



Global Concessional Financing Facility

Country Coordination Committees (CCC)

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The GCFF was established in 2016 to provide concessional financing to support middle-income countries (MICs) that provide a global public good by hosting large numbers of refugees. The Facility is a partnership that brings together refugee hosting countries, donor countries, multilateral development banks, and the United Nations to enable eligible MICs to borrow at concessional rates for Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) projects that benefit both refugees and host communities. The GCFF also serves to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development assistance and enhances coordination between the UN, donors, multilateral development banks, and benefitting (hosting) countries.

Initially designed as a coordinated response by the international community to the Syrian refugee crisis, the GCFF expanded to the global level to help MICs address refugee crises wherever they occur. To date, it counts six benefitting countries, namely Colombia, Costa, Rica, Ecuador Jordan, Lebanon, and Moldova. The GCFF is currently supported by Canada, Denmark, the European Commission, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Development projects under the Facility are supported by five partner MDBs, acting as Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs): The World Bank, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IaDB).

Background

The governance structure, operating principles, guidelines and procedures for the GCFF are outlined in the Operations Manual (OM). The GCFF's decision-making body is the Steering Committee, comprised of representatives from each Supporting Country (SC) and Benefitting Country (BC). ISAs and the UN (notably UNHCR and UNDP) also participate as observers and provide expertise and guidance. The Steering Committee is co-chaired by a representative from the Supporting Countries and one from the Benefitting Countries. The Steering Committee provides leadership and oversight of the GCFF, approves strategic documents of the fund, and takes decisions on Funding Requests and allocation of GCFF funds. The Steering Committee is assisted by a secretariat, referred to as the Coordination Unit (CU) and the GCFF Trustee.

As the global footprint of the GCFF has expanded, so has the nature and complexity of its work. To strengthen country-level dialogue and coordination between BCs and GCFF stakeholders, and ensure the GCFF is responsive to BC priorities, establishment of Country Coordination Committees (CCC) in each of the Benefitting Countries are proposed, in line with the relevant provisions of the GCFF Operations Manual related to country level coordination. Where existing development aid coordination architectures exist, country level coordination on GCFF will be integrated into these structures wherever possible.

Roles and Responsibilities

The CCC will complement and support the strategic oversight and decision-making responsibilities of the Steering Committee by providing a country level forum to facilitate dialogue, coordination and discussion among GCFF stakeholders on how GCFF support can most effectively contribute to BC policies and programs related to refugees and host communities. The outputs, conclusions and recommendations of CCC meetings will be formally communicated to the Steering Committee as advisory inputs to inform its deliberations and decisions and will not derogate from the letter's decision-making responsibilities.

The Country Coordination Committees will have the following roles and responsibilities:

1. **In-Country Consultative Forum.** The Country Coordination Committee/s will serve as a participatory discussion and information sharing forum on issues related to development solutions to forced displacement and facilitate coordination on GCFF support among key stakeholders working in the country.
2. **Country funding priorities and requirements.** The CCCs will periodically review the country-level GCFF project pipeline based on Benefiting Country priorities, discuss financing needs for the pipeline, and consider options for prioritization and allocation of available funds between projects.
3. **Discussion of GCFF Funding Requests.** Country Coordination Committee/s will provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of GCFF funding requests before submission to the Steering Committee for review and decision.

Membership

The CCC will be Co-Chaired by representative of the Benefiting Country¹ and a representative of the development partners (GCFF donor countries) selected from among the members of the CCC on a consensus rotation basis for a one-year tenure. Members will include Heads of Agencies from respective ISAs, country level representatives of GCFF Supporting Countries, non-GCFF development partners, UN Agencies, UNHCR, GCFF Coordination unit and any other representative/expert/civil society representative etc on a needs/invitation basis as decided by the Co-Chairs.

Country Coordination Committees Operation Procedures

The Benefiting Country Co-chairing the CCC will provide the supporting secretariat to the CCC². It will be responsible for organizing and coordinating the meetings. It will frame the agenda and also prepare/circulate minutes of the meeting to the Committee. It will liaise closely with the GCFF Coordination Unit to ensure coordination with the Technical Advisory Group and GCFF Steering Committee. The calendar of CCC meetings will be decided by the CCC Co-Chairs in consultation with its members. Meetings can also be organized on an urgent basis depending on need. Key conclusions and recommendations (minutes etc) arising from the work of the CCC will be made available to the Technical Advisory Group and Steering Committee, two weeks prior of respective meetings through the GCFF Coordination Unit, to inform its deliberations and decisions.

Duration/Evaluation

After an initial period of two years the SC will review the results, operational procedures and structure of the CCC and make any changes to the present Terms of Reference that it considers necessary.

¹ Designated representative of the Benefiting Country to the Steering Committee.

² Where requested, an ISA may provide secretariat support to the Co-Chairs to support the work of the CCC.