


Innovative Initiatives: Project Highlights



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Cover Photo: A member of the ‘Espace Creatif’ Fabrications Laboratory team at the University of Djibouti explains some of the cutting-edge work done there to a member of the Djiboutian Government. The ‘fab lab’ was established in 2019 through an IOM Development Fund supported project, “Creative Space Pilot Initiative: Access to Technology and Livelihoods for Returning Migrants in Djibouti,” with the objective of providing further opportunities for economic empowerment for potential and returning young Djiboutian migrants, and was recently handed over to the government to sustain and upscale. Learn more about the project on Page 27. © IOM 2019/Natalie OREN

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Introduction:

The aim of this booklet is to serve as a resource and reference for Missions and Regional Offices seeking to innovate. By compiling 60+ projects from 2014-2019 assessed as innovative for their unique components, the goal of this booklet is to highlight good practices and foster exchange of project implementation experiences across regions and thematic areas, to strengthen innovation in IOM Development Fund projects, as well as in the whole of the organization.

Featured projects were selected using innovation criteria, determined by the categories laid out in the index (community engagement, technology/data, infrastructures, etc). The booklet is structured so the projects are grouped by categories and alphabetically listed per country within categories. There are also indexes grouping initiatives by Regional Office and by Project Type at the back of this booklet, for easy reference. This booklet does not represent an exhaustive list of innovative projects supported by the IOM Development Fund, but rather a curated selection. All projects support SDG 10, particularly Target 10.7, and relevant additional SDGs have been highlighted for many projects.

Since 2001, the IOM Development Fund has provided a unique global resource aimed at supporting developing Member States in their efforts to strengthen their migration management capacity. With over 600 projects implemented in more than 115 countries worldwide, the Fund has successfully addressed the capacity-building needs of eligible Member States by providing essential “seed funding” for innovative projects.

What do we mean by Innovation?

Community Engagement:

Innovation in the Community Engagement context explores unique approaches which differ from the standard community consultations, for example, **using transnational or decentralized networks to support local development** (Madagascar 2019; Mexico 2019) or **where beneficiaries lead the planning** to find durable solutions to climate change (Papua New Guinea 2014).

Corporate Sustainability:

Innovation in the Corporate Sustainability context focuses on **transforming business practices though engagement with the private sector** to advocate and ensure ethical recruitment (Hong Kong SAR, China, Bangladesh, Philippines 2018, Jamaica 2017), or to combat the exploitation of migrant workers and eliminate modern slavery and trafficking (Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam 2015).

Education:

Innovation in the Education context incorporates **creating standardized and globally relevant educational material on key migration issues** (South Pacific 2017) or **sharing IOM's knowledge with migrant and host communities** locally to combat xenophobia and protecting migrant rights (Peru 2019).

Entrepreneurship:

Innovation in Entrepreneurship fosters **new business ecosystems to facilitate socioeconomic inclusion and improve livelihood opportunities** through multistakeholder partnerships (Bangladesh 2018), youth engagement (Dominica 2018), and global networks (Djibouti 2018).

Infrastructure:

Innovation in the Infrastructure context focuses on the **creation of new migration management systems** (Azerbaijan 2019) or **different physical centres** to serve migrants' needs (Micronesia 2014) and create spaces for knowledge exchange and collaboration (Kenya 2014).

Media:

Innovation in the Media context focuses on **using diverse platforms to change the narrative on migration** (Global 2017) or spotlight powerful and humanizing migrant stories through migrant voices (Philippines 2018).

Policy:

Innovation in the Policy context **builds the capacity of governments to adapt migration policy to local contexts** (Brazil 2018) while **also setting global standards** (Global 2016, Mesoamerica 2018) or **contributing to the achievement of the SDG 2030 agenda** (Armenia 2016).

Research:

Innovation in the Research context focuses on **gaps in knowledge and evidence to bring to the forefront unexplored topics in migration**, such as evaluating the psychological impact of migration on children (Cambodia 2017) or the linkages between migration, health and mining (Southern Africa 2016).

Technology & Data:

Innovation in the Technology and Data context focuses, for example, on **harnessing big data to identify and connect with the diaspora** (Armenia 2018), **developing apps to protect migrants** (Central Asia 2017), or **generating digital maps to track migrant health** (Central America 2019).

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Community Engagement

Reintegration Assistance for Unaccompanied Children

Project Title: Building Government Capacity for Post-Arrival and Reintegration Assistance to Unaccompanied Children Returning to El Salvador and Honduras



Community Engagement

Project Overview:

This project aimed to strengthen reintegration assistance for youth through the development of an inter-institutional reintegration assistance protocol; provision of scholarships and support for income-generation projects to returnees; and by providing technical assistance on psychosocial services for children at entry points.

Innovation:

The project engaged with authorities and community leaders at the local level to provide workshops on psychosocial assistance, group counseling and job skills training for unaccompanied minors returning to their community of origin in El Salvador and Honduras.

**Preguntas y respuestas
acerca de la migración**



Project Information:

IOM Mission: Honduras

Project Code: RT.1066

Year: 2014

Funding: 280,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

El Salvador, Honduras

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Diaspora Youth Supporting Local Development



Project Title: Diaspora Youth Volunteer Programme in Madagascar

Community Engagement

Project Overview:

This project supported the development of normative and institutional capacities in Madagascar by implementing concrete initiatives which strengthen engagement with the diaspora, through the setting up and implementation of a pilot volunteering programme for youth from the Malagasy diaspora, including young women. The pilot programme aimed to connect youth in the Malagasy diaspora community with local community members to facilitate knowledge, resource and cultural exchange.

Innovation:

This project uniquely focused on youth and provided young people with Malagasy origins with the opportunity and tools to partner with local communities in Madagascar to work together to drive development forward. As a targeted and enriching form of diaspora engagement, this strengthened the connection of the Government of Madagascar with its diaspora, especially young members.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Madagascar

Project Code: CD.0023

Year: 2019

Funding: 150,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Madagascar

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Establishing 'Sister Cities' for Integration

Project Title: Establishing "Sister Cities" in Mexico for the Integration of Migrants



Community Engagement

Project Overview:

This project contributed to the socioeconomic integration of migrants from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras into host communities in Mexico by promoting cultural and academic exchanges and trade between cities of origin and host cities in Mexico. These broad-based 'sister city' partnerships strengthened social cohesion, combatted discrimination, encouraged respect for human rights irrespective of nationality, and thus facilitated the overall integration of migrants into their new environments.

Innovation:

Through the formalization of partnerships for migrant integration at the municipal/city level, the project focused on integration using a decentralized and transnational approach, in collaboration with various stakeholders such as municipal governments, civil society organisations, the private sector, and academia. Further, the project aimed to identify opportunities for collaboration between cities of origin and of destination in Mexico to improve the acceptance of migrants by host communities.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Mexico

Project Code: IS.0022

Year: 2019

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Mexico

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Grassroots Development Planning

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Project Title: Building Capacity of Papua New Guinean Government to Respond to Climate Change and Engage Grassroots Structures in Development Planning for the Atolls (ATOLLS)

Community Engagement

Project Overview:

The project assisted the Government of Papua New Guinea through the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) to increase its capacity to find durable solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change induced migration in Papua New Guinea through greater consultations and community based environmental planning.

Innovation:

The project involved the implementation of alternative livelihood strategies in the form of income-generating activities for communities affected by climate change and effectively engaged with climate-affected communities enabling them to have greater input into the development initiatives that impact them. Capacity-building was also conducted on community-based planning and training for transformation.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Papua New Guinea

Project Code: CE.0263

Year: 2014

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Papua New Guinea

Project Duration: 20 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Community-based Peacebuilding and Development

Project Title: Community Based Tribal Conflict Mitigation and Peace Building in Enga and Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea (COMBAT-COMIT) – Phase I



Community Engagement

Project Overview:

The first phase of this project promoted sustainable peace and reconciliation solutions in communities highly impacted by conflict and subsequent human induced mobility in Papua New Guinea through assessments, capacity-building and community-based peace and development planning activities.

Innovation:

The project succeeded in establishing community-driven recovery and development peace building projects in districts / wards impacted by conflict and population mobility through community-based planning and training for transformation.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Papua New Guinea

Project Code: CS.0743

Year: 2015

Funding: 86,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Papua New Guinea

Project Duration: 21 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Community-based Tribal Conflict Mitigation and Peacebuilding

Project Title: Community Based Tribal Conflict Mitigation and Peace Building in Enga and Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea (COMBAT-COMIT) – Phase II



Community Engagement

Project Overview:

The second phase of this project promoted sustainable peace and reconciliation solutions in communities highly impacted by conflict and human induced mobility in Papua New Guinea. By targeting tribal conflict induced displaced communities, the project contributed to resolving some of the main sources of tension that have sparked conflict over the years, including disputed land claims, environmental and climate change and the movement of vulnerable people.

Innovation:

This project took an innovative approach to sustainable peace and reconciliation, evaluating and solving the root mobility-related issues at the heart of the conflict. Through participatory approaches, the project included engagement with local government structures, tribal mediation and Do No Harm training and the implementation of settlement and resolution mechanisms. The project also serves as a strong example of IOM gender mainstreaming.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Papua New Guinea

Project Code: CS.0820

Year: 2016

Funding: 114,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Papua New Guinea

Project Duration: 15 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Combatting Ebola through Local Engagement

Project Title: Strengthening Local Authorities and Community-based Actors' Capacity to Prevent the Spread of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa



Community Engagement

Project Overview:

The project worked with local authorities and community-based organizations to raise awareness and conduct effective outreach activities on the Ebola virus disease (EVD) at ports of entry and border areas in three countries. The project organized capacity-building for border officials and local authorities, identified hard to reach communities, conducted community engagement for awareness-raising and distributed EVD prevention kits.

Innovation:

Community leaders, community health workers and traditional practitioners were targeted for outreach and community awareness activities to ensure local buy-in and knowledge sharing on combatting EVD. This holistic and localized approach to awareness raising brought together a wide range of specialists and ensured greater sustainability and impact.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Senegal

Project Code: MA.0328

Year: 2014

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Senegal

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Corporate Sustainability

Setting a Benchmark for Ethical Recruitment

Project Title: Promoting Recruitment Industry Reform to Achieve Ethical Recruitment (PROSPER) in Bangladesh and Nepal



Corporate Sustainability

Project Overview:

This project contributed to safeguarding the rights of migrant workers through promoting ethical recruitment practices in Bangladesh and Nepal and introducing tailor made capacity building interventions for voluntary licensed private recruitment agencies (PRAs) through the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) initiative. This was achieved through mentoring and coaching individual PRAs and assisting them to prepare for IRIS certification.

Innovation:

The IRIS initiative supported by this project works by defining and setting a benchmark for ethical recruitment (the IRIS Standard) with a voluntary certification scheme for ethical labour recruiters, with a compliance and monitoring mechanism. IRIS aims to bring transformative change by supporting ethical labour recruiters, promoting the Employer Pays Principle; improving due diligence by companies, governments and workers; and increasing transparency in recruitment processes and labour supply chains.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Bangladesh

Project Code: LM.0195

Year: 2019

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Bangladesh, Nepal

Project Duration: 30 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

A New Ethical Recruitment Tool: IRIS SAFER

Project Title: Promoting Ethical Recruitment and Decent Work Among Private Sector Partners by Strengthening Company Policies to Protect Domestic Workers



Corporate Sustainability

Project Overview:

This project contributed to eliminating and preventing exploitation and human trafficking by providing private sector partners with practical guidelines and solutions for the implementation of ethical recruitment and decent work practices. The project worked together with Hong Kong-based private sector partners, in particular multinational enterprises, to enhance their employment contract and code of conduct to ensure compliance of their employees with ethical recruitment and decent work principles.

Innovation:

The Wellmark Employment Agency, alongside staff from 10 other private recruitment agencies, designed a new ethical recruitment self-assessment tool, IRIS SAFER. IRIS SAFER is an online tool developed to prevent the exploitation of migrant workers. IRIS SAFER, which stands for the International Recruitment Integrity System-Self Assessment For Ethical Recruitment, is designed for use by the representatives of labour recruiters to assess their current level of adherence to the IRIS principles as set forth by the IRIS Standard.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Hong Kong SAR, China

Project Code: LM.0356

Year: 2018

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Bangladesh; Hong Kong SAR, China; Philippines

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Pre-Departure Orientation Curriculum for Migrant Workers

Project Title: Promoting Integrity in International Recruitment and Migrant Skill Development in Jamaica



Corporate Sustainability

Project Overview:

The project contributed to the protection of Jamaican migrant workers recruited internationally and has promoted development and circulation of their skills. The initiative gathered evidence on the current gaps and challenges pertaining to international recruitment from Jamaica and built the capacity of the Government of Jamaica and other stakeholders to improve the integrity of international recruitment processes, protect worker rights and facilitate skills development and retention.

Innovation:

This project has put forward a new and improved curriculum for pre-departure orientation for Jamaican migrant workers, having mapped labour supply chains and recruitment processes along key labour migration corridors from Jamaica and in key occupations, such as healthcare. The new pre-departure orientation ensures greater protection of Jamaican migrant workers and promotes regional and international circulation of skills and knowledge.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Jamaica

Project Code: LM.0333

Year: 2017

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Jamaica

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

'Making the Business Case' for Ethical Recruitment

Project Title: Upholding the Rights of Migrant Workers in Special Economic Zones by Ensuring Supply Chains are Exploitation Free: Viet Nam, Cambodia and Lao PDR



Corporate Sustainability

Project Overview:

The project empowered businesses to better understand and respond to the complex human and labour rights challenges that are posed by unethical recruitment practices in their supply chains and, through the adoption of ethical practices, bring forward transformative change to the recruitment practices of Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Multi-National Corporations (MNCs), their suppliers and the recruitment industry. Project activities included capacity-building and advocacy with SMEs in targeted sectors.

Innovation:

Through investing in advocacy and awareness-raising activities targeting the private sector, the project succeeded in achieving a greater understanding of migration issues in the private sector supply chain and concrete technical assistance-type interventions in sustained partnerships with the private sector - the 'Corporate Responsibility in Eliminating Slavery and Trafficking' (CREST) framework.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Viet Nam

Project Code: CT.0921

Year: 2015

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Mobility

Ethical Recruitment Principles to Protect Migrant Workers

Project Title: Enhancing Industry Capacity to Implement Ethical Recruitment Models in Viet Nam and Nepal to Protect Migrant Workers in South Korean Businesses' Supply Chains



Corporate Sustainability

Project Overview:

Multinational corporations employ large numbers of migrant workers in Asia and are increasing their engagement with governments to take measures to eliminate exploitative labour practices, including slavery-like conditions, from their supply chains. By recognizing the links between unethical recruitment practices and decent work deficits for migrant workers, this regional project contributed to the protection of the human rights and labour rights of migrant workers by promoting ethical recruitment by private sector actors.

Innovation:

This project built the capacity of government and business stakeholders in Nepal, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and Viet Nam, and to translate private sector commitments into effective ethical recruitment schemes and action plans to reduce the risk of human trafficking and slavery. IOM's IRIS and CREST initiatives, initially piloted in other IOM Development Fund projects, provided relevant platforms to build communities of practice, increasing the scale of both projects.

Project Information

IOM Mission: Viet Nam

Project Code: LM.0334

Year: 2017

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Nepal, Republic of Korea,
Viet Nam

Project Duration: 24 Months



IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Education

Protecting the Human Rights of Migrants in South America

Project Title: Reinforcing the Human Rights Approach to Migration Policies of the MERCOSUR Member States and the Associated States



Education

Project Overview:

One of the main IOM strategies in South America is to support the protection of migrants' human rights in the framework of the regional integration process in the MERCOSUR. The main objective of this project was therefore to strengthen the capacity of the MERCOSUR Member States and the Associated States to ensure the protection of human rights of migrants, including vulnerable groups.

Innovation:

This project produced a new manual on the Protection of Migrants' Human Rights in the MERCOSUR context, including tools for better public policy design and services for regional migrants. It also included novel research on Haitian migration towards MERCOSUR Member States and Associated States and a case study on access to economic, social, and cultural rights for MERCOSUR migrants in the municipality of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The image shows the cover of a book titled 'Migrantes regionales en la ciudad de San Pablo'. The cover features a stylized graphic of a person's leg and foot, composed of many thin, curved lines. The text is in Spanish.

**Migrantes
regionales en la
ciudad de San Pablo**

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**Derechos sociales y
políticas públicas**

Project Information

IOM Mission: Brazil

Project Code: IM.0041

Year: 2016

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Developing a Course on the Protection of Migrants' Rights

Project Title: Improving Legal Assistance to Migrants in Brazil and Promoting their Access to Labour Markets



Education

Project Overview:

Migration flows to and from Brazil have profoundly changed over the past ten years, creating new challenges for the protection of migrants' rights and access to labour markets. Although a new migration law was adopted which incorporates principles of international law, Brazil needs to develop structured public policies to facilitate the integration of migrants. This project contributed to fostering migrant integration in Brazil by strengthening the capacity of the Federal Public Attorney staff and enhancing legal assistance to migrants.

Innovation:

An online course and training of trainers' workshop was implemented to build the knowledge of civil servants and public attorneys with regard to the protection of migrants' rights, in particular those of women and irregular migrants. The online course and workshop are based on an analysis of corporate policies for migrants to access the Brazilian labour market, carried out by the United Nations Global Compact Network partners.



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VULNERÁVEIS NO MERCADO
DE TRABALHO BRASILEIRO**

Cartilha de Sensibilização

Project Information

IOM Mission: Brazil

Project Code: IM.0043

Year: 2017

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Brazil

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Diaspora Deployments to Support Health and Higher Education

Project Title: Strengthening the Involvement of the Cameroonian Diaspora in France/Belgium at the Level of Health Services and Higher Education



Education

Project Overview:

This project strengthened the Government of Cameroon's capacity in engaging diaspora members in Belgium and France to benefit the health and higher education sectors. This was achieved through capacity-building, development of a national diaspora engagement strategy and a volunteer programme for diaspora members.

Innovation:

Members of the Cameroonian diaspora participated in temporary deployment missions to Cameroon to share their knowledge and experience in health and higher education with relevant institutions. These community and diaspora engagement events developed ties between the country of origin and diaspora communities, building trust and longer-term relationships for greater sustainable development overall.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Cameroon

Project Code: CE.0277

Year: 2014

Funding: 150,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Cameroon

Project Duration: 21 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Sensitizing Students to Issues on Trafficking in Persons

Project Title: Supporting Ecuador in the Prevention and Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons, and the Protection of Victims



Education

Project Overview:

The project aimed to strengthen Ecuador's capacity to combat trafficking in persons and provide holistic protection to victims of trafficking, through awareness raising in schools, data collection at municipal levels and training of judicial officials.

Innovation:

This project developed a wide range of educational material on trafficking in persons (TIP), which were used in elementary schools and high schools to sensitize young people on TIP. Introducing these younger groups to educational material on TIP is unusual but was effective in the grander governmental effort to combat TIP, particularly when coupled with the other aspects of the project.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Ecuador

Project Code: CT.0847

Year: 2014

Funding: 150,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:
Ecuador

Project Duration: 27 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Training Manual on MECC: Migration, Environment and Climate Change

Project Title: Development of Training Manual and Capacity-building on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC)

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Education

Project Overview:

The project aimed to contribute to the formulation of policies on environment, migration and climate change within comprehensive migration management and adaptation strategies, in order to mitigate the adverse impacts of environmental change on migration. This was achieved through the development of a training manual on migration, environment and climate change.

Innovation:

The manual developed takes a mainstreaming approach aimed at bringing together migration and adaptation policy areas, via practical, action-oriented modules. It was the first IOM manual specifically focused on Migration, the Environment, and Climate Change. The training was successfully rolled out in five pilot countries and evaluated before the finalization of the manual.



**Migration, Environment
and Climate Change:
Training Manual**

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Project Information

IOM Mission: HQ Geneva

Project Code: PR.0152

Year: 2015

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Global

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Training in Psychosocial Support



Project Title: Promoting Psychosocial Services and Assistance for Vulnerable Migrants in Morocco

Education

Project Overview:

This project contributed to improving psychosocial support services for migrants in Morocco through a two-fold action based on capacity-building activities for medical professionals in Morocco and on direct service provision to enhance pre-departure services offered to migrants in the context of the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme.

Innovation:

The project developed and launched a specialized course on mental health and integrated psychosocial support for the Ecole Nationale de Santé Publique to expand access to knowledge on this important issue. Further, social workers and border patrol were included in the capacity-building activities, demonstrating a whole-of-society approach to capacity-building on psychosocial support for migrants.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Morocco

Project Code: MA.0374

Year: 2016

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Morocco

Project Duration: 30 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Using Art to Fight Xenophobia



Project Title: Strengthening the Capacity of the Education Sector through Art to Combat Xenophobia in Peru

Education

Project Overview:

Due to the massive displacement of Venezuelans to other South American countries, Peru is no longer a country of origin but also a country of transit and destination for international migrants. In light of this context, the project aimed to promote the use of art in order to combat xenophobia and foster intercultural dialogue within public and private schools in Peru. The objective was to avoid stigmatization of migrants, who are often associated with negative events related to conflict, insecurity, delinquency and social marginalization.

Innovation:

The project developed nationally-relevant teaching material on migration with a focus on gender and human-rights, which will be available to students throughout the country. Further, through sensitization workshops developed and targeted at youth, the project was able to promote a culture of peace and facilitate discussions on migration-related issues and risks among young people, some of which are migrant students themselves studying in public and private schools in Peru.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Peru

Project Code: IS.0026

Year: 2019

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Peru

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Developing a Gender, Mobility and Community Health Curriculum



Project Title: Community Health and Mobility in the Pacific (CHAMP)

Education

Project Overview:

This regional project aimed to contribute to an environment which enables migrants, their families, and migration-affected communities to enjoy the benefits of good physical health and wellbeing. This was achieved through building the capacity of society to address the mobility dimensions of sexual and reproductive health (SRH), violence against women and girls (VAWG), and communicable diseases. Ultimately, this led to the development of health policies and programmes that are sensitive to gender and mobility.

Innovation:

This project developed a Gender, Mobility, and Community Health curriculum for government stakeholders in the Pacific context. The curriculum was based on a conducted baseline assessment in each country (published by IOM) and on IOM's institutional Gender, Migration and HIV (GMH) curriculum (originally developed in Southern Africa). This curriculum was tested through pilot trainings for government and non-government stakeholders.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND MOBILITY IN THE PACIFIC

► SOLOMON ISLANDS
CASE STUDY



Project Information

IOM Mission: Solomon Islands

Project Code: MA.0406

Year: 2017

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

Project Duration: 33 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Innovative Curriculum on Migration Data and Statistics

Project Title: Migration Data Literacy Enhancement Advance Non-Discrimination in North Africa (M-LEARN)



Education

Project Overview:

This project strengthened stakeholder capacities to disseminate accurate, unbiased migration information to foster an environment of non-discrimination. With universities and the civil society, IOM developed and launched a new curriculum on migration data and statistics. The project developed a university course on migration data, along with a comprehensive course handbook, which was taught for the first time ever in French in Morocco and Tunisia. In addition, a related online module was rolled out to reach a wider audience.

Innovation:

The project launched a first-of-its-kind curriculum on migration data and statistics to be taught in specialized institutions and universities in Morocco and Tunisia: M-LEARN. The proposed intervention contributed to national efforts in Morocco and Tunisia, to improve understanding of and improve effective usage of migration data. Further, a gender sensitive online module was developed based on this, intended to reach a wider audience and thus facilitate wider understanding of migration data among more stakeholders.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Tunisia

Project Code: PR.0236

Year: 2018

Funding: 250,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Morocco, Tunisia

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Entrepreneurship

Improving Loan Systems to Facilitate Reintegration



Project Title: Bangladesh: Debt Mediation for Returnee Migrants

Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

The project contributed to improving the reintegration of Bangladeshi migrants and to better mediating migrants' debt. The project sensitized the Government of Bangladesh and civil society on debt liabilities and highlighted debt mediation as one effective alternative for achieving sustainable reintegration. The project involved a research study to propose recommendations for reintegration programming, the implementation of a pilot debt mediation initiative and publication of a policy brief and lessons learned to support advocacy initiatives.

Innovation:

IOM implemented a pilot debt mediation initiative as part of the project, contributing to improved loan and repayment systems for returnees. The pilot included improving access to information about foreign employers wage and work expectations, and reducing migrants' exposure to misinformation. Migrants are now provided access to low-interest loans from government-designated banks, making them less likely to be trapped in debt and more likely to attain sustainable livelihoods.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Bangladesh

Project Code: RR.0035

Year: 2018

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Bangladesh

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Developing Cutting-edge 'Fab Labs' for Sustainable Development

Project Title: Creative Space Pilot Initiative: Access to Technology and Livelihoods for Returning Migrants in Djibouti



Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

Extreme poverty in Djibouti has declined in recent years, but remains high with about one-fifth of the population living below the international poverty line. Many young people, particularly young women, need support to gain expertise in sustainable industries and entrepreneurship. The "Creative Space" project supported the empowerment of two groups - potential irregular migrants (aged 18-26) and migrant returnees - so that they are provided with the resources and skills to develop innovative micro-businesses.

Innovation:

Through this project, Digital Fabrications Labs, or 'Fab Labs', were set up in two places in Djibouti, providing a space, the resources and the training for prospective or returning migrants to develop technical skills to begin micro-businesses. The Fab Lab concept is built upon an initiative started by the Massachusetts Institute for Technology and includes multiple cutting-edge tools and trainings, for example in 3-Dimensional Printing and laser cutting.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Djibouti

Project Code: RR.0005

Year: 2018

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Djibouti

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Entrepreneurship Hub for Young Potential Migrants and Returnees

Project Title: Strengthening the Capacity of the Dominica Youth Business Trust to Foster Youth Entrepreneurship Engagement in the Development of Dominica



Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

This project aimed to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Dominica, specifically of the Dominica Youth Business Trust (DYBT), a subsidiary of the Youth Development Division, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports and Constituency Empowerment. The project sought to strengthen and expand the capacity of the DYBT, its operations and programmes, with the aim of boosting Dominica's entrepreneurial community.

Innovation:

The project supported the establishment of an Entrepreneurial Support Centre, which will become a hub of support availing 'state of the art' training facilities, technology, (e-)learning tools and business development events. The Centre hosts the DYBT entrepreneurship hub and improves and implements DYBT entrepreneurship training programmes, namely the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) and the Small Business Assistance Facility (SBAF).



Project Information

IOM Mission: Dominica

Project Code: CD.0009

Year: 2018

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Dominica

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Diaspora Entrepreneurship in the Caribbean

Project Title: Effective and Sustainable Diaspora Engagement for Development in the Caribbean



Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

The project aimed to engage diaspora from Belize, Guyana, Suriname, and Jamaica to develop their country of origin through the mapping of diaspora organizations, establishment of coordination mechanisms with destination countries, capacity-building for government officials on remittances and supporting diaspora entrepreneurs in investing in the Caribbean.

Innovation:

The project enabled 40 Caribbean entrepreneurs in the diaspora community to visit their communities of origin to help set up or join existing small business enterprises, thus incentivizing diaspora investment in countries of origin. The connections built between the diaspora and country of origin communities allowed for greater sustainable development overall.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Guyana

Project Code: CE.0245

Year: 2014

Funding: 280,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname

Project Duration: 42 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Diaspora Engagement in the Blue Economy

Project Title: Kenya: Engaging Migrants and Diaspora Communities for an Inclusive and Climate Resilient Blue Economy



Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

This project supported the Government of Kenya in strengthening community resilience to climate change by harnessing migrant and diaspora resources. The project organized policy dialogues with key migrants and diaspora communities in and outside Kenya, conducted an action research on key gaps and strategic areas for engaging migrants and diaspora towards an inclusive and climate-resilient Blue Economy, and provided strategic capacity building activities for key stakeholders on post-Blue Economy Conference priorities.

Innovation:

This project demonstrated how diaspora and migrant networks can leverage their knowledge, skills and innovations in making the Blue Economy sustainable, including through participating in community projects in countries of origin. The project contributed to the knowledge base and informed policy and programmatic options regarding migration, environment and climate change, at the local and national levels, while putting the issue of vulnerability at the center.

Project Information

IOM Mission: Kenya

Project Code: NC.0028

Year: 2019

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Kenya

Project Duration: 24 Months



IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Improving the Livelihoods of Regularized Migrants

Project Title: Vocational Training and Livelihood Opportunities for Regularized Migrants in Morocco



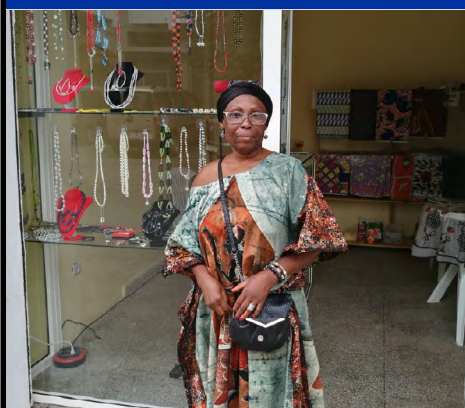
Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

This project aimed to enhance livelihood opportunities for regularized migrants in Morocco, through the (i) provision of market-relevant vocational training to improve their employability and; (ii) provision of training to enhance capacity for micro-enterprise development and self-employment.

Innovation:

One of the main components of the project involved the development of a training curriculum adapted to the needs and qualities of migrant men and women focused on soft-skills and labour market integration, in coordination with Moroccan counterpart institutions. This training curriculum was unique in its gender-sensitivity, focus on soft-skills, and targeted approach to micro-enterprise development and self-employment.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Morocco

Project Code: FM.0390

Year: 2014

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Morocco

Project Duration: 32 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Diaspora Crowdfunding for Young Entrepreneurs

Project Title: Engaging Diaspora Communities to Support Micro-Entrepreneurship in Morocco



Entrepreneurship

Project Overview:

The project aimed to support the growth of crowdfunding in Morocco as a tool to support startups and entrepreneurship as well as to engage Moroccan diaspora in development initiatives. The main activities included an institutional feasibility study, a report on investment opportunities in social entrepreneurship sector and a forum on crowdfunding at local and regional levels.

Innovation:

The project supported the establishment and expansion of a platform that serves young micro-entrepreneurs in marginalized areas with both capital and knowledge, supplied by diaspora communities through a system of crowdsourcing that is intuitive and easy to use. The development of crowdfunding initiatives for this target group was a unique venture for IOM but led towards the greater sustainable development of the country overall.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Morocco

Project Code: CE.0318

Year: 2015

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Morocco

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Infrastructure

Implementing Advance Passenger Information Systems

Project Title: Enhancing Passenger Processing Capacities in Azerbaijan in Line with International Best Practices and Standards



Infrastructures

Project Overview:

The project enhanced border management and security in Azerbaijan by strengthening legal and technical capacities in Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems and enhancing passenger processing in compliance with international standards. The project facilitated policy dialogue and coordination for the implementation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and reinforced the skills of State Customs Committee (SCC) on traveller's control procedures.

Innovation:

The project implements API systems in Azerbaijan, which along with PNR systems, provide passengers' biographical data, flight information and other such details electronically to government authorities of the country of arrival, departure or transit prior to that flight's departure or arrival. This allows law enforcement authorities to examine all incoming, departing or transiting passengers, facilitating their border crossing while identifying those whose travel requires further scrutiny.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Azerbaijan

Project Code: IB.0109

Year: 2019

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Azerbaijan

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Establishing an African Institute on Remittances



Project Title: Improving Capacity to Leverage Remittances for Development in Africa: Supporting the Establishment of the African Institute for Remittances

Infrastructures

Project Overview:

This project contributed to the formal establishment and operationalization of the African Institute for Remittances (AIR) of the African Union. This was achieved through the provision of technical and operational support, design and implementation of a sustainability strategy, and capacity-building.

Innovation:

The African Institute of Remittances develops the capacity of Member States of the African Union, remittance senders and recipients and other stakeholders to implement concrete strategies and operational instruments to use remittances as development tools for poverty reduction. It serves as an institution in the region for the sustainable development of all Member States of the African Union.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Kenya

Project Code: RM.0021

Year: 2014

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Kenya

Project Duration: 21 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Strengthening Migrant Resource Centres

Project Title: Safe Migration and Integration through the Establishment of a Migrant Resource Centre in the Marshall Islands



Infrastructures

Project Overview:

This project supports the establishment of a Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) in Majuro in order to 1) provide reliable and accurate information, professional advice and relevant referral services to migrants; and to 2) increase awareness and understanding of risks of unsafe migration and trafficking in persons.

Innovation:

In addition to the establishment of a Migrant Resource Centre, an awareness raising curriculum on the risks of human trafficking and other forms of exploitation for men, women, boys and girls was developed. This campaign was held in Republic of Marshall Islands secondary schools and surrounding communities.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Federated States of Micronesia

Project Code: FM.0408

Year: 2014

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Project Duration: 21 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

A 'One-Stop Shop' for Migrants



Project Title: Increasing the Capacity of Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) in Nepal to Foster Safe, Humane and Orderly Migration

Infrastructures

Project Overview:

In Nepal, a lack of reliable information about the migration process exposes Nepali migrants to faulty contracts, inflated service charges, fraud, exploitation, movement restrictions, non-payment of wages, debt-bondage and unjustified high costs for migration. This project aimed to enhance the capacity of the Government of Nepal to ensure safe and orderly migration by building the capacity of Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) in a range of districts across the country.

Innovation:

This project helped to build the capacities of MRCs in Nepal through the development of a new centralized database of information on opportunities and reliable avenues for labour migrants from Nepal. In doing so, it allowed the MRCs to become a 'one-stop shop' for migration-related information and also interlinked the MRCs in various districts together, creating new networks for information-sharing and drastically improving the quality, breadth and reliability of information available to migrants and their families.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Nepal

Project Code: LM.0321

Year: 2017

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Nepal

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Developing a Regional Corridor for COMESA Member States

Project Title: Promoting a Regional Corridor Approach to Coordinated/ Integrated Border Management in Eastern and Southern Africa



Infrastructures

Project Overview:

The expansion of trade and transport corridors in Eastern and Southern Africa has brought economic growth, increased human mobility and cross-border migration. One Stop Border Posts (OSPB) have been established along these corridors to facilitate and speed up the movement of goods and persons, but too much emphasis in the past has been placed on the movement of goods, rather than on human mobility. This project increased government capacity for integrated border management with a regional corridor approach.

Innovation:

This project focused on human mobility at the border, including dimensions of security, health, and protection, including particular considerations for female traders. This is unique, as typically the focus had been on the efficient movement of goods across the border, but had largely ignored human aspects of mobility. This project promoted regional integration, so that citizens of COMESA Member States are able to move freely within the region, while retaining integrated border management.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION THINK PIECE

Making the Case to Integrate Human Mobility into Cross-border Trade and Trade Facilitation

Cross-border Trade and Border Management in Select Countries and Borders in the COMESA Region: A Case Study

Project Information

IOM Mission: Zambia

Project Code: TC.1056

Year: 2017

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Media

A Course for Reporting the Positive Contributions of Migration

Project Title: Strengthening the Capacity of the MERCOSUR Member States and the Media to Promote the Positive Contribution of Migration



Media

Project Overview:

In South America, the majority of the content that shapes public opinion on migration is generated by the media, and often stigmatizes migrants, linking them to negative events related to conflict, illegality, insecurity, delinquency and social marginalization. In the current South American migration context, intra-regional and extra-regional flows have increased, along with cases of xenophobia and discriminatory attitudes toward migrants. This project sought to flip the narrative.

Innovation:

Taking a unique approach to xenophobic discourses, this project developed a virtual training course on migration and human rights for journalists and social communicators, launching a regional competition in which the IOM South American Journalism Award was given to ten journalists for exemplary stories linking migration with human rights approaches. The project also conducted a training with representatives of MERCOSUR member states, to ensure a whole of government and civil society approach.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Argentina

Project Code: IM.0045

Year: 2017

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Engaging Diaspora Online



Project Title: Engaging the Diaspora Online for the Development of their Country of Origin

Media

Project Overview:

The project aimed to establish a global network for diaspora engagement by supporting 75 different Country Missions to upgrade their online platforms to include the interactive map, 'i am a migrant' profiles and other relevant information to inform diaspora communities about investment and/or development opportunities in their country of origin and support business networks.

Innovation:

The project established a global network for diaspora engagement by collaborating closely with MigFunder, a dedicated crowdfunding site that caters for migrants looking to create (or grow) their businesses abroad or in their countries of origin, as well as for migrant organisations and individuals developing initiatives in support of immigrant and refugee communities worldwide.



Project Information

IOM Mission: HQ Geneva

Project Code: CE.0341

Year: 2016

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Global

Project Duration: 21 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Humanizing Migration through Film



Project Title: Community-Based Film Production to Promote a Better Understanding of Migration

Media

Project Overview:

This project encouraged the production of short films and showcased the work of local filmmakers to increase awareness of migration related issues. The project strengthened the capacity of governments to pass key messages to host communities, migrants and refugees via the short films that challenge prevailing anti-migrant narratives. The films revealed the tangible benefits of well-managed migration and the dangers of poorly managed migration in feeding xenophobia.

Innovation:

This project approached xenophobic discourse by utilizing the art form of film to counter anti-migrant narratives and disinformation. It relied heavily on filmmakers from the local communities, often migrants themselves, to create the material, which was then shared globally. The project revealed the human side of migration, illuminating the nuances of the journeys of migrants and the aspects not commonly discussed in other media.



Project Information

IOM Mission: HQ Geneva

Project Code: PM.0003

Year: 2017

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Global

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Sharing Migrant Stories for Digital Awareness Raising

Project Title: My Great Story: Integrated Communications Campaign for Greater Understanding on Migration Issues - Pilot in the Philippines



Media

Project Overview:

This project bridged the gap between the lived realities of migrants and general public perceptions by increasing the awareness of Filipino people on migration-related issues. The project launched an integrated communications campaign named 'My Great Story', centred around enhanced social media content and supported by interactive public events. The campaign illustrates the realities of migrants and the environments they live in.

Innovation:

#MyGreatStory featured a variety of real stories of people on the move, all of whom IOM encountered through its work in the Philippines. In brief, the campaign sought to provide a safe space for migrants to tell their own stories. With a staggering 8.7 million users reached online, another 403,100 directly engaged in conversation, and 42 human interest profiles gathered, #MyGreatStory indeed helped to raise awareness about migration—not just in the Philippines, but also in other parts of the world.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Philippines

Project Code: PM.0008

Year: 2018

Funding: 36,834 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Philippines

Project Duration: 9 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Policy

A New Mechanism for Monitoring Progress on the SDGs

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Project Title: Monitoring Progress in Achieving the Migration Targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Armenia

Policy

Project Overview:

The project aimed to build capacity of the government and civil society in Armenia to initiate a sustainable monitoring process on achieved progress in the area of Migration and Development in the context of Sustainable Development Goals. This was achieved through the development of a data collection methodology, interagency coordination mechanisms and capacity-building of government officials.

Innovation:

An interagency coordination mechanism for monitoring SDG progress was implemented, along with an internationally applicable methodology for monitoring migration and sustainable development progress. These new monitoring tools provided cutting-edge ways to track progress towards the SDGs with data-driven and evidence-based approaches.

Migration & Development in Armenia:

Priorities and Data in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals



Project Information

IOM Mission: Armenia

Project Code: CE.0346

Year: 2016

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:
Armenia

Project Duration: 29 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Creating A National Skills Development Policy

Project Title: Technical Support on Overseas Market Information and to Bangladeshi Migrant Workers on 'Recognition of Prior Learning'



Policy

Project Overview:

Skills learnt by Bangladeshi migrant workers during overseas employment are not recognized by employers in Bangladesh, nor formally recognized by employers overseas, making progression into skilled positions at home and abroad difficult. This phenomenon reduces the positive impact of migration for Bangladeshi migrant workers and the Bangladeshi economy. To contribute to the economic and social development of Bangladesh, this project supported the implementation of the National Skills Development Policy (NSDP).

Innovation:

This project included a pilot initiative on 'Recognition of Prior Learning' for migrant workers returning to Bangladesh. This led to the development of a policy which serves to promote the recognition of newly completed qualifications for Bangladeshi migrant workers seeking skilled employment. It also promotes efficient and ethical recruitment practices through increased information and data on recruitment and job opportunities.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Bangladesh

Project Code: LM.0309

Year: 2016

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Bangladesh

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Migracidades: A Certification on Migration Governance for Cities



Project Title: Enhancing Migration Governance in Brazil

Policy

Project Overview:

This project sought to improve local migration governance capacities by formulating a set of 10 indicators of good migration governance at the local level, which are adapted to the Brazilian socio-economic context and legislation, creating a handbook for policy development related to the above-mentioned indicators, and conducting a pilot training with a group of local authorities from five different states and National School of Public Administration (ENAP).

Innovation:

The “MigraCidades: Improving Migratory Governance in Brazil,” is a certification process for local migration policies. The certification process deals with the application of tools that will allow local governments to appreciate the scope of their migration policies as well as to identify potential initiatives to be developed for the benefit of migrants and host communities. MigraCidades proposes to expand the dialogue on migration and the exchange of information and local good practices.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Brazil

Project Code: PO.0125

Year: 2018

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Brazil

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Mobilizing Diaspora Expertise to Combat Inequality



Project Title: Diaspora Engagement for Migration and Development in Burundi

Policy

Project Overview:

The project aimed to mobilize diaspora resources for the development of Burundi. To achieve this, the project connected mental health professionals from the diaspora with mental health institutions in the country; supported the first diaspora week and the establishment of Diaspora Directorate; and provided technical support in the drafting of a National Diaspora Policy.

Innovation:

The project improved mental health services in Burundi through skills transfer and improving access to quality medical care in Bujumbura and in the countryside. Diaspora mental health experts travelled to Burundi to provide training to mental health professionals in the country on specialized medical care. In addition, four lectures were developed with contextualized modules on specialized mental health care. This led to the drafting of a National Diaspora Policy, which ensures the sustainability of the project and similar initiatives.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Burundi

Project Code: CE.0269

Year: 2014

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Burundi

Project Duration: 29 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Transnational Cooperation to Improve Migrant Health

Project Title: Towards the Strengthening of a Binational Agenda on Migrant Health in the Tacna–Arica and Antofagasta Regions



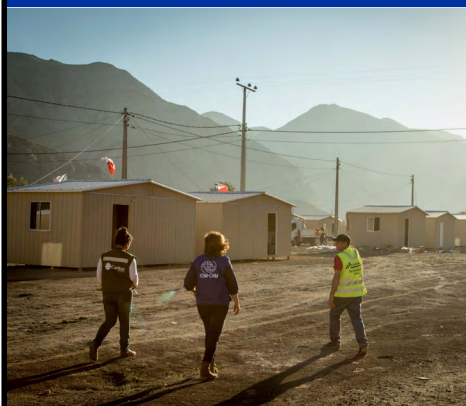
Policy

Project Overview:

The project aimed to promote open and transnational dialogue on Colombian and Peruvian migrants' health in Chile through the bringing together of medical experts to draft a binational agenda on migrant health and through research and training on HIV and TB rates in border areas with high migration rates.

Innovation:

The project brought together medical professionals from Chile, Peru and Colombia to discuss health issues faced by Colombian migrants when moving across borders to develop a binational agenda and transnational health service plan for migrant populations.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Chile

Project Code: MA.0339

Year: 2014

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Chile, Colombia, Peru

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Building Policy to Protect and Further Empower Migrant Women

Project Title: Strengthening Public Policies to Protect and Empower Migrant Women in Mesoamerica



Policy

Project Overview:

In Mesoamerica, high numbers of young women are migrating alone, or with their children, and there is a high incidence of human rights violations faced by migrant women, particularly in transit countries. At the same time, more women are migrating independently as heads of households and migration is seen as an agent of change and development. This project was designed to promote actions to protect and empower women migrants by addressing conditions of vulnerability that they face throughout the migration cycle.

Innovation:

The project included a novel regional assessment of existing programs and policies related to the empowerment and protection of migrant women. This, in turn, served as a basis for developing a regional protocol for care and protection, as well as a regional forum to share experiences and lessons learned among countries in Mesoamerica. Ultimately, it served to further empower migrant women in contributing to the socio-economic improvement of their families and communities.



Project Information

IOM Mission: El Salvador

Project Code: CT.1082

Year: 2017

Funding: 183,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, United States of America

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Global Standards on Protection and Assistance

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Project Title: Setting Standards on Protection and Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants

Policy

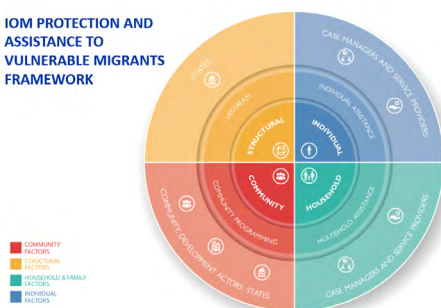
Project Overview:

The project contributed to the development of a body of standards and guidance through the IOM Handbook on the Protection and Assistance of Migrants in Situations of Vulnerability that will, in turn, contribute to the ability of service providers, governments, and civil society organizations to better uphold the rights of migrants and assist vulnerable migrants in need of protection.

Innovation:

The Body of Standards on Protection and Assistance of Migrants, developed by the project, greatly complemented the global work conducted by the Global Action to Prevent and Address Trafficking in Human Beings and the Smuggling of Migrants, managed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and implemented in 13 countries.

**IOM PROTECTION AND
ASSISTANCE TO
VULNERABLE MIGRANTS
FRAMEWORK**



Project Information

IOM Mission: HQ Geneva

Project Code: CT.0985

Year: 2016

Funding: 50,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Belarus, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Morocco, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, South Africa, Ukraine

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance, Resilience, & Empowerment

Engaging Diaspora Experts in National Development Planning

Project Title: Enhancing the Development of Moldova through Engagement with Diaspora-Homeland Partnerships



Policy

Project Overview:

The project implemented diaspora engagement strategies to foster the sociocultural ties of second-generation Moldovans to their homeland, as well as by connecting diaspora experts to government authorities in order to provide expert support to the government on key thematic areas.

Innovation:

The project established “Diaspora Excellence Groups” – informal virtual unions of likeminded proactive diaspora representatives, who volunteered their time and knowledge to enter into a durable diaspora-homeland partnership with the government on particular thematic policy development areas.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Moldova

Project Code: CE.0333

Year: 2015

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:
Moldova

Project Duration: 30 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Establishing a Baseline for Monitoring Migration Governance

Project Title: Supporting the Mesoamerican Countries Towards the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals



Policy

Project Overview:

The objective of this project was to strengthen the capacity of the Mesoamerican Governments to fulfill SDG targets related to migration governance. The project fostered the active participation of officials related to migration management, improved the capacity of the government institutions responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda to register and disseminate the data related to the SDGs' progress; and promoted the use of the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) methodology.

Innovation:

The MGI methodology was designed in 2015 by IOM and The Economist Intelligence Unit to operationalize the Migration Governance Framework (MiGOF), utilizing approximately 90 indicators to analyze public policies and legal structures related to migration at a national level. The MGI process establishes a baseline for monitoring the progress made in fulfilling national and international commitments while facilitating intersectoral communication and dialogue on migration challenges and opportunities.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Panama

Project Code: CE.0403

Year: 2018

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama

Project Duration: 33 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Migrant Worker Reintegration in Times of Crisis

Project Title: Enhancing the Reintegration Programme for Overseas Filipino Workers



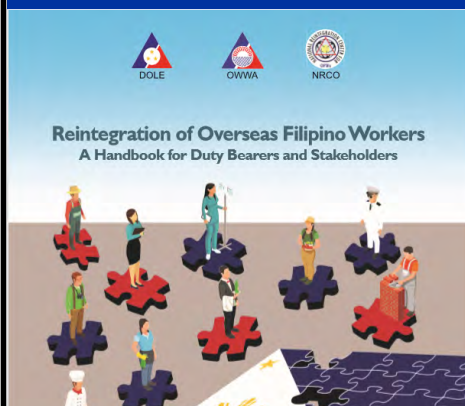
Policy

Project Overview:

Despite legal provisions that mandated the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) to provide reintegration services to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW), there was little evidence available of migrants having been effectively reintegrated in the Philippines. Therefore, this project aimed to contribute to the efforts of the Government of the Philippines to reinforce the socio-economic reintegration programme in line with the Migration and Development and Crisis Management Frameworks.

Innovation:

This project focused on a subject previously underexplored in the Philippines, providing reintegration services to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), particularly in times of crises, whether economic downturns, wars, natural disasters, or pandemics. It led to the development of a National Masterplan for Migrant Reintegration and a number of infrastructures specifically targeting OFW reintegration, including counselling, skills upgrading, job matching, entrepreneurship training, among others.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Philippines

Project Code: LM.0310

Year: 2016

Funding: 150,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Philippines

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Gender-sensitive Border Management



Project Title: Gender Mainstreaming for Secure Borders in Tajikistan (GEMSBO)

Policy

Project Overview:

This project aimed to ensure that gender mainstreaming is operationalized in the border management system in Tajikistan. The project achieved this by conducting a gender self-assessment with the Tajik border force; drafting of an Action Plan on Gender Mainstreaming; and the establishment of a high-level consultative working group with all Border Forces Heads of Department to instigate the implementation of a gender-sensitive policy.

Innovation:

A Handbook on Gender Sensitive Border Management was produced in Tajik and Russian, along with a critical assessment of Tajik Border Force to investigate performance, legislative, accountability, personnel and institutional culture related to gender themes.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Tajikistan

Project Code: TC.0893

Year: 2015

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Tajikistan

Project Duration: 15 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Mobility

Developing a National Framework for Durable Solutions

Project Title: Development of a National Framework for Durable Solutions in Vanuatu



Policy

Project Overview:

This project, in two phases, built the capacity of the Government of Vanuatu to manage the displacement cycle in cases of sudden- and slow-onset emergencies, with the aim of ensuring protection-sensitive ‘Durable Solutions’ for disaster-affected populations. This was achieved through the participatory development of a National Framework for Durable Solutions, including a policy document and operational tools.

Innovation:

This project was highly participatory in nature and included household-level interviews and wide stakeholder consultations. The Displacement Policy aims to help guide emergency and development planners to work together with the GoV to address the needs of all communities affected by displacement.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Vanuatu

Project Code: CS.0837;
DS.0008

Year: 2016; 2018

Funding: 100,000; 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Vanuatu

Project Duration: 9; 28 Months

IOM Strategic Pillars: Resilience & Empowerment

Research

Understanding Migration's Impacts on Children and Families

Project Title: Migration and its Impact on Cambodian Children and Families (MICCAF)

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Research

Project Overview:

The impact of outward migration in Cambodia on the health of the families left behind was previously unknown. This project especially researched health impacts on left-behind children in Cambodia, namely how separation may affect children's nutritional, behavioral and psychological development, and if migration trends have linkages to the increased placement of children in Residential Care Institutions.

Innovation:

This project conducted novel research on an often overlooked demographic group, boys and girls left behind when their family members migrate for work. The study included a community-based cross-sectional household survey among left-behind migrant worker families and qualitative study components to explore the impacts of migration on left-behind children in childcare institutions.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Cambodia

Project Code: MA.0407

Year: 2017

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Cambodia

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM Strategic Pillars: Resilience & Empowerment

At the Nexus of Migration, Climate Change, and Conflict



Project Title: Assessing the Migration, Climate Change and Conflict Dimension in the Lake Chad Region: i) Chad and Nigeria; ii) Cameroon and Niger

Research

Project Overview:

As of April 2017, over two million people had been displaced in the Lake Chad Basin due to the Boko Haram insurgency and over five million in total had been displaced “by the depletion of the lake due to climate change” according to the Nigerian President, Muhammadu Buhari. These projects, studying the same issues in two blocs, entailed a two-fold research study aimed at collecting empirical climate change data and understanding climate change related policy, as well as climate change induced migration.

Innovation:

This project utilized IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in Chad, Nigeria, Cameroon and Niger to collect targeted information on evidence of climate change, displacement trends, vulnerabilities and coping mechanisms. This produced an internal regional study of the Lake Chad Basin, serving as a baseline of information on climate migration, including perceptions of local populations of climate variability, in order to inform policies and actions on migration, environment and climate change.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Chad, Cameroon

Project Code: NC.0007;
NC.0008

Year: 2017

Funding: 175,000 USD (each)

Benefitting Countries:

Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Nigeria

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Migration and Artisanal Mining: A Novel Research Project



Project Title: Human Mobility Related to the Artisanal Mining Sector: Comparative Case Studies in Angola, Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Research

Project Overview:

The objective of this project was to conduct research to provide a comparative perspective of the trends and potential of migrations flows in the informal artisanal sectors in Angola, Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The research contributed to responsible mining in these countries and covered three areas: International & Internal Migration; New Livelihoods and Economies of Artisanal Mining; and Governance and Formalization of Artisanal Mining.

Innovation:

This project was a pilot case study in a topic not often previously examined through a migration lens. The study explored the perceptions of migrants and the artisanal mining host communities on migration flows, both internal and international, as well as the market opportunities and possibilities of organizing artisanal workers, leading to future programming on formalization and organization of the industry for greater sustainable development.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Project Code: CE.0349

Year: 2016

Funding: 200,000 USD (each)

Benefitting Countries:

Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Researching Gender-Responsive Reintegration Practices

Project Title: Research Study on the Reintegration Process of Migrants in Urban Areas in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico



Research

Project Overview:

The main objective of this project was to document the status of returning migrants and inform key stakeholders, namely government institutions, local authorities, employers and civil society in the Northern Triangle Region of Central America. By gathering primary and secondary evidence, the research resulted in more targeted and efficient actions towards sustainable reintegration, which benefits both returning migrants and communities of origin.

Innovation:

This project carried out innovative gender-responsive regional research on migrant reintegration, providing key actors with a set of recommendations to better address reintegration, promote equal access to services for both men and women, understand the most frequent institutional gaps and maximize the existing opportunities in each country.



Project Information

IOM Mission: El Salvador

Project Code: RT.1296

Year: 2016

Funding: 155,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

El Salvador, Guatemala,
Honduras, Mexico

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

A Global Immigrant Integration Measurement Tool

Project Title: Developing a Common Measurement Tool to Support Successful Migrant Integration in Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Peru



Research

Project Overview:

The project addressed the lack of comparative data on migrant integration and existing migration policies and interventions that may require further adjustment and strengthening to address challenges migrants may be facing in their host communities. The project developed a comprehensive survey-based measurement tool and organized a series of pilot testing and capacity-building initiatives on migrant integration in Brazil, Dominican Republic and Peru to contribute to a comparative evidence base for policy development.

Innovation:

A measurement tool was developed to assess the capacity, assets and knowledge of migrants in successfully establishing themselves in their host communities to inform interventions, policy formulation and broader development outcomes. As a core/benchmark measure of integration, it also captures the multi-dimensional nature of the whole integration process that could be applied to different migrant categories, including men and women, in a variety of contexts, as well as allow for comparisons across countries.



Project Information

IOM Mission: HQ Geneva

Project Code: IS.0030

Year: 2019

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Brazil, Dominican Republic, Peru

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Capturing the Socioeconomic Contributions of Migrants

Project Title: Research on the Socio-Economic Contribution of Migrants in South Africa's Informal Urban Settlements



Research

Project Overview:

Migrants and host communities in South Africa's informal urban settlements share often harsh living conditions. Employment is scarce and service delivery can be inconsistent. In the past, this has led to friction between the communities, which has escalated violently. However, there are indications that migrants contribute to economic development and job creation in the informal urban settlements. However, this topic has not been researched extensively enough to allow government policy development and implementation.

Innovation:

This project conducted novel research on the socioeconomic contributions of migrants in informal urban settlements in South Africa. Due to a dearth of reliable data, xenophobic discourses abound; this project sought to create a foundational base of evidence to counter those common talking points. The research provides footing for evidence-based discourse to emerge, creating space for new policy and reporting. In turn, these can chart a path towards overall mindset changes and greater social cohesion.



Project Information

IOM Mission: South Africa

Project Code: PR.0218

Year: 2017

Funding: 120,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

South Africa

Project Duration: 39 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Technology & Data

Big Data Solutions for Diaspora Engagement



Project Title: Enhancing Development through Diaspora Engagement in Armenia

Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The project aimed to support the Government of Armenia (GoA) to better harness and maximize diaspora contributions. To develop a sustainable long-term approach to diaspora engagement, the project utilized big data mapping to identify and better understand different segments of the diaspora population in terms of their demographics, skills, networks and interests, developing the framework for an effective and sustainable diaspora communications strategy.

Innovation:

Using big data, the project mapped the Armenian diaspora in the United States and France. Through onomastic analysis of the Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) database of researchers, the project identified 26,945 scientists of Armenian origin living abroad, working in health, and other sciences. The team coordinated videoconferences between Ministry of Health (MoH) officials and identified diaspora medical professionals in New York and Paris who had been treating cases of COVID-19, better preparing Armenian health professionals to deal with COVID-19.

Project Information

IOM Mission: Armenia

Project Code: CE.0409

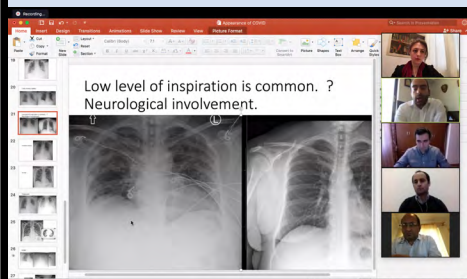
Year: 2018

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Armenia

Project Duration: 30 Months



IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Local Engagement in Emigration Management

Project Title: Strengthening of the Capacity of the Ministry of Communities to Promote Decentralization of Emigration Management in Cabo Verde



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

This project contributed to the decentralization of migration management, through the creation of streamlined procedures and data sharing systems; the delivery of a Toolkit for government officials on providing emigrant support services; updating of the National Plan of Action; and providing project management training to staff managing emigrant-focused projects and initiatives.

Innovation:

The project successfully developed and established a standardized database system to facilitate data sharing between the MOC and all 22 municipalities to ensure municipalities are well positioned to influence and capitalize upon migrants' positive contribution to the local economy and society.

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Project Information

IOM Mission: Cabo Verde

Project Code: CE.0265

Year: 2014

Funding: 150,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Cabo Verde

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Governance

Creating a Regional Online Migration Health Platform

Project Title: Development and Implementation of a Central American Joint Initiative on the Health of Migrants



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

This project developed a Central American joint initiative on the health of migrants and their families, to contribute to a regional health approach bringing together governments, civil society organizations, development partners, academia and the private sector. As a regional coordination mechanism, the main stakeholders use the initiative to advocate, promote policies, share information and support the right to health and access to prevention, treatment, care and services for migrant populations and their families in Central America.

Innovation:

As part of this project, a new regional online migration platform for sharing migrant health information was created. The platform allows for the strategic gathering of information from key stakeholders on migrant health issues, improving the efficiency and constructiveness of virtual exchanges and streamlining decision- and policy-making and programming across the region, to improve the health of migrants overall.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Costa Rica

Project Code: MA.0382

Year: 2016

Funding: 120,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama

Project Duration: 30 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

A Virtual Regional Platform for Information & Management

Project Title: Regional Capacity-building for the Production and Analysis of Regional Migration Information in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

This project aimed to build the capacity of migration institutions in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean through the development of a migration information and management virtual platform. The objective of the platform is to collect, analyse and utilize migration-related data to ultimately support evidence-based policy making in the region.

Innovation:

The developed virtual platform, the first of its kind in the region, provided a far more comprehensive tool for data collection and information dissemination on migration in the region. In doing so, the project also established a regional network comprised of National Migration Directorates to feed data into the virtual platform and benefit from it. The project also produced migration information reports and a regional assessment to identify good practices and lessons learnt.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Costa Rica

Project Code: PR.0221

Year: 2017

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Lucia, Suriname

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Digitally Mapping Migration Health



Project Title: Development of a Migration Health Interactive Map for the Mesoamerican Region

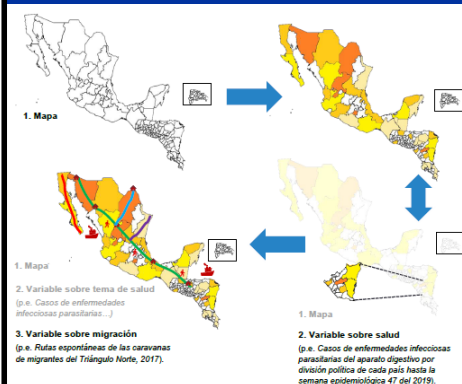
Technology & Data

Project Overview:

This project enables relevant stakeholders to develop evidence-based, gender-focused and migrant-sensitive public health policies and programmes, through access to strategic information and improved technical capacities. The project's overarching outcome was for relevant stakeholders to develop draft action plans that aim at protecting migrants' right to health in the targeted countries, by collecting strategic information on migration and health, developing a migration health interactive map, and implementing a capacity-building programme on how to use the map to draft better policy.

Innovation:

This project developed an easy-to-use interactive tool to facilitate access to complex migration and health data for a broad range of users. This tool strengthens stakeholder capacity to use the data available in the Interactive Map to develop evidence-based, gender-focused and migrant-sensitive public health policies and programmes in Mesoamerica. The Interactive Map also includes data on provisions within policies, laws or existing services, to improve access to health for female and LGBTI migrants.



Fuente: elaboración propia, 2019.

Project Information

IOM Mission: Costa Rica

Project Code: MA.0460

Year: 2019

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

A Novel Uniform Registration Online Diaspora Tool



Project Title: Developing an Online Tool to Map the Ivorian Diaspora

Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The objective of this project was to improve the available information on the Ivorian diaspora as well as to develop a uniform registration online system. This proposal is consistent with the National Government Strategy as the General Directorate of Ivorian Diaspora expressed its need to have quantifiable and more reliable data on its diaspora.

Innovation:

This project led the development of an online mapping tool for the Ivorian diaspora, allowing mobilization of the diaspora to contribute to the economic development of Côte d'Ivoire. In addition to the creation of the system, government officials were trained on its use and sensitization campaigns were conducted to promote and encourage the use of the online mapping tool.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Côte d'Ivoire

Project Code: CE.0353

Year: 2016

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Côte d'Ivoire

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

New Ways of Measuring Achievements Towards the SDGs

Project Title: Contributing to the Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals Related to Migration Management in the Dominican Republic



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The Dominican Republic is one of the 190 countries committed to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and therefore, the development of national indicators and targets is strategic to ensure the monitoring and implementation of the migration related policies vis-à-vis the 2030 National Development Strategy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The objective of this project was to contribute to the national efforts to measure the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals related to migration.

Innovation:

The project applied an innovative approach to measuring SDG indicator 10.7.2 through the Migration Governance Indicator (MGI) process by working with Office of National Statistics (ONE) and using a digital platform to gather information on the questions and establishing a baseline for comparison. The fact that the National Immigrant Surveys (ENIs) were used to create a baseline for comparison between 2013 and 2017 was also seen as key and unprecedented in the MGI process.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Dominican Republic

Project Code: CE.0352

Year: 2016

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Dominican Republic

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

A Digital Platform for Diaspora Engagement and Organizing



Project Title: Diaspora Engagement in the Era of Digitalization (DEED)

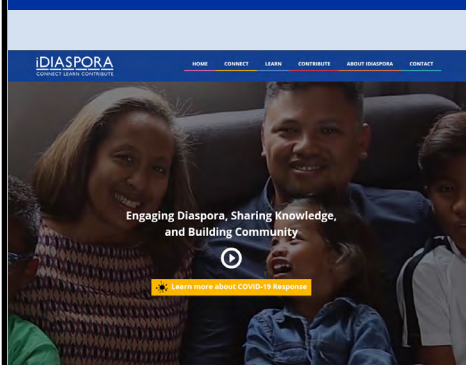
Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The project supported countries and key stakeholders in achieving more efficient and effective diaspora engagement, enabling larger scope and impact, easier scaling up and stronger sustainability. By providing support to the development of a diaspora engagement platform (aimed at global level knowledge consolidation and collaboration as an online platform), the project contributes to the empowerment of transnational communities of all genders, governments and development cooperation partners in becoming more effective in their partnership on development in the era of digitalization.

Innovation:

iDIASPORA is a global engagement and knowledge exchange hub for diaspora communities and those looking to engage with them. It provides comprehensive, regularly updated data and analysis relevant to diaspora communities, policy makers, NGO actors and showcases successful diaspora actions and partnerships. Visit <http://idiaspora.org/> for more information.



Project Information

IOM Mission: HQ Geneva

Project Code: TK.0003

Year: 2019

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Global

Project Duration: 24 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Combatting Trafficking in Persons Online

Project Title: Combating Trafficking in Persons by Addressing Online Recruitment in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

Although most victims of trafficking in Central Asia are still being recruited using traditional methods, several cases of recruitment via online social networks came to the attention of IOM in Central Asia as a new trend in the region. In response, this project contributed to combating trafficking in persons by addressing online recruitment for trafficking purposes and employing information and communications technology (ICT) strategies to prevent trafficking in persons (TIP) in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Innovation:

This project created a new regional mobile application addressing issues related to counter-trafficking and safe migration, based on an assessment conducted which examined the use of the internet by criminal actors in TIP in the region. The project provided training to law enforcement agencies and NGOs and service providers to assist victims of trafficking through the dissemination of information on where and how to obtain services and assistance.

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AND THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

Project Information

IOM Mission: Kazakhstan

Project Code: CT.1061

Year: 2017

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

Project Duration: 18 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Migration Response and Resource Mechanisms (MRRM)

Project Title: Strengthening the Knowledge Base to Better Protect and Assist Migrants in a Situation of Vulnerability in Mali



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The objective of this project was to enhance migrant protection by improving quality, collection and sharing of data on irregular migration flows in Mali and increase the capacity of the Government of Mali and civil society actors to identify vulnerable migrants in need of protection assistance. This laid the groundwork for long-term Migration Response and Resource Mechanisms.

Innovation:

This project was a catalyst for the creation of Migration Response and Resource Mechanisms (MRRM) in Mali and throughout West Africa. The mechanisms provide comprehensive frameworks of action for coordinated migrant protection, assistance and information services and provide operational support to government authorities to address complex migratory flows, facilitate the identification and registration of migrants and support data collection to feed into evidence-based policy and programming.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Mali

Project Code: CT.1000

Year: 2016

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Mali

Project Duration: 12 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Improving Data on Urban Migration Routes for Transit

Project Title: A Comprehensive Approach to Migration Flows and the Improvement of Migrants' Conditions in Mexico



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The project aimed to ensure migrants are able to access services and access their rights when transiting through urban areas. This was achieved mainly through the development of a database on urban migrants transiting and settling in Mexican cities, as well as through the strengthening of existing migrant assistance initiatives.

Innovation:

The project established a tracking system for migrants transiting and settling in Mexico through the development of 1) a reporting system with migrant shelters, 2) provision of cellphones to a group of migrants to be tracked on their transit journey and 3) the establishment of a call assistance center for migrants.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Mexico

Project Code: PR.0173

Year: 2015

Funding: 100,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Mexico

Project Duration: 32 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

Creating An Interconnected Border Management System (MIDAS)

Project Title: Migration Management through an Interconnected Border Management Information System (MIDAS) at International Airports in Paraguay



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The project aimed to build the capacity of the Government of Paraguay in border management through the provision of technical support, capacity-building and the development of a plan of action to continue the implementation of an interconnected border management system. These processes were conducted with software implementation known as MIDAS (Migration Information & Data Analysis System) and the hardware necessary for its operation.

Innovation:

The MIDAS system was first piloted in Paraguay as part of this project, serving as a management information system for border points of entry to facilitate the registration and processing of migration data in two major airports. Before the project, the General Directorate of Migration (GDM) in Paraguay did not have functioning entry nor exit databases at its borders, nor the infrastructure or personnel to meet those challenges. This project established the infrastructures, training, and ensured the GDM was well equipped.



MIGRATION INFORMATION AND DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM

Project Information

IOM Mission: Paraguay

Project Code: TC.0856

Year: 2015

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Paraguay

Project Duration: 20 Months

IOM SRF Objective: Mobility

ICT for Integrated Border Management



Project Title: ICT Strategy for Integrated Border Management in Rwanda

Technology & Data

Project Overview:

Building the Government of Rwanda's technical capacity for border management, in response to identified gaps in migration management policies, the project provided capacity-building, training and technical assistance to establish a database to manage the workflow of the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration (DGIE). This had been called for by the Rwandan Government, which saw opportunities to boost cross-border trade within the East African Community, but was concerned with potential risks due to a dearth of security measures in place.

Innovation:

An integrated ICT strategy was established to institutionalize online passport applications, including a visa and permit issuing system and a border control system. The digitalization of these processes and integration onto the platform Rwanda online facilitated data sharing. Through implementing these ICT strategic plans, the project particularly achieved substantial transformation in providing services safely to Rwandan Nationals, international migrants, and foreign visitors.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Rwanda

Project Code: TC.0829

Year: 2014

Funding: 200,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Rwanda

Project Duration: 42 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

6Degree: Crowdsourcing Platform for Victims of Trafficking

Project Title: 6Degree: Sustainable Program to Support Survivors of Human Trafficking in Asia



Technology & Data

Project Overview:

The project supported the enhancement of key features of the crowdsourcing platform 6Degree.org, which supports victims of trafficking. The project specifically assisted the platform by developing a promotional toolkit and campaigns, establishing a user and donor base, integrating social sharing functionalities, and other upgrades. The primary objective of the project was to secure 6Degree's long-term sustainability and capacity to continue contributing to the renewed self-sufficiency of victims of trafficking in Asia.

Innovation:

The project supported the establishment of 6Degree.org: the world's first crowd funding portal that enables the public to provide direct assistance to individual survivors of human trafficking in a safe and secure way. It helped to address the imbalance between the numbers of trafficking survivors in need and the resources available to support them. 6 Degree also offers a rare and credible mechanism to facilitate the involvement of concerned individuals in the global movement to eradicate human trafficking.



Project Information

IOM Mission: Thailand

Project Code: CT.0944

Year: 2015

Funding: 300,000 USD

Benefitting Countries:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Viet Nam

Project Duration: 32 Months

IOM SRF Objectives: Resilience & Empowerment

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- CT projects have been primarily reclassified as PX¹;
- RM project types are recoded as TK;
- RT project types are recoded as RR;
- TC project types are recoded as IB;
- CE project types have been recoded as TK, CD, PO, PR, or NC, based on which current code is most relevant to the project objective.

These are not intended to be indisputable reclassifications, but rather an attempt to create the most useful reference index for readers by using current codings.

1 One CT project, on Page 50, was instead reclassified as PO.

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