Migration Action Group
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WORK PLAN

The Migration Action Group seeks to accomplish the following objectives, broken down into 4 streams, which the individual work plan items are geared to achieve:

- **Research and Knowledge:** provide a forum for discussion to identify priorities such as geographic or demographic contextualities; gaps in research and knowledge; and establish a research agenda and advocate for its advancement.

- **Resource Mobilization:** act as a central hub that gathers inputs on events, opportunities for funding and partnerships, linking members to relevant options and facilitating joint endeavours.

- **Strategy and Policy Development:** help position country level action group members to integrate issues relevant to migration into Pathfinder and regional priority-setting.

- **Tools and Technical Cooperation**: connect members to each other, to broader expertise, and other networks, fora, processes and compacts, to maintain access to diverse actors, best practices, tools, and lessons learned in the context of SDG 8.7 and migration.

Items to be Coordinated by the Migration Action Group	**Research and Knowledge**	Establish migration-focused research agenda
		Provide subject matter expertise to review material
		Contribute to Delta 8.7 agenda
		Contribute lessons learned, established practices and tools to A8.7 website
		Maintain a running list of existing or on-going research undertaken by members.
	Resource Mobilization	Seek multi-donor funds to support group functions
		Post project funding opportunities and Calls for Proposals
	Strategy and Policy Development	Finalize standard set of policy recommendations
		Members participate in Pathfinder, identify policy and programming needs, alert the group and follow up
		Continue developing a list of menu items for stakeholders to take up
		Establish basic checklist of relevant policies and conventions applicable at country level
	Tools and Technical Cooperation	Connect relevant parties to requests for expertise
		Identify linkages to implementation of the Global Compact
		Contribute to on-going calendar of relevant events
		Establish basic checklist of 'migration considerations'
		Inclusion of victim/survivor representatives

Menu of Items for Group Members to take up	Research and Knowledge	Announce on-going and completed research
		Select a research topic, draft a TORs, and advance the research independently or in partnership
		Consider facilitating access to respondents for up-coming research
		Contribute ideas to living research agenda
		Insert migration-related considerations into existing research designs.
	Resource Mobilization	Mobilize funds independently or in partnership with other action group entities
		Align projects with up-coming events, campaigns, and milestones
	Strategy and Policy Development	Attend Pathfinder Country consultations and follow up on identified needs
		Integrate considerations for child/forced labour and migration in humanitarian settings
		Identify a select policy recommendation and incorporate this into an existing program at country level
		Contribute to A8.7 Knowledge Platform with blog posts
	Tools and Technical Cooperation	Support the Voluntary National Review process at country level
		Support programs or initiatives addressing negative attitudes towards migrants
		Support the initiation of shadow reporting
		Align activities to support implementation of the Global Compact on Migration

ANNEX A – Work Plan Narrative

ANNEX B – Proposed Research Agenda

ANNEX A – Work Plan Narrative

Activities Coordinated by the Action Group directly

Research and Knowledge
Establish Migration-Focused Research Agenda

Built upon discussion in the Strategic Workshop, reconfirm evident and emerging gaps in research relating to migration and modern slavery, thereby creating a list research needs based upon diverse expertise and consultation.

Provide subject matter expertise to review material

Serve as a pool of accessible, diverse experts with strengths in various sub-topics, who can be called upon to support fellow group members by reviewing and commenting on project design, Terms of Reference, research reports, advocacy and assessments.

Contribute to Delta 8.7 agenda

Provide feedback to Delta 8.7 on types of measurements or indicators that the current knowledge base is lacking, to promote the examination of trends relevant to migration and SDG 8.7.

Maintain list of on-going research

Maintain a running list of existing or on-going research undertaken by members,

Contribute lessons learned, established practices and tools to A8.7 website

Upload and contribute materials, reports, lessons learned, and technical tools to the Migration Group page on the Alliance 8.7 website, thereby providing access to additional knowledge and examples.

Resource Mobilization
Seek multi-donor funds to support group functions

Jointly seek funding from multiple donor sources to attain financial security for maintaining basic coordinating functions at minimum.

Post project funding opportunities and Calls for Proposals

Highlight funding opportunities in the realm of SDG Target 8.7 to the group, to be posted online or circulated among members.

Strategy and Policy Development
Finalize standard set of policy recommendations

Building upon the recommendations highlighted in the Migration Vulnerability and Child Labour reports, establish a basic set of policy recommendations that support the safety and well-being of migrants, to be applied to any context.

Participate in Pathfinder process, identify policy and programming needs and follow up

Ensure Action Group representation at national Pathfinder consultations; support the identification of country-level policy recommendations and programming needs. Feed back outcomes to the action group and facilitate follow up at the country level.

Continue developing a list of menu items for stakeholders to take up

As a group, continually identify practical activities, project ideas, and opportunities for advocacy to be added to the menu list. As new trends, priorities, or urgent issues emerge, in any location or context, group members could express this in a group discussion forum and alert the broader network to appropriate interventions

Establish basic checklist of relevant policies and conventions applicable at country-level

Identify relevant policy and legal approaches, conventions, and protocols that – to the best of our knowledge – contribute to mitigating risks and vulnerabilities of migrants; protect migrants' well-being, and nurture opportunities for dignified, organized migration pathways and employment options.

Tools and Technical Cooperation

Connect relevant parties to requests for expertise

Remain as a hub of diverse membership and expertise, which can connect practitioners to policy makers, to academics and other stakeholders and demands arise.

Identify linkages to implementation of the Global Compact on Migration

As steps to realise the Global Compact (GCM) are laid out, identify entry points to support and reinforce GCM principles and objectives as appropriate, and provide feedback on implementation and challenges.

Contribute to on-going calendar of relevant events

Maintain a running calendar of events and milestones related to migration and SDG Target 8.7. Make this living document public on the A8.7 website and include links for participation.

Establish basic checklist of 'migration considerations'

Noting that a frequent suggestion is to incorporate 'considerations for migration' across numerous themes and topics, there is value in establishing a basic checklist of what these considerations might be, applicable to most contexts globally. Theoretically, it would span topics from education policy to language support, training of judiciary, to discrimination. Such a checklist could accompany representatives to Pathfinder consultations and other fora such as UN Country Team, stakeholder meetings, Clusters. It could inform research indicators and general project design.

Inclusion of victim/survivor representatives

Where appropriate and while safeguarding the well-being of victims or survivors, ensure people with lived experience are included in action group discussions, at both the global level and country level where accessible.

Menu of Initiatives for Members to Consider

Research and Knowledge
Announce on-going and completed research
To keep members informed and to avoid unnecessary duplication, post or circulate updates on forthcoming, on-going, or recently completed research relevant to migration and SDG 8.7. This will also contribute to a collection of relevant research materials for members to access. Communication can be channelled through the action group co-chairs to upload or can be uploaded independently via the Alliance 8.7 planned online communication platform.

Select and advance a research topic independently or in partnership
Review the research agenda for feasible, relevant topics, and undertake a research activity to contribute to the body of knowledge, funds permitting.

Consider facilitating access to respondents for up-coming research
Noting up-coming or forthcoming research activities, consider where each organization's comparative advantage may be able to facilitate access to necessary subject matter or respondents. This could include participants for interviews or focus group discussions where appropriate; connections to stakeholders or representatives; access to declassified files or background reports.

Contribute ideas to living research agenda
Note additional gaps in knowledge and data and bring these ideas to the action group to log on the suggested research agenda, for researchers to consider.

Resource Mobilization
Mobilize funds independently or in partnership with other action group entities
Apply for funding for an SDG 8.7 specific project, independently or in conjunction with a relevant partner, to maximize resources and share risk.

Select a research topic and draft a TORs
Take note of the most salient research gaps and priorities on the research agenda and draft a TORs that can be put forth for review by the action group, and advocate for funding.

Align projects with up-coming events, campaigns, and milestones
See list of events noted in the Strategic Workshop: take opportunities for public advocacy around SDG 8.7 and migration; exposure, enforcing the necessity of migration protection, dignity and well-being.

Insert migration-related considerations into existing research designs
In existing plans, ensure considerations for migration and/or migration-specific indicators are included in the research design. Piggybacking on existing, funded research initiatives can obtain additional data on migration that maybe contribute to greater knowledge and more successful programming. Likewise, considerations of modern slavery and human trafficking topics could be integrated into research on migration.

Strategy and Policy Development

Attend Pathfinder Country consultation and follow up on identified needs

In your organization's countries of operation, ensure the Pathfinder consultations are attended and key concerns noted. These can be reported to the broader group but can also be followed up directly in-country, for example, revising projects or initiating projects that better address the needs identified in the national consultations.

Integrate considerations for child/forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking and migration in humanitarian settings

In humanitarian settings and in coordination with relevant clusters, include migration and/or SDG 8.7-specific indicators in household surveys and routine monitoring. Augment existing protection measures and livelihoods initiatives to account for the unique vulnerabilities of migrants and risks of exploitation and modern slavery in humanitarian settings.

Identify a select policy recommendation and incorporate this into an existing program at country level

Extract recommendations from related research reports and integrate these into existing project activities where resources, time, and donor flexibility allow. Where possible, entire project activities could be designed around several recommendations.

Contribute to A8.7 Knowledge Platform with blog posts

Showcase the diverse expertise of the action group and contribute to further sharing of lessons learned by composing blog posts for posting.

Tools and Technical Cooperation

Support the Voluntary National Review process at country level

Where States are inclined, support Voluntary National Review processes at the country level, even if tracking and reporting is not exclusive to SDG 8.7 indicator(s).

Support programs or initiatives addressing negative attitudes towards migrants

Perceived as a major contributor to exploitation, discrimination, and violence towards migrants, take on a program or campaign that advocates for inclusion and acceptance of migrants including migrant children in all circumstances.

Support the initiation of shadow reporting

Where relevant and where support is sought, contribute to the development and undertaking of shadow reporting, whereby states of comparable status evaluate each other on various matters, including human development indicators and SDG progress.

Align activities to support implementation of the Global Compact on Migration

Follow GCM progress and where feasible, link activities to implementation of Global Compact objectives.

ANNEX B –PROPOSED RESEARCH AGENDA

The following issues were identified during through research products and the action group strategic workshop as being high priority for better understanding the trends and global picture of trafficking and exploitation among migrants, to be able to achieve SDG Target 8.7:

- **Estimates of modern slavery: how many migrants are in modern slavery** and how many people in modern slavery are migrants;
- **Concept of offenders**; who, where, motivations, methods; gather typologies of perpetrators in different types of modern slavery.
- **Age and gender** and their impacts on vulnerability to modern slavery.
- **Recruitment of child soldiers** from migrant and displaced populations.
- **Understudied regions**, where high prevalence is indicated but there is limited or no research, such as Southern Africa, China, Russia, Central Asian Republics, Islamic Republic of Iran, Somalia, Burundi, and Mauritania.
- **Protective factors**, such as how cultural norms and diasporas can be better leveraged to provide protection for migrants rather than misinformation and exploitative networks that benefit offenders.
- **Impact of state-sponsored forced labour** (e.g. in Eritrea, North Korea) on migrant populations both inside and outside of their country of origin, and possible preventative measures
- **Negative Attitudes towards migrants and/or xenophobia**: drivers, impact, mitigating measures, measuring what works;
- **Impact** of perceivably migrant friendly or unfriendly policies;
- **Forced marriage**: where it intersects with migration and SDG 8.7;
- **Frequent but unclarified question of 'poverty'** as an indicator of higher risk of exploitation;
- **Disaggregation of age brackets** among migrant children in forced labour and left behind by migrant parents;
- **Impact of health and disability on migration and vulnerability** to exploitation, trafficking, and modern slavery;
- **Impact of migration on children left behind** by migrating / seasonally migrating family members.