ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT’S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1:
End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Supporting Target(s): 1.4; 1.a

ICAO Activity

ICAO developed a strategic planning document for a possible Global Air Transport Plan (GATP) with the objective to provide a long-term vision and aspirational goals in harmonizing the air transport framework in all Member States and to set the strategy to foster the development of a sound and economically-viable civil aviation system globally through targeted economic policies and supporting activities. The results of these endeavours will contribute to the growth of civil aviation activities and the efficiency of air transport; hence, to the global economy and the expansion of trade and tourism. These activities promote that all men and women have access to economic resources, transportation services and new technologies.

ICAO facilitates States’ access to financial resources to be invested in connectivity and infrastructure improvement projects that can assist States in taking poverty alleviating actions and in dealing with emergency situations. The Organization also analyses and facilitates the flow of financial resources and Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) for trade-related assistance for Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Furthermore, ICAO promotes the importance of connectivity and air liberalization, through partnerships with other UN agencies (e.g. UNWTO), regional and global meetings and subsequent declarations (e.g. the 2018 Guyana Declaration on Sustainable Air Transport Development), as drivers for better access to transportation of passengers and goods, such as humanitarian aid. These activities contribute to SDG 1 by ensuring significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources and contributing to the provision of adequate and predictable means to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its forms, in particular LDCs.