

IASC Somalia Protection Cluster Mixed Migration Task Force

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF) was established in April 2007 with UNHCR and IOM acting as co-chairs, under the auspices of the Inter Agency Standing Committee's (IASC) Protection Cluster. The purpose of the task force is to develop a rights-based strategy to ensure a comprehensive coordinated response to protection and humanitarian needs of migrants and asylum seekers transiting through Somalia. The MMTF reports to the UNCT / IASC, through the protection cluster.

MMTF membership includes OCHA, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, the Danish Refugee Council and the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Objectives

- A. Develop an inter-agency strategic framework for effective humanitarian interventions with respect to Mixed Migration in Somalia, and to guide UNCT/IASC Somalia and other stakeholders in a comprehensive operational response to mixed migration flow.
- B. Define an advocacy and capacity building strategy focusing on enhancing local awareness and local capacity to mitigate the consequences of mixed migration in Somalia.
- C. Strengthen inter-country initiatives and promote a regional approach to mixed migration, notably through information sharing and joint planning, involving all relevant stakeholders.

Expected Output

The following three main outputs are expected from the MMTF:

(1) Develop an inter-agency coordinated strategic framework for humanitarian intervention on mixed migration flows:

- Identify key actors mandates, capacities, and resources to ensure effective humanitarian interventions.
- Support the field based task forces in developing strategies to address the local protection and assistance needs, particularly for affected vulnerable groups within mixed migration flow.
- Assist in the identification of needs and gaps and propose relevant responses.
- Contribute in drafting a comprehensive action plan to increase protection and assistance particularly for affected vulnerable groups within mixed migration flow.
- Monitor the progress of the comprehensive coordinated operational response.
- Ensure consistency of MMTF Somalia's approach with the other countries in the region.
- Recommend specific approaches for the Somalia UNCT/IASC to engage in both Somali wide and Regional dialogue(s).

(2) Define an advocacy and capacity building plan:

- Support the promotion of an improved understanding of issues related to mixed migration flows in Somalia with national authorities, NGOs, donor representatives, UN agencies, and the affected groups.
- Recommend methodological approaches to raise awareness and improve accountability amongst the different stakeholders in Somalia.

- Assist to enhance capacities and improve practices of government authorities dealing with mixed migration flow.
- Seek international recognition of the mixed migration phenomena and its humanitarian consequences.

(3) Establish linkage to ensure effective regional coordination and dialogue:

- Facilitate regional initiatives, ensuring that the MMTF strategy for Somalia positively contributes and supports a regional strategy.
- Support approaches by the Somalia UNCT/IASC to engage in a regional dialogue with all affected countries.