The IOM Development Fund provides seed funding for innovative capacity development initiatives in a range of migration-related areas.

- In 2021, the Fund awarded more than $16,000,000 in funding to 58 new projects, benefiting 67 IOM Member States.
- Thematic Reviews were conducted of Fund projects related to Gender, Diaspora Engagement, and Migration Health.
- A curated booklet was developed cataloguing many of the most successful Scaled-Up Initiatives among Fund projects.
- The Fund remains a leading source of knowledge management at IOM, integrating Results-Based Management practices into all process and conducting ex-post evaluations on all projects.
- The Fund, in collaboration with the Policy Hub and other others, developed a Guidance Note on Migration Policy Development.
- More information is available at developmentfund.iom.int.

**2021 Snapshot:**
- 254 Active Projects Worldwide
- 41 Projects Finalized in 2021
- 58 New Projects Funded in 2021
- 115,468 Migrants Positively Impacted by Projects in 2021
- 6,838 Government Officials Benefited from Projects in 2021
- 100% of Projects are Gender Mainstreamed (2a or 2b)
- 100% of Projects Mainstream MiGoF, SDG Targets, & IOM Migration & Sustainable Development Strategy

**Top 10 SDGs Addressed by New 2021 Projects**

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

**Strategic Results Framework Long-Term Outcomes Addressed by New 2021 Projects**

- 1A: Lifesaving Response and Humanitarian Assistance
- 1B: Humanitarian Protection
- 1C: Enhanced Assistance and Response Systems
- 2A: Addressing Drivers and Structural Factors
- 2B: Rights and Protection from Violence, Exploitation, and Abuse
- 2C: Transition and Sustainable Recovery
- 2D: Equitable, Inclusive Societies with Access to Essential Services
- 3A: Efficient, Innovative and Responsive Channels for Regular Migration
- 3B: Well-managed Migration Flows and Well-being during Mobility
- 3C: Identity Management and Migration Administration
- 3D: Migrant Rights and Protection
- 4A: Data and Evidence for Policy-making
- 4B: Strong Migration Governance, Coherent with Related Policies and Legal Frameworks
- 4C: Countering Xenophobia and Negative Perceptions of Migration

The completed projects have been highly visible, including an innovative project in Djibouti that constructed a digital Fabrications Lab, and an initiative in Brazil to engage local governments in migration management.

These projects have been featured on UN News and through IOM MCD articles, and the project in Brazil launched an online platform to continue the engagement.

**2021 Completed Project Highlights:**

- Several projects leveraged IOM tools, including Migration Profiles, the IIRIS platform, and the Displacement Tracking Matrix.
- Several labour migration projects leveraged the IIRIS platform to build capacities, and the DTM was successfully adopted in Mongolia to improve data collection on mobility patterns related to climate change and natural hazards.

Diaspora engagement and MECC projects constituted more than 20% of the completed projects in 2021.

Across both thematic areas, projects focused on strengthening capacities to both understand and properly integrate diaspora- or MECC-related considerations into national strategies.

Nearly 20% of the completed 2021 projects were related to migration research and publication.

These projects funded the completion of Migration Profiles, helped establish a data portal in Tunisia and provided 50 grants for under researched migration topics in Senegal, among other things.