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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2021-14.020130-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 15 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 15 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing⁸	Indirect management with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.1			

1.2. Summary of the Action

Afghanistan has been identified as a long-term priority country for addressing migration and forced displacement in Asia. The New Pact on Migration and Asylum (September 2020)⁹ proposed by the European Commission calls for protecting refugees and people in need of international protection and promotes building economic opportunities in particular for youth, addressing root causes of irregular migration, as well as reinforcing partner countries' capacities on migration management and governance.

In view of the recent military victory of the Taliban, the likelihood of adverse weather events also due to climate change and subsequent increased forced displacement, actions will be required to improve the immediate protection of and (legal) assistance to forcibly displaced persons and their host communities, as well as to provide medium-term socio-economic support. This includes the extension of services to children and women in Afghanistan, who have suffered from growing insecurity, economic challenges and socioeconomic hardships. Six in ten children aged below 17 years are affected by multidimensional poverty – a prominent driver for forced displacement.

Learning from the progress made since 2016 in the first phase of 'Children on the Move', the action will support (re)integration services for unaccompanied minors, youth and their families, including on-arrival assistance, psychological support, family tracing and re-unification. In addition, the intervention will support (1) education and income generating activities for forcibly displaced youth and vulnerable host community member and (2) economic opportunities for indebted families to avoid negative coping mechanisms such as child labour, child marriage or other types of harmful practices.

⁸ Art. 27 NDICI

⁹ COM(2020) 609 final of 23.09.2020 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum