

# **Global Concessional Financing Facility Trust Fund**

# **Financial Report**

# Prepared by the Trustee

As of March 31, 2024



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### Introduction

The Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) was established in July 2016 as part of the *New Financing Initiative to Support the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region* which aimed to provide additional financing on more favorable terms to countries in the MENA region impacted by forced displacement, conflict and economic instability. In September 2016, the GCFF was expanded to a global facility in order to provide middle income countries the development support needed to address refugee crises across the globe.

In October 2022, the GCFF Steering Committee agreed to re-configure the GCFF window structure by: (i) establishing regional windows for Latin America and East and Central Europe (ECE), (ii) renaming the existing Lebanon/Jordan window as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) window, and (iii) retaining the Global window, Jordan window and Lebanon window. This new window structure was fully operational and effective on January 1, 2023.

This report covers the financial status of the GCFF Trust Fund. It is produced by the Trustee (World Bank) in accordance with the Trustee's role in the GCFF Operations Manual and Standard Provisions for the Contribution Agreements/Arrangements (Section 6):

"The Trustee will maintain separate records and ledger accounts with respect to the funds deposited in the Trust Fund and transfers made therefrom. The Trustee will report to the Steering Committee semi-annually on the financial status of the Trust Fund, including information on the status of Contributions, investment income, Allocations, Commitments, transfers and funds available for approval by the Steering Committee."



### **GCFF Trust Fund Financial Summary as of March 31, 2024**

#### **Pledges and Contributions:**

A pledge represents a Supporting Country's expression of intent to make a contribution. Pledges are formalized as Contributions by way of a countersigned Contribution Agreement/Arrangement.

As of March 31, 2024, contributions to the GCFF Trust Fund totaled <u>USDeq. 952.00 million</u> which has been deposited as cash into the GCFF Trust Fund.

There are no outstanding pledges or contributions.

#### Investment Income:

As of March 31, 2024, the GCFF Trust Fund earned investment income of approximately USD 46.09 million on the liquid balances in the GCFF Trust Fund and investment income received from Implementation Support Agencies (ISA).

#### Funding Approvals:

As of March 31, 2024, the GCFF Steering Committee had approved funding from the GCFF Trust Fund totaling <u>USD 962.33 million</u> to cover Concessionality amounts and ISA Costs, as well as Administrative Budget of the GCFF Coordination Unit and Trustee.

#### Funds Held in Trust:

Funds Held in Trust<sup>1</sup> reflect contributions paid-in from Supporting Countries, plus investment income, less cash transfers. Funds Held in Trust as of March 31, 2024 amounted to <u>USD 155.26 million</u>.

### Funds Available for GCFF Steering Committee Funding Decisions:

Funds available to support GCFF funding decisions amounted to USD 35.76 million as of March 31, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Funds Held in Trust represents balance of cash, investments and unencashed promissory notes (if any) as of the reporting date.



## **1.** GCFF Trust Fund Summary – Inception through March 31, 2024

In USD millions

	Total	% of Total
Supporting Country Pledges and Contributions		
Contributions	952.00	100.0%
Pledges a/		0.0%
Total Pledges and Contributions	952.00	100.0%
Cumulative Resources		
Resources received		
Cash Receipts	952.00	95.4%
Investment Income earned b/	46.09	4.6%
Total Resources Received	998.09	100.0%
Resources not yet received		
Contributions not yet received	-	0.0%
Pledges outstanding	-	0.0%
Total Resources not yet received	-	0.0%
Total Potential Resources (A) (in USD millions)	998.09	100.0%
Cumulative Funding Decisions		
Concessionality	953.07	99.0%
ISA Costs	2.50	0.3%
Administrative Budget	6.75	0.7%
Total Funding Decisions Net of Cancellations (B)	962.33	100.0%
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions (A) - (B)	35.76	
Funds Available		
Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions	155.26	
Approved Amounts Pending Cash Transfers	119.50	
	35.76	

a/ This does not include potential pledges that may be provided if a Supporting Country enters into a loan agreement with IBRD wherein grant amounts may be generated to benefit GCFF

b/ Represents investment income earned on the liquid balances of the GCFF Trust Fund and investment income received from ISAs

Note: Sub-totals may not add up due to rounding



## 2. Pledges and Contributions as of March 31, 2024

#### In millions

				Effective (or signed) Contribution in Currency of Contribution				Rec							
Supporting Country	Curr	Pledge in Currency of Contribution	USDeq. a/	Global	MENA	Jordan	Lebanon	ECE	Total	Global	MENA	Jordan	Lebanon	ECE	Receipts in USD b/
Canada	CAD	69.00	52.66	19.00	40.00	10.00	-	-	69.00	19.00	40.00	10.00	-	-	52.66
Canada	USD	2.50	2.50	2.50	-	-	-	-	2.50	2.50	-	-	-	-	2.50
Denmark	DKK	507.10	78.92	437.10	-	70.00	-	-	507.10	437.10	-	70.00	-	-	78.92
European Commission	EUR	5.00	5.36	-	5.00	-	-	-	5.00	-	5.00	-	-	-	5.36
Germany	EUR	91.48	102.41	-	67.65	23.83	-	-	91.48	-	67.65	23.83	-	-	102.41
Japan c	:/ USD	184.42	184.42	14.56	128.06	25.00	-	16.80	184.42	14.56	128.06	25.00	-	16.80	184.42
Netherlands	EUR	73.00	82.66	13.00	20.00	-	30.00	10.00	73.00	13.00	20.00	-	30.00	10.00	82.66
Netherlands	USD	10.04	10.04	-	-	-	-	10.04	10.04	-	-	-	-	10.04	10.04
Norway	NOK	634.20	72.42	40.00	594.20	-	-	-	634.20	40.00	594.20	-	-	-	72.42
Sweden	SEK	180.00	20.24	-	180.00	-	-	-	180.00	-	180.00	-	-	-	20.24
Sweden	USD	30.00	30.00	10.00	20.00	-	-	-	30.00	10.00	20.00	-	-	-	30.00
United Kingdom d	l/ USD	40.30	40.30	-	-	40.30	-	-	40.30	-	-	40.30	-	-	40.30
United Kingdom	GBP	102.50	135.08	8.00	-	94.50	-	-	102.50	8.00	-	94.50	-	-	135.08
United States	USD	135.00	135.00	100.00	-	35.00	-	-	135.00	100.00	-	35.00	-	-	135.00
Total			952.00												952.00

a/ Represents (1) actual US dollar value of paid-in cash contributions and/or (2) March 31, 2024 value of pledges outstanding and/or unpaid contribution amounts

b/ Represents actual USD receipts

c/ Includes grant amount

d/ Represents grant amount only

Note: totals may not add up due to rounding



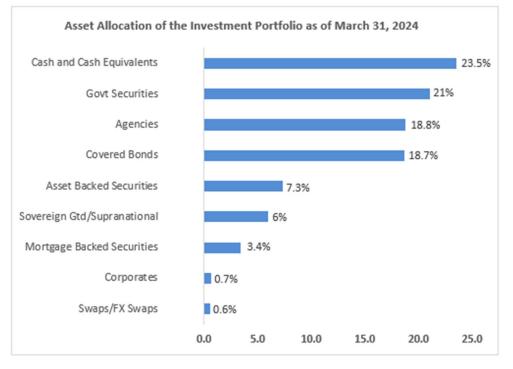
### 3. Asset Mix and Investment Income

#### ASSET MIX

The undisbursed cash balance of the GCFF Trust Fund is maintained in a commingled investment portfolio ("Pool") for all trust funds managed by the World Bank. Within this pool. GCFF Trust Fund funds are invested in a short term, high quality fixed income portfolio with an investment horizon of up to one year.

The investment objectives for the GCFF Trust Fund are to optimize investment returns subject to preserving capital and maintaining adequate liquidity to meet foreseeable cash flow needs, within a conservative risk management framework.<sup>2</sup>

The portfolio allocation by asset class has the largest allocations to money market instruments and government securities.



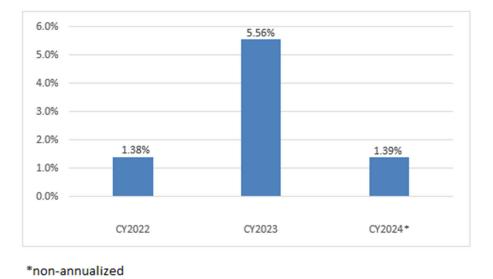
#### **INVESTMENT RETURNS**

Portfolio performance during the quarter was mixed and driven by the interest rate path dictated by the US Federal Reserve Bank. The quarter started with slight steepening of the US treasury curve, followed by a robust labor market report, and higher than expected inflation in February that pushed investor expectations for a March 2024 monetary policy easing by the US Fed further out in the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> World Bank defines the market risk measures and tolerances for Model Portfolios of 1-year or less investment horizon as 99% CVaR be no worse than -0.25%; and for Model Portfolios of longer than 1-year but less or equal to 5-year investment horizon as 99% CVaR be no worse than -1%.

Fed officials reiterated the "Higher for Longer" narrative for US interest rates as they need to see evidence of sustained improvement in inflation towards the target 2% before any monetary policy easing. This led to sharp repricing of interest rates across the yield curve in February. At the March FOMC, the Fed suggested that it is on path for 3 rate cuts in 2024 while reducing the number of rate cuts in 2025. This led to lower interest rate volatility with marginal decline in long term yields. The Portfolio positioning continues to be duration neutral.

The portfolio returns for the GCFF Trust Fund liquid portfolio (managed by the World Bank) or undisbursed cash balance<sup>3</sup> during the first quarter of calendar year 2024 was 1.39%, non-annualized.



## ESG SUMMARY REPORT – GCFF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As per the investment management strategy implemented by the World Bank, the funds held in trust benefit from the approach to Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI), which considers and incorporates Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors into Trustee's investment processes. The implementation of ESG Integration falls within the purview of existing authorizations by the World Bank Board. Based on the endorsement by the World Bank management, starting from July 2019, the Trustee has applied ESG Integration as the default SRI approach for all portfolios managed by the World Bank, including for the GCFF Trust Fund assets.

Considering and incorporating ESG factors into investment processes should, all things being equal, lead to portfolios that have stronger ESG profiles compared to portfolios that do not explicitly consider these ESG issues. ESG Integration has become part of the existing investment processes and is intended to help fulfil the existing investment objectives. The application of ESG Integration as part of the investment process would not involve any changes in the current investment objectives or risk limits for the GCFF Trust Fund portfolio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Excludes investment income received from ISAs totaling USD 26.78 million.

The GCFF investment portfolio is primarily comprised of short-term high-grade fixed-income securities (sovereign, supranational and agency securities and bank deposits), and as of March 31, 2024, the portfolio has an ESG Quality Score\*of 6.70 and an ESG Rating\* of A. Based on its ESG positioning in the MSCI ESG Fund Ratings Universe (upper right of Figure 1), which is deemed to be the more consistent reference indicator, GCFF's investment portfolio falls in the second quartile of the ratings universe. This reflects average capability of GCFF portfolio's holdings in terms of managing key medium to long term risks and opportunities arising from Environmental, Social and Governance factors.

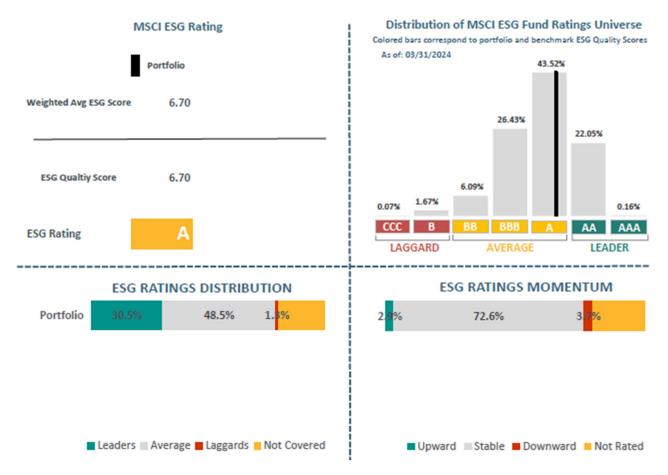


Figure 1: MSCI ESG Portfolio Summary – Global Concessional Financing Facility Trust Fund

\* <u>Note</u>: ESG Quality Score is based on MSCI ESG Ratings and measured on a scale of 0 to 10 (worst to best) following a rule-based methodology. ESG Ratings Momentum represents the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings that have had an ESG Ratings upgrade, and those with a downgrade, since their previous ESG Rating assessment. The ESG Quality Score is calculated as a weighted average of ESG scores of individual holdings adjusted by ESG Ratings Momentum and ESG laggards (if any). The weight applied to the individual ESG scores is determined by the portfolio weight of individual holdings as of the reporting date. Based on the above, the ESG Quality Score, which is subject to potential skewing effect from any factor in the calculation, could slightly vary between different reporting dates along with changes in individual holdings and their portfolio weights as well as changes in ESG Ratings Momentum. Please see details on MSCI ESG Ratings Methodology <u>here</u>.



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## 4. Cumulative Funding Decisions as of March 31, 2024

### In USD millions

Concessionality	ISA	Global	MENA	Jordan	Lebanon	ECE	Total
Armenia - 2nd Green, Inclusive & Sustainable DPO	IBRD	4.64	-	-	-	11.36	16.00
Colombia - Fiscal Sustainability,							
Competitiveness and Migration Development	IBRD	31.50	-	-	-	-	31.50
Colombia - Improving Quality of Healthcare							
Services and Efficiency	IBRD	37.60	-	-	-	-	37.6
Colombia - Resilient and Inclusive Housing	IBRD	21.70	-	-	-	-	21.70
Colombia - Social and Economic Integration of Migrants	IBRD	26.40	-	-	-	-	26.4
Colombia - Program to Support Policy Reforms for							
Social & Economic Inclusion of Venezuelan Migrant	IADB	17.59	-	-	-	-	17.5
Costa Rica - Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial							
Development	IBRD	20.00	-	_	-	-	20.0
Ecuador - Second Inclusive and Sustainable	TONO	20.00					20.0
Growth Development Policy Financing	IBRD	6.00	-	-	-	-	6.00
Ecuador - Second Green and Resilient Recovery							
Development Policy Financing	IBRD	30.00	-	-	-	-	30.0
Ecuador - Third Inclusive and Sustainable							
Growth Development Policy Financing	IBRD	14.10	-	-	-	-	14.10
lordan - Economic Opportunities	IBRD	-	11.24	39.76	-	-	51.0
lordan - Ain Ghazal Wastewater	EBRD	-	1.95	-	-	-	1.9
ordan - Energy and Water Development	20.00		1.55				1.5
Policy Loan	IBRD	-	-	25.00	-	_	25.0
				23.00		_	
ordan - West Irbid Wastewater	EBRD IBRD	-	2.50 7.95	5.95	-	-	2.5 13.9
lordan - Emergency Health		-			-	-	
landan - Emergenen Health (Add'l Financing)	IsDB	-	12.01	8.99	-	-	21.0
ordan - Emergency Health (Add'l Financing) ordan - Education Reform Support	IBRD IBRD	-	18.17 41.88	40.73 10.42	-	-	58.9 52.3
	IBRD	-	3.49	15.11	-	-	18.6
ordan - Education Reform Support (Add'l Financing)					-	-	
ordan - First Equitable Growth and Job Creation	IBRD	11.26	18.45	81.29	-	-	111.0
ordan - Youth, Technology and Jobs Project	IBRD	-	-	36.90	-	-	36.9
ordan - COVID19 Emergency Response Add'l Financing	IBRD	-	11.92	0.58	-	-	12.5
ordan - Private Sector Guarantee Facility	EIB	-	30.00	-	-	-	30.0
lordan - Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain							
Development and Innovation	IBRD	-	17.28	6.62	-	-	23.9
lordan - Water Sector Efficiency Program	IBRD	-	48.65	1.35	-	-	50.0
ordan - Water Security and Climate Adaptation	EIB	_	52.73	1.63			54.3
lordan - People-Centric Digital Government PforR	IBRD	-	27.32	1.68	16.40		29.0
ebanon - Roads and Employment	IBRD	-	28.91	-	16.49 0.04	-	45.4
ebanon - Health Resilience	IBRD IsDB	-	24.16 5.89	-	0.04	-	24.2 5.9
obanon Croater Beirut Bublic Transport	IBRD	0.94	1.20	-	0.01	-	2.5
ebanon - Greater Beirut Public Transport	IDRD	0.94	14.18	-	0.43	-	2.5 15.0
ebanon - Wheat Supply Emergency Response ebanon - COVID-19 Response	IBRD	-	2.05	-	0.82	-	2.0
•	IDRD	-	2.05	-	-	-	2.0
Moldova - Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness	IBRD	9.24					9.2
•	IDRU	9.24	-	-	-	-	9.2
Moldova - Emergency Response, Resilience and	1000	0.4.4				16.06	25.0
Competitiveness DPO2	IBRD	8.14	-	-	-	16.86	25.0
Moldova - Education Quality Improvement	IBRD	-	-	-	-	10.00	10.0
	-	239.11	381.93	276.01	17.80	38.22	953.0
SA Costs			0.47				
EBRD		-	0.17	-	-	-	0.1
		-	1.23	0.00	-	-	1.2
sDB		-	0.05	0.01	0.00	-	0.0
ADB BRD		0.04 0.35	- 0.34	0.20	0.02	0.08	0.0 0.9
	-						
		0.39	1.80	0.21	0.02	0.08	2.5
Administrative Budget							
Coordination Unit		0.49	2.50	0.59	0.24	0.00	3.8
Trustee	-	0.34	1.91	0.51	0.17	0.00	2.9
		0.83	4.41	1.10	0.41	0.00	6.7

Note: totals may not add up due to rounding



## 5. Funds Available as of March 31, 2024

In USD millions

	Tot	al	Glo	bal	IIM III	NA	Jord	an	Lebai	non	ECE	
1. Cumulative Receipts		998.09		247.39		395.68		277.41		39.16		38.44
a. Cash receipts from Supporting Countries	952.00		238.57		370.91		270.19		34.65		37.67	
b. Investment Income earned a/	46.09		8.81		24.77		7.22		4.51		0.77	
2. Cumulative Cash Transfers		842.83		215.64		308.02		274.01		18.24		26.92
a. Concessionality	833.71		214.47		301.88		272.70		17.80		26.86	
b. ISA Costs	2.36		0.34		1.73		0.21		0.02		0.06	
C. Administrative Budget	6.75		0.83		4.41		1.10		0.41		0.00	
3. Funds Held in Trust ( 3 = 1 - 2 )		155.26		31.75		87.66		3.40		20.92		11.53
4. Funding Decisions Pending Cash Transfer		119.50		24.69		80.12		3.31		-		11.38
5. Funds available to support Steering Committee decisions ( $5 = 3 - 4$ )		35.76	_	7.06	=	7.54		0.09	=	20.92	=	0.14

Note: totals may not add up due to rounding



## Glossary

Term	Definition
Cash and Investments	The Trust Fund's share in the co-mingled cash and investment pool.
Cash Contribution	Contribution or Installment provided in the form of cash, including promissory note encashments
Cash Transfer	Cash payment made to an Implementation Support Agency under a Financial Procedures Agreement
Contribution	The funds provided and to be provided by a Supporting Country to a Trust Fund, as specified in the Contribution Agreement/Arrangement, or in the Instrument of Commitment
Contribution Agreement/ Arrangement	An agreement or arrangement between a World Bank entity, as Trustee, and a Supporting Country, setting forth specific terms for the receipt and use of a specific Contribution for a specific Trust Fund
Contribution Paid-In	Contribution or Installment provided in the form of cash, Promissory Note or other instruments acceptable to the Trustee
Contribution Receivable	Any portion of a Contribution that is not a Qualified Contribution to be received in the form of Cash or Promissory Note
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF)	Financial arrangements that leverage a variety of public and private resources in support of global development initiatives and partnership. These Funds involve financial engineering or complex finance schemes, or where the Bank provides a specified set of administrative, financial or operational services
Financial Procedures Agreement	An agreement or arrangement between a World Bank entity, as Trustee, and Partner Entity for the commitment and transfer of funds by the Trustee to the Partner Entity under terms that do not involve Bank responsibility post-transfer
Funding Availability	Assets available to support funding decisions, as calculated under a specific basis of commitment.
Funds Held in Trust	Cash and Investments plus unencashed Promissory Note balance
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Implementation Support Agency	Any agency receiving funds from a FIF, which is responsible for managing those funds for project activities as approved by the governing body
Investment Income	Returns (realized and unrealized) on cash and investments, allocated to individual Trust Funds
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
Pledge	A Contributor's expression of its intention to make a Contribution
Promissory Note (if applicable)	A document consisting of a promise to pay that is non-interest bearing and payable on demand