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### **Background**

1. The IOM Development Fund (formerly known as Support for developing Member States and Member States with economy in transition – 1035 Facility) was established through Council Resolution No. 1035 of 29 November 2000. Member States are provided with information on the background of and guidelines for the management of the budget allocation to the fund at the sessions of the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance and at informal consultations.

2. In response to the Member States' request for additional funding, the fund was expanded by the Council at its Ninety-third (Special) Session with the adoption of Resolution No. 1150 of 7 June 2007.<sup>1</sup> The expanded fund became operational on 1 January 2008 and comprises two lines of funding. In 2011, the fund was renamed the IOM Development Fund at the request of Member States to better capture the essence of its objectives.

3. In 2012, a total of USD 8,282,329<sup>2</sup> is available for the IOM Development Fund. Discretionary Income of USD 1,400,000 (MC/2317) and USD 48,023 of recovered funds from closed Line 1 projects were allocated to Line 1, providing a total of USD 1,448,023 available funding at the beginning of the year for Line 1. At the close of the 2011 accounts, USD 6,746,560<sup>3</sup> in Discretionary Income, USD 61,906 of recovered funds from closed Line 2 projects and EUR 20,000<sup>4</sup> carried forward from 2011 (as reported in SCPF/75, Final report for 1 January to 31 December 2011) were allocated to Line 2, providing a total of USD 6,834,306 available funding at the beginning of the year for Line 2.

4. During the first quarter of 2012, the IOM Development Fund has already received more requests than the funds available for the year.<sup>5</sup> Applications are being processed following the procedures set out below in paragraphs 16 to 23. This year the applications focus on labour migration and migration and development, with requests also received in the areas of counter-trafficking, migration health, migration profiles and integrated border management. To strengthen the capacity of the fund, a new comprehensive public relations and fund-raising campaign has been launched to broaden the donor base and to explore fund-raising possibilities beyond the Member States, in the private sector.

### **Main characteristics of the IOM Development Fund**

5. In 2012, the IOM Development Fund will continue to provide a flexible means of responding rapidly and efficiently to the priorities of eligible Member States. The criteria and guidelines of the IOM Development Fund have been updated to provide practical guidance on

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the annual budgeted USD 1,400,000 allocation, Council Resolution No. 1150 of 7 June 2007 approved the IOM Strategy, which, inter alia, states that “25 per cent of Discretionary Income (excluding security) in excess of the 2007 Programme and Budget Discretionary Income of USD 20.5 million will be allocated to an expanded 1035 Facility starting in 2008” and that “The total amount available for the expanded 1035 Facility (excluding direct voluntary contributions) cannot exceed total miscellaneous income (unearmarked contributions and interest income).”

<sup>2</sup> The Governments of Austria, Belgium and the United States of America provided unearmarked contributions which are part of the Discretionary Income that funds the IOM Development Fund.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to the approval of the Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2011.

<sup>4</sup> A contribution made by the Government of Italy in 2011, but too late in the year to be allocated and therefore carried forward to 2012.

<sup>5</sup> Requests received at 15 March 2012 total USD 10,250,000.

the operation and management of the two funding lines of the fund. Current management guidelines can be found in all three official languages on the IOM Development Fund section of the IOM website ([www.iom.int/developmentfund/](http://www.iom.int/developmentfund/)) and are summarized below.

### **Beneficiaries of the IOM Development Fund**

6. The beneficiaries of the IOM Development Fund continue to be IOM developing Member States and Member States with economy in transition. Eligibility is based on the most recent version of the list of low-income to upper-middle-income economies, as designated by the World Bank. Countries that would otherwise be eligible because they are on the World Bank list will be excluded upon joining the European Union. Voluntary withdrawal from eligibility remains open to any eligible Member State.

7. Eligibility for funding from Lines 1 and 2 is as follows:

- Line 1: All eligible Member States may apply for funding and/or benefit from funded projects.
- Line 2: All eligible Member States not subject to Article 4 of the IOM Constitution may apply for funding and/or benefit from funded projects.

8. In the context of regional projects, non-Member States of IOM are included among the beneficiaries only where a majority of the beneficiaries are eligible Member States.

9. Non-Member States of IOM are not eligible to apply directly for support from the fund.

### **Types of projects eligible for funding under the IOM Development Fund**

10. Priority is given to capacity-building projects in the various areas of IOM activity, including research and feasibility studies related to such activities.

11. National and regional projects are eligible for funding.

12. Projects with good prospects for future funding and projects that provide co-funding or bridging funds are supported.

13. The types of activities not eligible for consideration by the IOM Development Fund include the following:

- (a) **Movements:** activities that are overseen by the IOM Resettlement and Movement Management Division, including IOM's traditional refugee and migrant transport and resettlement programmes.
- (b) **Emergency:** activities that are overseen by the IOM Department of Operations and Emergencies; for example, activities in response to the crisis in Libya.
- (c) **Major conferences and similar events** that are continuations of ongoing dialogues and similar, well-established activities. However, conferences and similar events that may be useful in launching new regional processes, opening new geographic coverage or increasing programme planning and implementation between IOM and Member States are not excluded.

- (d) Projects mainly supporting IOM staff and office costs, including projects proposed for the specific purpose of opening an IOM office, are excluded. IOM staff and office costs may, however, be included in the budget for project implementation according to standard IOM project development guidelines, to a limit of 30 per cent of the total project budget.
- (e) Assisted voluntary return projects, unless they include significant elements of government capacity-building alongside the return component.

### **Funding levels**

14. The following maximum funding levels apply:

- Line 1: USD 100,000 for national and regional projects. Exceptional increases for regional projects will continue to be considered up to USD 200,000.
- Line 2: USD 200,000 for national projects and USD 300,000 for regional projects. Funding requests beyond these limits will not be considered.

### **Project duration**

15. The maximum duration for projects funded under Line 1 will be 12 months. The maximum duration for projects funded under Line 2 will be 24 months.

### **Application procedure**

16. A project to be considered for funding can be presented by the government of an eligible Member State, including by its Permanent Mission in Geneva.

17. A project may also be presented by IOM offices, or by the IOM Headquarters departments.

18. All projects are referred to the participating IOM office(s) for coordination and support.

19. All submitted projects, including those submitted by the Permanent Mission in Geneva, must be supported by a written endorsement and request for IOM Development Fund funding by the respective capital. In the case of regional projects, a minimum of two eligible and benefiting Member States must endorse the proposal. If regional projects benefit many Member States, the fund management will request additional letters of support from a majority of the eligible and benefiting Member States and may require additional information on the expected outcomes and impact of the project. This endorsement should take the form of a letter to IOM from the cooperating arm of the government, citing the project and making specific reference to the fund support. Governments must also assign a focal point for the project before its implementation.

20. Projects must be presented using the IOM Development Fund template and indicate complete budgets, with total staff and office costs not exceeding 30 per cent of the total budget. Consistent with the *IOM Project Handbook*, projects should also receive endorsement from the relevant Regional Office and in some cases the relevant Headquarters department. In addition, projects may be reviewed and endorsed by the relevant IOM Headquarters department or one of their divisions before final consideration by the fund management.

21. It is not necessary for an eligible Member State to create the project document for consideration. Eligible Member States can discuss with, or otherwise relay their areas of interest to, the nearest IOM office, or IOM Headquarters; the relevant IOM unit will then work with the government to shape and finalize the document and the project design.

22. Project enquiries and applications are accepted throughout the year and in any of the three official languages of the Organization. The IOM Development Fund management has deadlines for the submission of regional applications. This measure is necessary to improve planning of the disbursement of funds with respect to both regional initiatives and national priorities.

- First deadline: 15 March 2012
- Second deadline: 30 June 2012

23. Requests for funding should specify the line under which funding is sought (Line 1 or Line 2). If the funding line is not specified, the fund management will consider projects under Line 1 or Line 2 based on the level of funding requested, the proposed duration of the project and the availability of funds. While incomplete applications will not be considered, requests that are unsuccessful because of funding shortfalls can be reconsidered for funding at a later date.

### **Funding allocations in 2012**

24. Project selection and funding allocations for national projects will be conducted throughout the year subject to the availability of funds. Regional project applications are subjected to deadlines as outlined in above paragraph 22.

### **Project tracking, reporting and management**

25. Projects funded by the IOM Development Fund are managed by the relevant IOM offices or, in exceptional cases, the relevant IOM Headquarters unit, in coordination with the appropriate arm of the government of the benefiting Member State. The Organization includes IOM Development Fund proposals in its normal project-tracking procedures.

26. Regular progress reports, including financial reports, are required through the established IOM reporting channels. The project manager is expected to ensure that any adjustments to the objectives and budget are made in concert with the relevant government counterparts and Regional Offices. Requests for project extensions and adjustments to the budget are submitted to the fund (once cleared by the Regional Office) for evaluation and approval.

27. For projects with a duration of 12 months and longer (including extensions), it is

necessary to submit a six-month interim narrative and financial report using the standard IOM Development Fund reporting templates, and a final narrative and financial report within three months of project completion. For projects with a duration of less than 12 months, it is not necessary to provide an interim report; however, such a report may be deemed appropriate by the fund management for projects extended to 12 months and longer.

28. For projects requiring an extension of more than three months after the due date, it is necessary to provide a written request from the relevant governments each time a new extension is requested.

29. The fund reviews the narrative and financial report. Financial reports must show a breakdown of operational costs according to key operational activities/project code structure, to match the budget categories of the original or approved revised budget. The financial reports are also endorsed by Regional Accounting Support in Manila or Panama depending on the project location. Upon project completion, final narrative and financial reports are forwarded to the relevant Permanent Mission(s) in Geneva by the IOM Development Fund. IOM offices also share project information/reports with relevant government counterparts.

30. The IOM Development Fund management conducts regular reviews and monitors the projects during their implementation period and upon project completion.

#### **Administrative support**

31. In order to ensure that the IOM Development Fund is properly administered, a dedicated administrative function based at Headquarters (for coordination within IOM and with the Permanent Missions) and further financial administrative functions at the Manila Administrative Centre (to help track and implement projects) are funded by the IOM Development Fund.

#### **Eligible Member States and financial summary: 1 January to 31 March 2012**

32. This document includes the following annexes:

Annex I: Line 1: List of IOM Member States eligible for allocations from the IOM Development Fund, by region, as at 31 March 2012

Annex II: Line 2: List of IOM Member States eligible for allocations from the IOM Development Fund, by region, as at 31 March 2012

Annex III: Line 1 and Line 2: IOM Development Fund financial summary: 1 January to 31 March 2012.

## Annex I

### Line 1: List of IOM Member States eligible for allocations from the IOM Development Fund, by region, as at 31 March 2012

(total: 106)

<b>Africa</b> 51 Members (48%)	<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b> 23 Members (22%)	<b>Asia</b> 19 Members (18%)
Algeria	Antigua and Barbuda	Afghanistan
Angola	Argentina	Bangladesh
Benin	Belize	Cambodia
Botswana	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	India
Burkina Faso	Brazil	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Burundi	Chile	Kazakhstan
Cameroon	Colombia	Kyrgyzstan
Cape Verde	Costa Rica	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Central African Republic	Dominican Republic	Mongolia
Chad	Ecuador	Nauru
Comoros	El Salvador	Nepal
Congo	Guatemala	Pakistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Guyana	Philippines
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Haiti	Sri Lanka
Djibouti	Honduras	Tajikistan
Egypt	Jamaica	Thailand
Ethiopia	Mexico	Timor-Leste
Gabon	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Gambia	Panama	Viet Nam
Ghana	Paraguay	
Guinea	Peru	
Guinea-Bissau	Uruguay	<b>Europe</b> 11 Members (10%)
Kenya	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Albania
Lesotho		Armenia
Liberia		Azerbaijan
Libya		Belarus
Madagascar		Bosnia and Herzegovina
Maldives		Georgia
Mali		Montenegro
Mauritania		Republic of Moldova
Mauritius		Serbia
Morocco		Turkey
Mozambique		Ukraine
Namibia		
Niger		<b>Middle East</b> 2 Members (2%)
Nigeria		Jordan
Rwanda		Yemen
Senegal		
Seychelles		
Sierra Leone		
Somalia		
South Africa		
South Sudan		
Sudan		
Swaziland		
Togo		
Tunisia		
Uganda		
United Republic of Tanzania		
Zambia		
Zimbabwe		

## Annex II

### Line 2: List of IOM Member States eligible for allocations from the IOM Development Fund, by region, as at 31 March 2012

(total: 88)

<b>Africa</b> 36 Members (41%)	<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b> 21 Members (24%)	<b>Asia</b> 18 Members (20%)
Algeria	Antigua and Barbuda	Afghanistan
Angola	Argentina	Bangladesh
Benin	Belize	Cambodia
Botswana	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	India
Burkina Faso	Chile	Kazakhstan
Cameroon	Colombia	Kyrgyzstan
Central African Republic	Costa Rica	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Chad	Ecuador	Mongolia
Comoros	El Salvador	Nauru
Congo	Guatemala	Nepal
Djibouti	Guyana	Pakistan
Egypt	Haiti	Philippines
Ethiopia	Honduras	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Jamaica	Tajikistan
Kenya	Mexico	Thailand
Lesotho	Nicaragua	Timor-Leste
Libya	Panama	Vanuatu
Madagascar	Paraguay	Viet Nam
Maldives	Peru	
Mali	Uruguay	
Mauritius	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	<b>Europe</b> 11 Members (13%)
Morocco		Albania
Mozambique		Armenia
Namibia		Azerbaijan
Nigeria		Belarus
Rwanda		Bosnia and Herzegovina
Seychelles		Georgia
South Africa		Montenegro
South Sudan		Republic of Moldova
Swaziland		Serbia
Togo		Turkey
Tunisia		Ukraine
Uganda		
United Republic of Tanzania		<b>Middle East</b> 2 Members (2%)
Zambia		Jordan
Zimbabwe		Yemen



**Annex III**

**Line 1 and Line 2: IOM Development Fund financial summary:  
1 January to 31 March 2012**

	USD	USD
<b>Line 1</b>		
2012 Discretionary Income allocation	1 400 000	
Recovered funds from completed projects	48 023	
Subtotal Line 1		1 448 023
<b>Line 2</b>		
2012 Discretionary Income allocation <sup>1</sup>	6 746 560	
Contribution from the Government of Italy <sup>2</sup>	25 840	
Recovered funds from completed projects	61 906	
Subtotal Line 2		6 834 306
<b>Total available funds</b>		<b>8 282 329</b>

	USD	%
<b>Total allocations made in 2012 under Line 1</b>	577 000	40
Balance available: Line 1	871 023	60
<b>Total allocations made in 2012 under Line 2</b>	2 063 647	30
Balance available: Line 2	4 770 659	70

<sup>1</sup> Subject to the approval of the Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Contribution made by the Government of Italy in 2011.