

DIGITAL INCLUSION FUND - Programme 101

This Fund is aimed at UNHCR country operations. Financial resources are made available through the Innovation Service's cost centre and this can be internally charged for all relevant expenditure. Options for delivery include **Project Partnership Agreements** (these cannot be split across multiple cost centres), or **Direct Implementation** which also covers procurement of goods and services. The funds available cannot be used to cover staffing, however may – to an extent – be used to bring on board temporary consultants. All commitments need to be raised before UNHCR's internal end of year deadlines (for example, for purchase orders).



Access to funds

Access to funds will be through charging the UNHCR Innovation Service Cost Centre (CC). There will be no OL transfer and access to the financial resources will not impact the operations OL / AOL figures.



Direct Implementation

POs must be raised before the final 2022 deadline. Funds on that PO can be expended into the subsequent year as per standard procurement rules. Unused requisitions that do not convert to POs in advance of the deadline must be cancelled.



PPAs and Short Form Agreements

Often UNHCR teams will deliver projects through partnership agreements. PPAs and Short Form agreements can be explored as solutions for delivery. In doing this, however, note that PPAs cannot be split across different CCs. If you would like to cover line items in a PPA you will need to cover costs through your existing CC and charge other items up to the same value, to the Innovation Service CC.

Deadlines

Commitments must be made before the close of accounts for 2022 with no exception! The funds provided are made available through earmarked contributions from our donor - the Government of Luxembourg - for 2022 ONLY. Extensions will generally not be considered. The Innovation Service has the right to reallocate funds if not committed by the operation and check-ins will be frequent to ensure schedules are met. A review of expenditure will be undertaken on 30th September to determine whether re-allocation is required.