

# Global Concessional Financing Facility Technical Advisory Group Meeting

October 23, 2024, by Video Conference

## Summary of Meeting

### Introductory Remarks

The co-chair of the meeting, Ms. **Ana Uzelac**, Senior Policy Officer, Development Approaches to Forced Displacement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Representative of the Netherlands, welcomed participants to the TAG meeting. Ms. **Uzelac** introduced the agenda of the meeting.

*Item for Presentation/Discussion: **Update on Funding Plan 2024-25***

### Key Points:

- Members appreciated country level consultations in Armenia and Ecuador on the country project pipelines and looked forward to other Benefiting Countries (BC) completing the process in line with the Steering Committee (SC) decision by 29 October.
- Funding Plans include preliminary and indicative GCFE funding requirements based on MDB project pipelines and are presented to the SC for information and serve to facilitate strategic dialogue on how the GCFE can most effectively support BC priorities. No decisions are taken by the SC on the Funding Plan and project(s) submitted for SC consideration are dealt with separately.
- Funding Plan financing targets are determined by adding total projected loan values and total required GCFE grant funding minus financing currently available for allocation and pledged contributions.

**Recommendation:** *Inclusion in Funding Plan of brief narrative outlining the rationale behind BC pipelines to help understand how these projects fit into the national development framework and support host communities and refugees.*

*Item for Presentation / Discussion: **Second Independent Evaluation of GCFE***

### Key Points:

- GCFE Operations Manual foresees an independent evaluation of the Facility every three years. The last evaluation was completed in April 2021. Proposal to initiate second evaluation in early 2025, to be completed by December 2025.
- Important role of TAG in the development of the Terms of Reference (TOR).

**Recommendation:** *Coordination Unit (CU) to share report and TOR of first independent evaluation with TAG members to inform a dedicated meeting on development of the TOR. Coordination Unit to organise a dedicated TAG meeting focused specifically on the development of this TOR.*

*Item for Presentation/Discussion: **Update on GCFE Knowledge / Learning Deep Dives***

### Key Points:

- Emerging findings from the research indicate important lessons in advancing dialogue and action on refugee inclusion policies through instruments like the GCFE.
- Takeaways from the studies can feed into development of the independent evaluation TORs.

*Item for Presentation/Discussion: Update on PSO Modality Technical Note*

**Key Points:**

- GCFF CU to develop a Scoping Note which will be shared and discussed with partner ISAs for the formulation of the PSO Modality Technical Note.
- CU will provide regular updates to TAG on the development of Note and will organise a dedicated meeting for input/feedback on a draft prior to presentation in the SC.

**Recommendation:** *Coordination Unit (CU) to plan a dedicated TAG meeting on the PSO Modality once the draft Scoping Note has been shared (most likely beginning 2025).*

**AOB/Closing**

Members encouraged organisation of regular TAG meetings to discuss important GCFF business and provide quality input to SC discussions. The next TAG meeting will be organised in November.

Ms. **Uzelac** thanked members for a productive second meeting and looked forward to continuing discussions in the TAG.