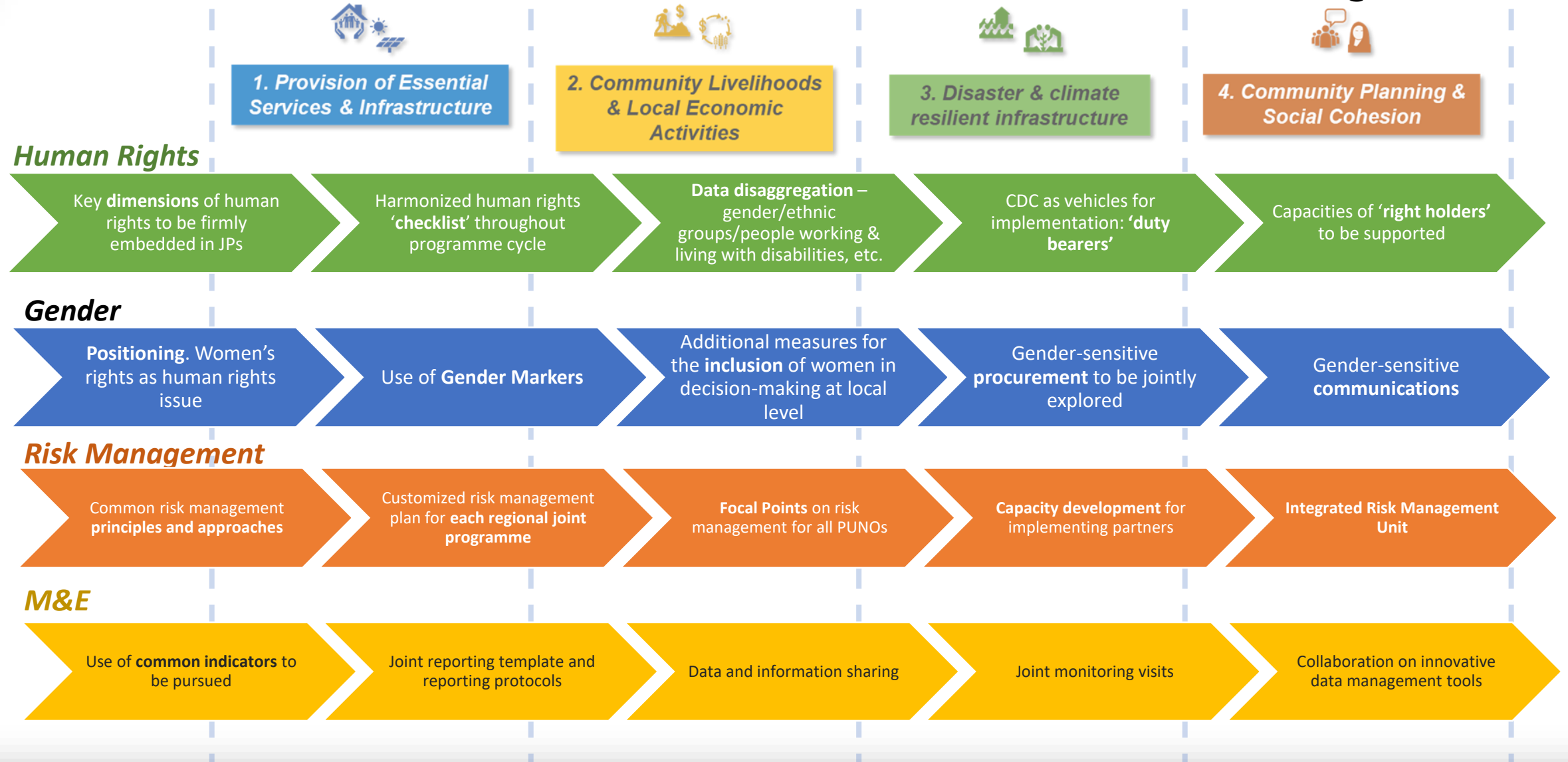
Mazen Gharzeddine, TFMU

Development of Regional Joint Programmes: A snapshot

- Northern region: First regional joint programme under the STFA/ABADEI Strategy contributing to the new UN Transitional Engagement Framework
- Comprehensive consultation process among PUNOs:
 - ✓ Meetings within the STFA Technical Working Groups;
 - ✓ A dedicated programme planning session hosted by ILO;
 - ✓ a 2-day Workshop for the definition of common principles for gender mainstreaming, human rights-based approach, risk management and M&E.
 - ✓ Regular updates to donors' community and recommendation arising from these exchanges
- Based on the 4 thematic windows of the ABADEI strategy;
- Informed by comparative advantage, experience, footprint and capacity of PUNOs in the Northern Region;
- Capitalizes on synergies and 'delivers as one' in a coordinated manner at local and central levels.
- Builds on recent available analysis and assessments
- Other seven regional JPs following a similar approach to that used for the Northern region



Cross-cutting themes



STFA Funding Requirements

Hiroko Massey, Trust Fund Manager, TFMU

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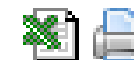
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| Totals | 101,760,625 | 98,878,116 | 97.17% |

[Source] MPTF Gateway: <https://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/AFG00>

STFA Funding Requirements



STFA/ABADEI Strategy support to Transitional Engagement Framework (TEF) Outcomes 2&3 (2022)

Total \$3.6B

Outcome 2: "Essential services are sustained that address basic human needs for the people of Afghanistan" \$3.4B

Outcome 3: "Afghanistan will preserve social investments and contribute to resilience, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence" \$207M

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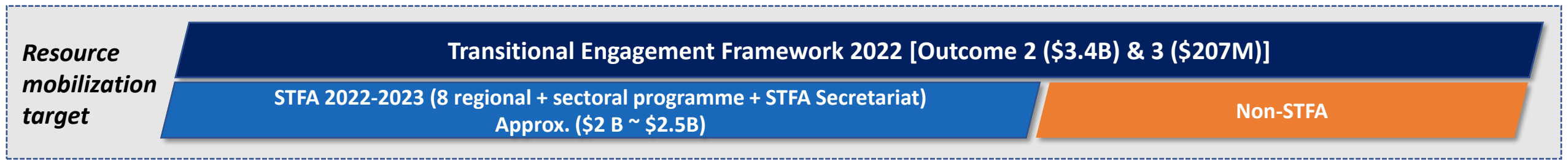
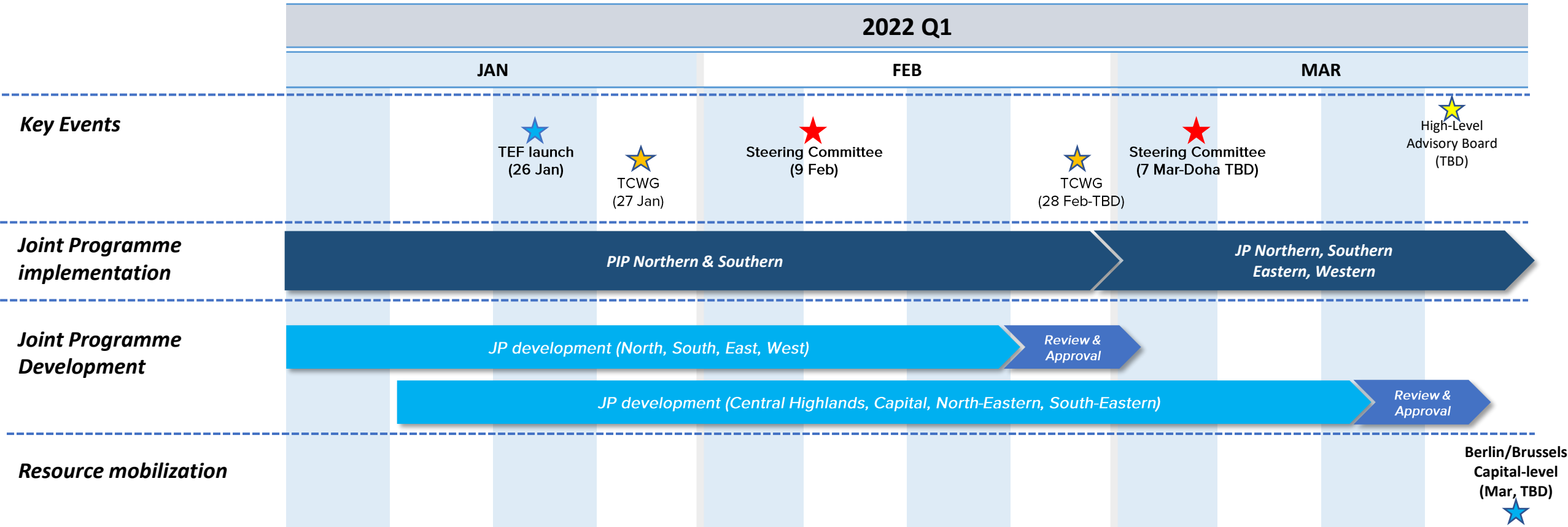
ABADEI Strategy

| Regions (24 months) | Amount (\$Million) | Sectors | Amount (\$Million) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Northern | \$150 M | Health | \$75 M |
| Southern | \$150 M | Unconditional Cash Transfers | \$275 M |
| Eastern | \$150 M | Energy | \$175 M |
| Western | \$150 M | Private Sector Recovery | \$175 M |
| Central | \$150 M | Agriculture and Rural Community Livelihoods | \$100 M |
| Central-Highlands | \$150 M | STFA Secretariat function | |
| North-Eastern | \$150 M | TFMU (\$4 M per annum) | \$4 M |
| South-Eastern | \$150 M | | |
| Total | \$1.2 B | | \$804 M |
| Estimated Grand Total | \$2 Billion | | |

Forecast of Business

Hiroko Massey, Trust Fund Manager, TFMU

Action points and forecast of business



Engagement with Partners in Doha (6 - 8 March 2022)



- *STFA Steering Committee meeting (Monday, 7 March, Doha)*
- *Bilateral meetings*
- *Social events*



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