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INTRODUCTION

Since its inception in 2001, the IOM Development Fund has acted as a singular global resource within IOM, dedicated to aiding eligible Member States to enhance their migration management capacities. Through the implementation of over 600 projects in more than 115 countries globally, the Fund has effectively catered to the capacity development needs of eligible Member States all over the world.

The IOM Development Fund grants essential seed funding, specifically allocated for the inception and development of innovative projects. The dedicated funds facilitate initiatives that are pivotal in enhancing the management of migration processes, aligning with the broader goals and objectives of the IOM and benefiting Member States worldwide.

This booklet aims to function as a valuable resource and reference for IOM Country and Regional Offices that are actively pursuing innovation. The compilation encompasses around 30 projects implemented in the three years between 2020 to 2022, each identified and assessed as innovative due to their distinctive components.

The primary objective of presenting this information is to spotlight exemplary practices, facilitate the exchange of project implementation experiences across various regions and thematic areas, and ultimately fortify innovation within the realm of the IOM Development Fund projects, as well as throughout the Organization at large.

Each featured project in this booklet was selected based on specific innovation criteria and in close coordination with IOM's Innovation and Knowledge Management Unit and its guidelines. The booklet is organized in a manner where projects are sorted by region, and then listed in alphabetical order. The methodology for classifying these projects as *innovative* centers on addressing pressing concerns and emerging opportunities in the field of migration and human mobility. Each project is classified under one or more *innovation categories* - ranging from leveraging cutting-edge technologies and data analytics to fostering diversity and inclusion and promoting the rights and well-being of migrants and communities. While the booklet presents a wide range of initiatives, it is important to note that it does not represent an exhaustive list of all projects supported by the IOM Development Fund. Instead, it offers a curated selection designed to inspire and inform. All the projects featured play a supportive role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda. For all projects listed, the relevant SDGs supported have been duly highlighted.

INNOVATION CATEGORIES

Migration and human mobility are dynamic fields, constantly evolving in response to global challenges, societal changes, and technological progress. To effectively present the many innovative efforts within this sector, the vast array of projects have been grouped into defined *Innovation Categories*. These categories are more than mere labels; they lead readers beyond technical boundaries to the expansive and transformative areas of innovation that IOM Development Fund projects encompass.

The categories were designed to highlight the multifaceted nature of innovation in migration and human mobility. Delving deeper into the booklet, projects will be tagged under one, two, or at most, three of these categories. It's essential to note that whilst clear categorization of projects has been sought for ease of understanding, the nature of innovation means many projects could be flexibly categorized under different headings. The chosen categorization seeks to provide orientation rather than rigid classification.

To gain comprehensive insights and a framework for the projects detailed in this booklet, we recommend familiarizing yourself with these categories before proceeding to the individual project descriptions.



FOREWORD

As a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, migration requires innovative and effective management strategies to harness its maximum potential while mitigating any risks associated. For over two decades, the IOM Development Fund has been instrumental in supporting eligible IOM Member States to strengthen their migration management capacities, funding over 1,000 projects in more than 125 countries worldwide. The Fund is designed to support the alignment of migration



management policies and practices of IOM Member States with their national development strategies and global frameworks such as the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Sustainable Development Goals. This is realized through collaborative processes, wherein priority areas of intervention are identified in coordination with national counterparts and IOM offices globally. With support from the IOM Development Fund, the initiatives that come to fruition as a result of these dialogues encompass a wide array of focus areas, spanning from climate mobility to counter-trafficking, policy and legal framework development to labour migration, border governance to diaspora engagement, amongst others.

The projects highlighted in this booklet offer a snapshot into the transformative work supported by the Fund in recent years. They underscore the Fund's dedication to fostering innovative and practical solutions in the domain of migration management. Examples include championing green-economy initiatives in Lesotho to strengthening the integration of traditional knowledge in displacement management plans in Vanuatu, to the establishment of a Global Migration and Media Training Academy aimed at counteracting negative attitudes towards migrants through media channels. The Fund has sown the seeds for impactful and innovative change.

The initiatives shared aim to fuel collaboration and mutual learning among partners and teams across the IOM, ultimately boosting evermore impactful approaches and solutions to migration management. It is my hope that the initiatives spotlighted in this booklet will serve as beacons of inspiration for ever-more effective support in realizing our objective of enhancing migrants and communities' wellbeing worldwide.

Ultimately, I am confident that this funding mechanism will continue to serve as a crucial enabler of IOM's commitment to ensure that migration is safe, orderly, humane, and for the benefit of all.

Ugochi Daniels
IOM Deputy Director General for Operations

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CHAPTER 1

AFRICA

Addressing Coastal Communities' Vulnerability in Sierra Leone: A Case Study of *Plantain* and *Yelibuya* Islands



Awareness Raising
and Communication

Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Reduction

Social Cohesion
and Community Participation



IOM/2021

What is the Project about?

Approximately 40 per cent of the world's population lives within 100 kilometers of the coast. Communities in coastal regions face significant risks from coastal erosion, flooding, and storm surges which impacts ecosystems, livelihoods, and overall well-being. Focusing on Sierra Leone, the project is addressing the vulnerability of coastal communities to prevent displacement, specifically on *Plantain* and *Yelibuya* Islands, recognized as vital transit points, business centers, and fishing hubs.

The project's main objective is to enhance the Government of Sierra Leone's disaster preparedness and response capacity, as well as its ability to mitigate the adverse effects of climate variability and environmental degradation. With limited data availability and institutional capacity hindering effective decision-making, the project is empowering national authorities to conduct socio-economic and environmental assessments of vulnerable coastal communities. The insights into the impacts of climate change generated through these assessments are being deployed by decision-makers to develop informed policies to safeguard the interests of Sierra Leonean coastal communities.

Project Info

- MISSION: SIERRA LEONE
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: SIERRA LEONE
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: NC.0089

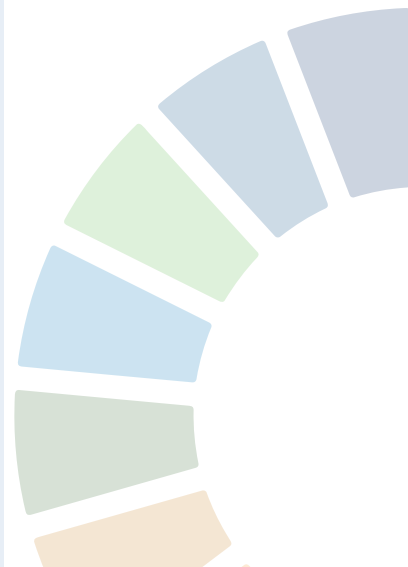
How is the Project Innovative?

The project showcases innovation through its application of advanced technology and data analysis methodologies. A noteworthy innovation is the utilization of the *Digital Terrain Model* (DTM), a high-precision approach for depicting surface morphology while filtering out forest cover and other land types. This approach offers superior accuracy compared to the commonly used *Digital Elevation Model* (DEM) by capturing detailed terrain variations and drainage patterns.

Satellite-based information has additionally been leveraged to generate data on geology, geomorphology, hydrology, topography, and landcover changes. This approach is particularly valuable for assessing the effect of local activities on climate by producing island-specific data on a large scale. This data feeds into regional climatic models, enhancing the understanding of the interplay between local activities and broader climate dynamics. Ultimately, this approach strengthens decision-making and policy formulation by providing accurate, comprehensive, and up-to-date information to address the challenges faced by coastal communities.



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Developing a Migrant-Sensitive Health Service Delivery Model to Reach Miners in Upper Guinea

Awareness Raising
and Communication

Diversity, Gender
and Inclusion

Social Cohesion
and Community Participation



IOM/2021

What is the Project about?

In Siguiiri, Upper Guinea, artisanal gold extraction attracts high numbers of migrants from other parts of the country, and region more widely. This remote area is particularly vulnerable to communicable diseases, and communities often have limited access to basic social infrastructure, including health facilities. Focusing on remote mining areas in Siguiiri, the initiative aims to establish a migrant-friendly health service model that bridges gaps between migrants and host communities in vulnerable regions.

Collaborating with Guinea's Ministry of Health, the project is developing a gender-sensitive health service model aligned with Guinea's National Community Health Strategy. The project has additionally developed a comprehensive and gender-sensitive health package for communicable diseases for migrants and underserved groups. Efforts are also being directed towards enhancing community awareness and stakeholder comprehension of the newly inaugurated health service model. This is contributing towards improved disease detection and heightened accessibility to health services, ultimately countering the proliferation of communicable diseases.

Project Info

- MISSION: GUINEA
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 100,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: GUINEA
- DURATION: 12 M
- CODE: MA.0535

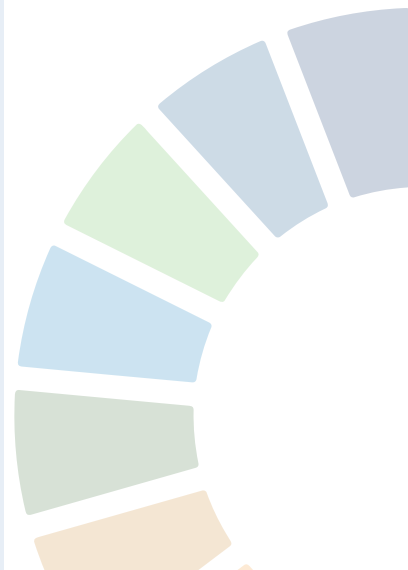
How is the Project Innovative?

This project distinguishes itself through its focus on an often-overlooked group of migrant and local communities living in the remote mining zones of Siguri. Focusing on the distinct challenges faced by these underserved populations, the project maximizes its impact and adaptability by ensuring that interventions are finely tuned to respond to the specific needs of these communities.

The project has also served as a powerful tool for advocacy. It effectively mobilized diverse stakeholders in the country to advocate for the expansion of the streamlined health care service model for migrants. This forward-thinking approach does not simply tackle immediate healthcare disparities; it has the potential to trigger broader systemic change, highlighting the project's innovative spirit in reshaping healthcare delivery in demanding circumstances.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Empowering Women in Small-Scale Cross-Border Trade Between Benin, Ghana and Togo

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion

Regular Pathways



What is the Project about?

A two-way relationship exists between migration and trade: migration contributes to trade and also benefits from it. The project addresses this relationship, particularly highlighting the role that small-scale cross-border trade (SSCBT) plays in local economies across Africa. SSCBT sustains the livelihoods of numerous individuals, particularly women, and contributes to poverty reduction, job creation, and food security.

Despite its importance, SSCBT has lacked adequate policy research and support, especially concerning women traders. This project aims to bridge this gap by focusing on the Abidjan-Lagos corridor, a crucial trade route in the sub-region, encompassing countries along the borders of Benin, Ghana, and Togo. The primary objective is to enhance community development in these border areas by creating an enabling environment for women engaged in SSCBT. Through these efforts, the project aspires to drive sustainable development and empower women traders in the targeted regions.

Project Info

- MISSION: GHANA
- YEAR: 2022
- funds: 400,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: BENIN, GHANA, TOGO
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: LM.0495

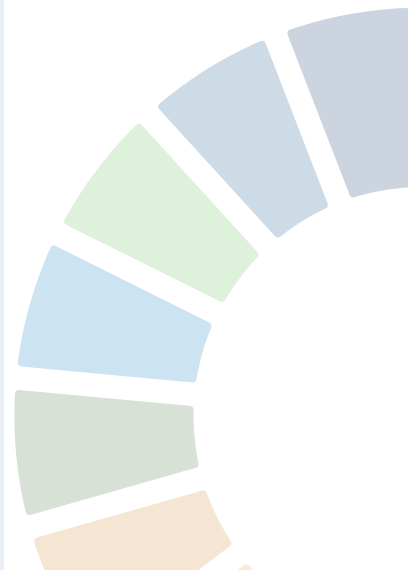
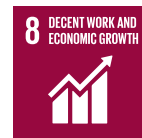
How is the Project Innovative?

At the core of its innovation, this project focuses on gender dynamics at the intersection of migration and trade. The project focuses on empowering women traders, a group comprising 40 percent of the sector. This is being achieved through a gender-sensitive analytical report on SSCBT, and the promotion of an enabling environment through increased knowledge and collaboration among local and border authorities, civil society, and women involved in trade within the three countries.

This distinctive approach extends its impact across Africa, particularly in the Abidjan-Lagos corridor - a pivotal trade route for an estimated 70 million people. By directing dedicated research, responses, and empowerment initiatives towards women traders working across this corridor, the project paves the way for gender-inclusive, sustainable development in the area. Strengthening community development within the targeted border regions, the initiative also sets a precedent for addressing gender disparities in trade practices throughout the continent. This undertaking stands not only as an endeavor to empower individuals, but also as a blueprint for reshaping economies and fostering equitable progress.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Research: Mainstreaming Environmental Dimensions into (Re)Integration Support to Reduce the Impacts of Climate Change on Migration in Lesotho and Mauritius

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Data, Research and Technology

Social Cohesion and Community Participation



What is the Project about?

Cognizant of the direct relationship between slow environmental degradation, natural disasters and displacement, this project entails a research initiative exploring this link. Spanning across Lesotho and Mauritius, the research aims to assist the governments in both countries to strengthen the effectiveness of integration, reintegration, and planned relocation strategies in response to the impacts of climate change.

Research-driven insights will guide policy development and adaptation processes within various government entities, particularly the Ministries of Environment, Economy, Labour, and Health. Through a focus on the design and modification of policies and programs related to integration, reintegration, and planned relocation, the initiative strives to establish a more sustainable framework to provide support to internal and international migrants, returnees, and vulnerable communities facing the consequences of environmental degradation and climate change.

Project Info

- MISSION: LESOTHO
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 100,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: LESOTHO, MAURITIUS
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: NC.0053

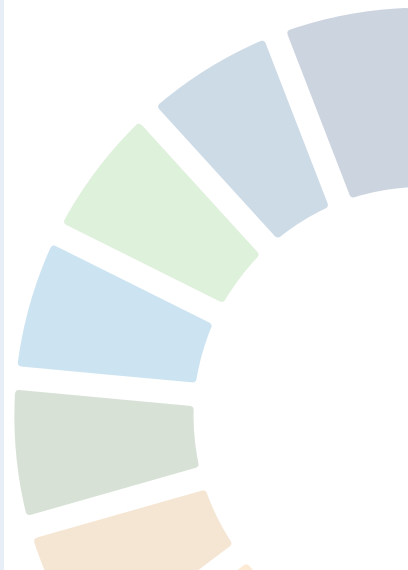
How is the Project Innovative?

The project adopts a unique approach to addressing the complex interplay between migration, climate change, and environmental challenges. It does so by mainstreaming the environmental dimension into (re)integration support strategies and emphasizing the role of the environment and climate change in shaping migration patterns and reintegration outcomes.

Employing qualitative research methods, the project aims to provide clear answers to important questions, such as the integration-related needs of individuals and communities vis-à-vis current and predicted climate change impacts. The research findings will also inform future reintegration interventions, integration schemes, and provide synergies between migration, environment and protection programmes among others. The initiative also identifies “green projects” aimed at adapting to climate change and mitigating environmental degradation that can be piloted or scaled up.



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Supporting Climate Adaptive Solutions in Lesotho Through Policy and a Community-based Green Economy Pilot

Awareness Raising and Communication

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

With the impacts of climate change increasingly apparent in Lesotho, this project serves a dual purpose: to address the effects of climate change on human movement and foster a green economy through sustainable livelihood opportunities. In pursuit of this objective, the project envisions the Government of Lesotho taking a leading role in adopting strategies that enhance climate resilience. Concurrently, local communities are being supported to embrace practices that withstand the effects of climate change and contribute to sustainable livelihoods.

Based on a nationwide assessment of the connections between migration and the environment, the project assists the Government in formulating a gender-sensitive strategy focused on migration, environment, and climate change. Collaborating with cooperatives in five communities, the project not only expands employment prospects within the green sector but also raises awareness on climate-resilient practices to cooperative members and their communities. The project functions as a two-pronged approach, harmonizing efforts towards reduced climate-induced human mobility and enhanced sustainable livelihoods.

Project Info

- MISSION: LESOTHO
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: LESOTHO
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: NC.0100

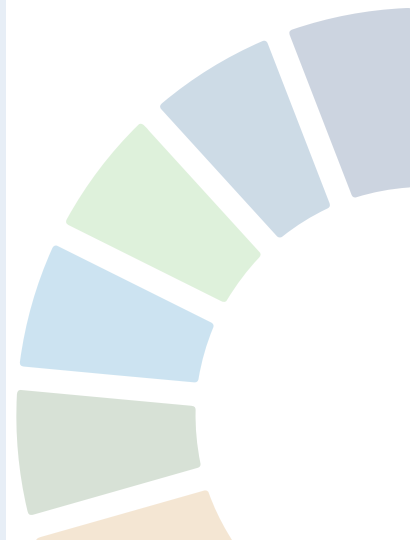
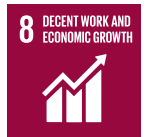
How is the Project Innovative?

The unique character of this initiative should be recognized in the way it engages with concrete and tangible solutions in the context of development and climate change. It does so by supporting Lesotho's institutions and communities to transition towards green growth, enabling advances toward health, natural resource sustainability and social equity.

The initiative foresees the engagement and participation of local communities, to both strengthen their resilience to environmental changes, and provide them with the tools needed to take an active part in developing a sustainable green economy. Moving beyond theoretical perspectives, the initiative plays an active role in creating green employment and promoting growth within the green economy. This approach enables Lesotho to adopt a vanguard role in reimagining the intersection of migration, climate resilience, and economic progress towards a more sustainable and equitable future.



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CHAPTER 2

ASIA

Addressing Environmental Migration Resulting from Coastal Change In Timor-Leste

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Data, Research and Technology

Social Cohesion and Community Participation



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What is the Project about?

Timor-Leste is severely exposed to climatic impacts in coastal areas. A significant proportion of its population resides in areas already impacted by coastal erosion and rising sea levels, leading to out-migration of many, and an ever-increasing exposure to risks for those who remain.

To tackle these challenges, this project aims to enable sustainable adaptation in communities that are vulnerable to mobility triggered by changing coastlines, particularly due to receding shores. The primary focus is to bolster capacities to address loss and damage related challenges while proactively preparing for potential coastal migration. This involves refining the evidence-base and reinforcing community-centered adaptation and development planning. By amplifying capacity, integrating adaptation and development planning, and leveraging data insights, the project seeks a sustainable and proactive stance toward coastal migration. This is contributing towards safeguarding the well-being and livelihoods of the communities involved.

Project Info

- MISSION: TIMOR-LESTE
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 100,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: TIMOR-LESTE
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: NC.0050

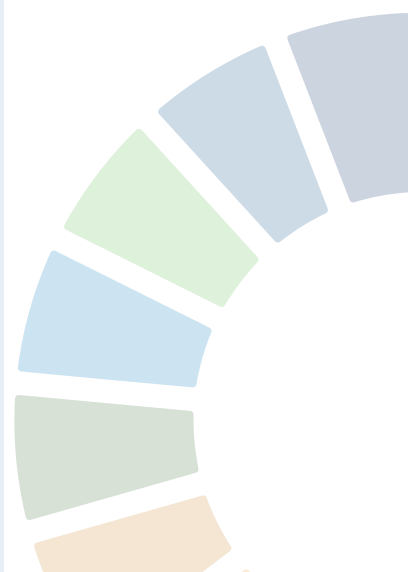
How is the Project Innovative?

The project's innovation is exemplified by its use of cutting-edge technologies, particularly satellite imagery. The initiative introduces an underexplored approach to evidence-based decision making, through the deployment of a remote sensing-based national shoreline assessment. This method empowers governmental bodies and local communities to effectively address coastal damage, losses, and potential migration challenges. At its core, the project integrates data-driven methodologies into community-centered adaptation and development planning.

Analyzing decades of satellite images, the methodology reveals substantial erosion of 627 kilometers along the nation's 743-kilometer coast. Coupled with population and infrastructure data, this precision enables the identification of areas most susceptible to immediate and future coastal risks. Beyond its quantitative impact, the project's emphasis on capacity development encourages legislative and programmatic advancements at the national level, underlining the potential of grassroots initiatives.



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Leveraging Digital Technology to Strengthen the Identification Of Victims Of Trafficking In Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Of China (Hong Kong Sar, China)

Awareness Raising and Communication

Data, Research and Technology

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion



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What is the Project about?

Human trafficking and forced labor are global issues affecting millions of people around the world. This project aims to safeguard the rights of victims of trafficking from various nationalities and employment sectors in Hong Kong SAR, China.

The key objective of this initiative is to ensure that potential victims of trafficking can access protection and advocacy mechanisms that are attuned to gender-specific considerations. This approach enables an environment conducive to women seeking appropriate assistance and protective measures tailored to their needs. Moreover, by leveraging existing tools to expand screenings to vulnerable migrant worker populations beyond the predominantly female domestic workforce, the project holds the distinctive potential to enhance the understanding of diverse stakeholders regarding the factors making male migrant workers susceptible to human trafficking and related forms of exploitation. This effort will not only shape the design of tailored referral mechanisms but also contribute to the reinforcement of protection measures sensitive to gender-related concerns.

Project Info

- MISSION: HONG KONG SAR, CHINA
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: CHINA
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: PX.0201

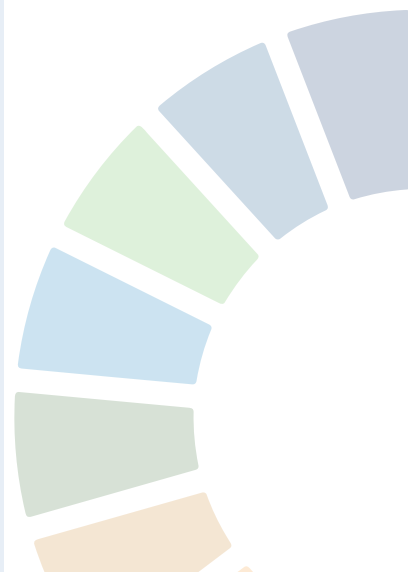
How is the Project Innovative?

The project's innovation lies in its successful adaptation of the *Apprise* tool, originally developed by the United Nations University Institute in Macau and the Mekong Club to enable secure and confidential interviews of vulnerable populations to identify instances of trafficking in persons. By adopting this cutting-edge technological solution, the initiative harnesses technology to identify and ultimately support migrant workers facing exploitation.

Apprise is a mobile app based on the *Value Sensitive Design* approach - a theory-based approach to technology design that considers human values in a principled and comprehensive way. It ensures that technology is developed with ethical, social, and cultural considerations. By offering tailored screening questionnaires in multiple languages, the app empowers frontline responders to proactively detect signs of labor exploitation and trafficking among vulnerable migrant workers in various industries. This allows them to evaluate in a standardized, evidence-based and protection-oriented manner the situation of migrant workers within the established legal frameworks, as well as to gather essential and consistent macro data about labor conditions, facilitating comparative analysis across different time periods, locations, and sectors.



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Republic of the Marshall Islands: Piloting a Women-Led Domestic Tourism Programme for Increased Self-Reliance and Livelihood Diversification



What is the Project about?

A continuing trend of rural-to-urban migration in the Marshall Islands, exacerbated by the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, poses diverse challenges for the atoll nation's economy. Marshallese women living in rural areas and the outer islands of the Marshall Islands are particularly disadvantaged when it comes to economic development.

Through collaborative partnerships, this project sets out with the clear mission to empower communities, and specifically women, within the Republic of the Marshall Islands to attain economic self-reliance. By creating viable avenues for sustainable livelihoods in rural regions, the pilot program not only enhances national resilience but also looks into upholding local culture and land. Moreover, this initiative brings forth valuable insights for government agencies and stakeholders vested in commerce, investment, and tourism. Insights have been then disseminated through a diversity of means, encompassing market research, capacity development initiatives, and reports capturing key lessons learned.

Project Info

- MISSION: MARSHALL ISLANDS
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 80,339 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: MARSHALL ISLANDS
- DURATION: 15 M
- CODE: CD.0057

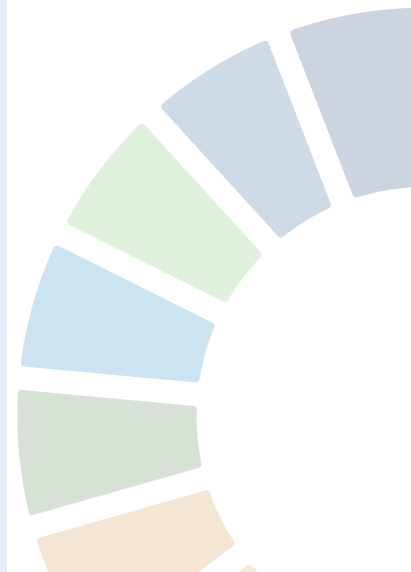
How is the Project Innovative?

This project stands as an innovative endeavor, particularly as it tackles discriminatory migration practices and promotes equal rights in the context of economic self-reliance and rural development. The initiative strategically engages with the *blue economy* and sustainable tourism to diversify livelihoods, employing a value chain approach encompassing accommodation, food and beverage, and attractions. Of utmost significance is its integration of gender considerations, fostering women's economic agency through startup financial support, technical knowledge, and marketing opportunities.

By prioritizing gender-mainstreaming and human rights principles, the project transcends traditional economic boundaries, ensuring equal access to training, resources and opportunities for women from vulnerable households. This ultimately fosters sustainable economic growth while promoting environmentally conscious practices. Additionally, its adaptability in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic underscored its agile approach to addressing prevailing challenges and ensuring the long-term empowerment and inclusion of rural women in the local socio-economic fabric.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Sri Lanka: Rapid Assistance to Government Employees and Other Aspiring Migrant Workers to Secure Foreign Employment through an Integrated Guidance and Referral System

Diaspora Engagement

Social Cohesion and Community Participation

Regular Pathways



What is the Project about?

Sri Lanka's economic challenges were profoundly exacerbated by reduced expatriate remittances during the COVID-19 pandemic. Vis-à-vis this situation, the initiative was launched to enhance economic resilience by focusing on two key aspects: boosting remittance inflows and optimizing public sector expenditures.

The project's main objective is to enhance the employability of potential migrant workers, particularly those in the government sector. Through a gender-sensitive and rights-based approach, the project offers essential end-to-end services for key destination markets, facilitating outbound migration and contributing to increased remittance flows. These efforts align with the government's reform measures and provide a solution for immediate financial relief. By strategically reducing public sector salary expenditures and augmenting remittance flows, the project reduces account deficits, enhances foreign exchange liquidity, decreases unemployment rates, and ushers in a path towards economic recovery.

Project Info

- MISSION: SRI LANKA
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: SRI LANKA
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: LM.0494

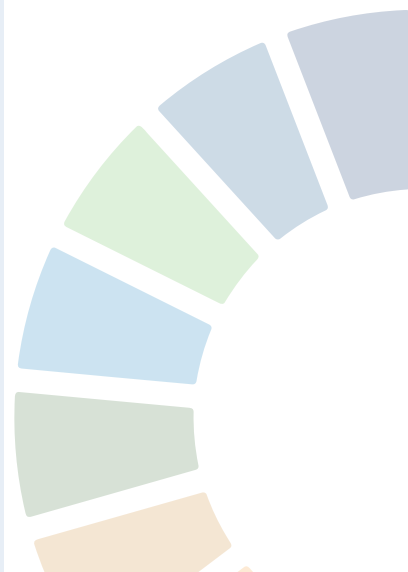
How is the Project Innovative?

The project showcases innovation through its approach to addressing Sri Lanka's pressing economic challenges. Unlike more traditional responses to remittance declines, this initiative offers a comprehensive strategy that encompasses two key aspects: enhancing remittance inflows while optimizing public sector expenditures.

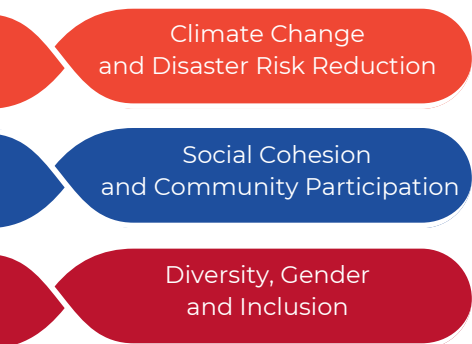
By empowering potential migrant workers within the government sector, which are not usually targeted by these types of initiatives, the project introduces a dynamic solution that not only addresses the immediate crisis but also paves the way for a transformed economic landscape in Sri Lanka, fostering sustainable growth and improved well-being for its citizens. The dual impact on economic advancement and skill enhancement underscores the project's progressive nature. The project's comprehensive approach, its balanced consideration of economic and workforce factors, and its dedication to inclusivity collectively position it as an innovative endeavor.



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Wokbaot Wetem Kalja: Strengthening the Use of Traditional Knowledge and Social and Cultural Systems in Displacement Management in Vanuatu



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What is the Project about?

Displacement from disasters, including sudden and slow-onset events, can threaten the survival of traditional knowledge and culture. This includes intangible losses, such as knowledge about the natural environment and sustainable practices. This project focuses on strengthening Vanuatu's resilience against climate-induced displacement - a critical concern in this disaster-prone archipelago.

By merging traditional knowledge with contemporary strategies, the initiative integrates traditional approaches into formal displacement planning. The project recognizes the central role of traditional knowledge and cultural systems in enhancing resilience, especially in the face of recent disasters like Cyclone *Harold* in 2020. Employing UNESCO methodologies and aligning with Vanuatu's governance aspirations, the project fosters community resilience through activities such as community mapping, resource development, government tools, and communication products. This harmonizes traditional wisdom with contemporary strategies.

Project Info

- MISSION: VANUATU
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: VANUATU
- DURATION: 36 M
- CODE: CC.0044

How is the Project Innovative?

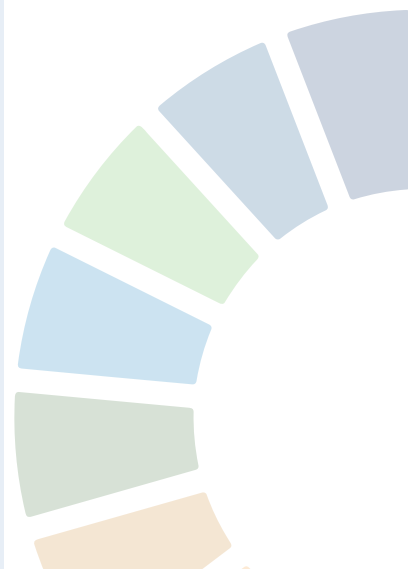
The project introduces innovation through its approach to displacement management. Unlike traditional disaster response methods that predominantly emphasize technical and logistical facets, this endeavor stands out by leveraging traditional knowledge, cultural practices, and sustainable strategies.

By integrating indigenous knowledge and social networks into displacement planning, the project acknowledges the indispensable role of local communities in disaster resilience. It does so by honoring local customs, nurturing communal unity, and empowering individuals as active contributors to their own recovery. The project's innovation resides in its harmonization of traditional knowledge with contemporary disaster management practices, generating a symbiotic relationship that amplifies preparedness, response capabilities, and the recovery process.

This comprehensive, culturally attuned approach not only augments the efficacy of displacement management but also establishes the foundation for a more inclusive, resilient, and community-driven disaster management paradigm, potentially serving as a benchmark for similar initiatives globally.



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CHAPTER 3

EUROPE

Armenia: A Data-Driven Decision Support Tool to Address the Environmental Implications of Migrant Returns to Sending Communities due to the Socio-Economic Impacts of COVID-19

Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Reduction

Data, Research
and Technology

Regular
Pathways



What is the Project about?

Armenia, a mountainous, landlocked country in the South Caucasus, is one of the most vulnerable countries in the region to climate change. The country's average temperature has risen by more than 1.2°C over the last century and changing climatic patterns have caused the degradation of landscapes, including watersheds and wetlands. Furthermore, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have triggered further stress on the ecosystem, also due to the return of Armenian migrants to environmentally fragile and climate-impacted communities of origin.

In the face of those challenges, this project focuses on integrating human mobility considerations into climate change decision-making in the country. Its objective is to assist the national and local authorities in acquiring stronger knowledge, tools and capacities. This includes utilizing new systems and data in an integrated and evidence-based approach to improve climate change adaptation at the national and community levels.

Project Info

- MISSION: ARMENIA
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: ARMENIA
- DURATION: 36 M
- CODE: NC.0063

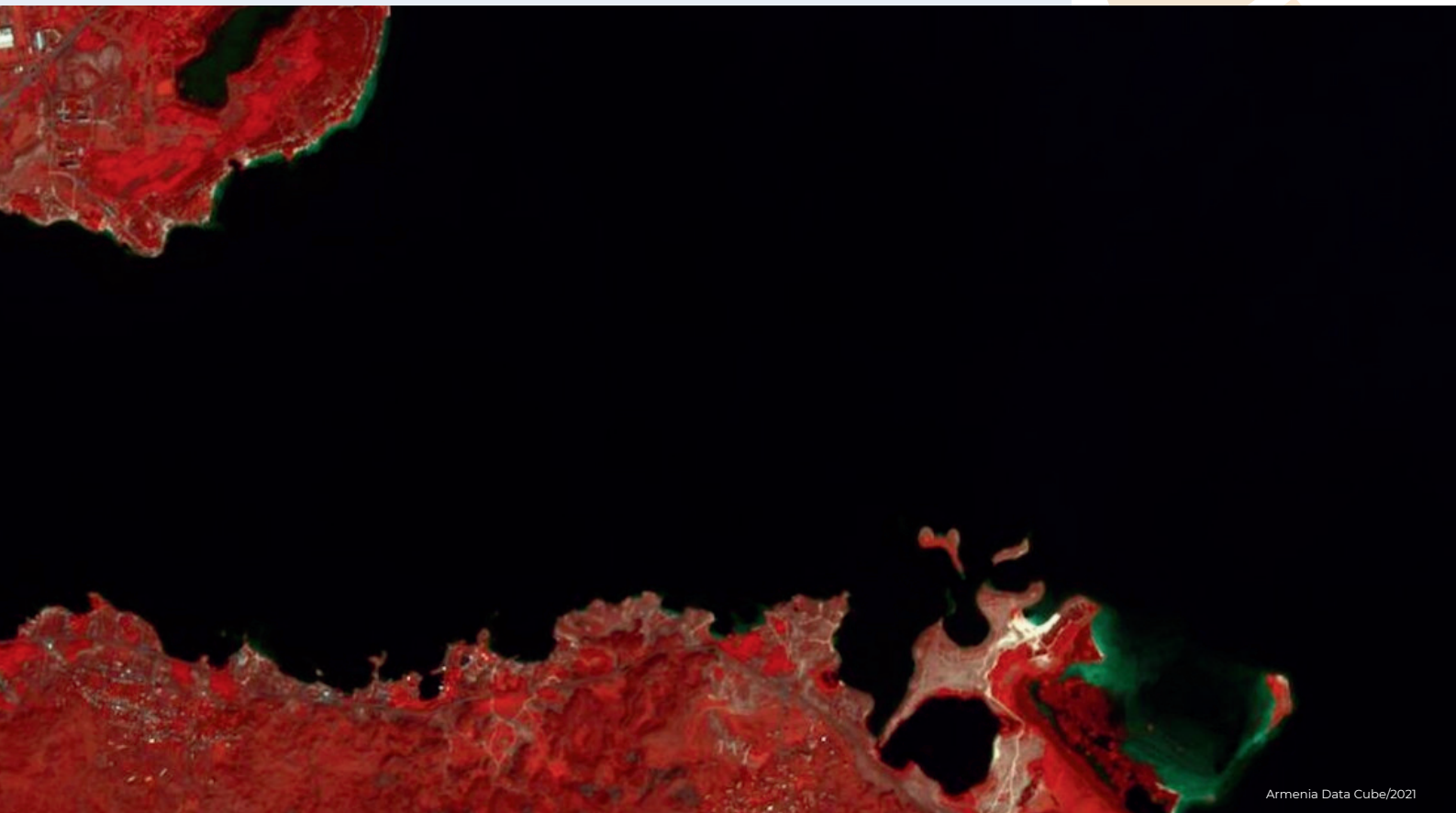
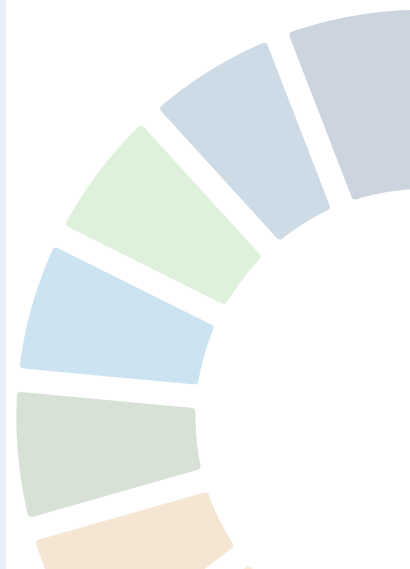
How is the Project Innovative?

This project's combination of data, technology, research, and its multi-dimensional approach to climate change adaptation makes it a unique effort in advancing resilience and sustainability within the South Caucasus. In particular, the project's innovation is to be recognized in the way it places efficient and state-of-the-art technologies at the center of the response to climate change. It leverages diverse data sets such as gender-disaggregated data on migration, geospatial, environmental, poverty, and vulnerability related data. This is employed alongside information from the *Armenia Data Cube*, an innovative technology for remote sensing Earth observation and national-level data visualization, that allows for continuous remote environmental monitoring.

The project has enabled the creation of a customized decision-making support tool. It does so by adopting an iterative methodology and bringing together cross-functional teams, and ensuring the tool is user-friendly and easily sustainable for driving climate adaptation. By leveraging technology and data, the initiative deepens comprehension of how migration, environment, and climate change are interconnected, triggering, in turn, the development of targeted policies and encouraging collaboration among relevant government bodies.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Bosnia & Herzegovina: Engaging Youth in Environmentally and Socio-Economically Sustainable Initiatives

Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Reduction

Youth

Diversity, Gender
and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

A significant proportion of young individuals in Bosnia and Herzegovina express concern over their economic situation and an overall sense of stagnation. Prevailing sentiments point towards concerns over unemployment, limited political influence, and the prospect of leaving the country in search of better opportunities.

Considering these perceptions, this project focuses on addressing socio-economic dissatisfaction among youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, while also considering the increasing environmental challenges, particularly air pollution and climate-related issues, that impact community well-being. By engaging youth from central and peripheral at-risk communities, the project aims to utilize gender and environment-oriented solutions, including participatory budgeting, innovation-driven grants, and capacity development activities. This is working to foster climate resilience and social cohesion by harnessing the untapped potential of these groups.

Project Info

- MISSION: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: CD.0067

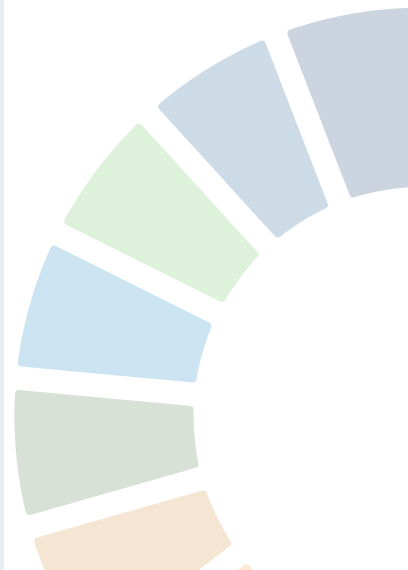
How is the Project Innovative?

This project showcases innovation in addressing the challenges faced by youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly in relation to engagement, empowerment, and socio-environmental sustainability. It adopts a versatile approach that connects environmental concerns with socio-economic well-being and community resilience, placing youth at the centre of the nexus between migration, environment, climate resilience, gender, and social cohesion.

The project stands out for its integration of participatory methodologies, community engagement, and technology. The project introduces innovative mechanisms such as the *Environment Innovation Start-up Week(end)s*, which encourage youth to develop solutions for local sustainability challenges. By promoting green investments, participatory budgeting, and small grants, the project fosters youth-led initiatives that contribute to community resilience.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Consciously Made in Ukraine: *SVIDOMO MADE*

Social Cohesion
and Community Participation

Regular
Pathways

Diversity, Gender
and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

The *Svidomo Made* project is dedicated to advancing sustainable development and responsible production within Ukrainian businesses. This initiative aims to heighten awareness about ethical consumption, labor exploitation, and human trafficking issues.

The project is built on six core principles: fair wages, human rights, workplace safety, eradicating child labor, transparent supply chains, and environmental protection. With a team of experts addressing each principle, the project foresees guiding small and medium Ukrainian enterprises toward sustainability. Recognized businesses will bear a quality mark, symbolizing their alignment with the *Svidomo Made* community. Through an educational platform and awareness campaign, the project promotes responsible production and consumption. Furthermore, *Svidomo Made* aligns with global trends related to boosting brand reputations, including on ethical business practices, competitiveness in the European market, and fostering the SDGs and human rights.

Project Info

- MISSION: UKRAINE
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 100,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: UKRAINE
- DURATION: 12 M
- CODE: LM.0415

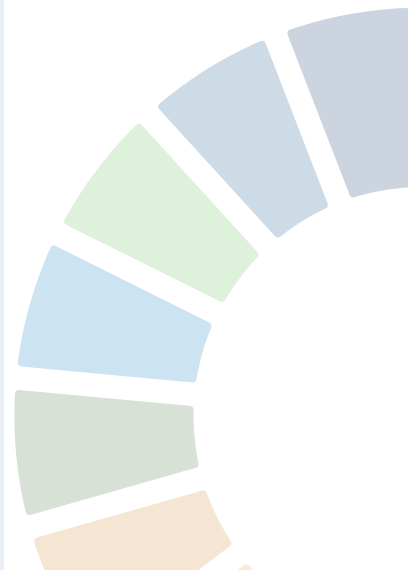
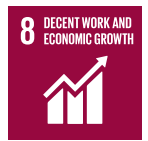
How is the Project Innovative?

The initiative showcases innovation in the way it promotes sustainable production and consumption for small businesses by incorporating corporate sustainability principles. Remarkably, the project has led to the establishment of Ukraine's inaugural *Voluntary Corporate Sustainability Standard* for small and medium enterprises. This standard, developed in alignment with the *Global Compact for Migration* principles, international best practices, and national regulations, evaluates companies based on ethical recruitment, safe workplaces, eradicating exploitation, diversity promotion, transparent supply chains, and environmental protection.

Illustrating the innovation in action, the initiative introduced the *Svidomo Made* "quality mark" on products, signifying adherence to ethical production. A diverse range of businesses have already been successful in earning this mark. Beyond business, the project advances human rights by advocating for ethical employment and labor rights, thereby addressing concerns, including human trafficking. This initiative creates a transformative framework that resonates across economic, societal, and environmental spheres. In doing so, the project positions Ukraine at the forefront of sustainable business, aligning with global trends and positively impacting both businesses and consumers.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Kyrgyzstan: Enhancing Migrants' Awareness on Air Pollution and Moving Towards a "Healthy City Vision" in Bishkek

Social Cohesion and Community Participation

Awareness Raising and Communication

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction



What is the Project about?

Air pollution in residential neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, is a public health emergency. At the same time, since the early 1990s, many internal migrants from various regions of the country have been moving to these areas in search of better living conditions. However, the accommodation in these areas are still inadequately connected to the city's public infrastructure. These groups are significantly exposed to health risks related to air pollution – including heart disease, cancer, and chronic respiratory diseases.

This project address air pollution as a critical public health concern in Kyrgyzstan's urban areas, particularly affecting migrants. The project aims to enhance migrants' awareness of air pollution, its risks and impacts, while fostering their active participation in combatting pollution. It does so by empowering internal and international migrants with awareness on the issue, triggering community participation and engaging governmental stakeholders. The cr role of migrants in tackling this challenge is emphasized and facilitated through the involvement of migrant leaders in discussions on air pollution.

Project Info

- MISSION: KYRGYZSTAN
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: KYRGYZSTAN
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: MA.0514

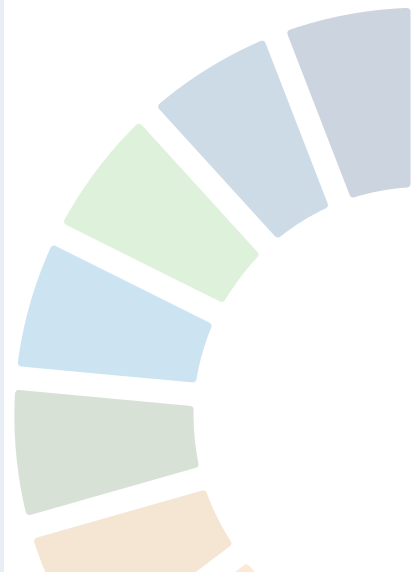
How is the Project Innovative?

The project introduces a groundbreaking approach to tackle the challenges posed by the combination of air pollution, climate change, and disaster risk reduction. By examining the impact of air pollution on migrants' health in urban settings, with a specific focus on women and children, the project establishes a critical precedent in understanding the role of migration vis-à-vis urban environmental risks.

The initiative promotes migrants' access to green infrastructure, community health initiatives, and integration into Bishkek's *Healthy City Vision*. This strategy paves the way for innovative solutions in climate-resilient urban development. A platform has been established that empowers migrants to showcase health projects and engage in ongoing dialogues, facilitating participation in shaping new pathways towards sustainable urban health policies. This approach holds significant promise in triggering transformative behavioral shifts, shaping policies, and cultivating collaboration among stakeholders. By embracing this set of strategies, the project underscores its potential to tackle air pollution while fostering sustainable, community-driven solutions.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Save More in Migration: Supporting Migrant Workers from Georgia and the Republic of Moldova to Enhance Savings, Remittances & Sustainable Benefits of Labour Migration

Regular Pathways

Diaspora Engagement

Data, Research and Technology



What is the Project about?

Every year, Israel witnesses the influx of migrant workers hailing from Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, motivated to secure earnings that will bolster their future livelihoods and overall well-being upon their eventual return. Nonetheless, the realization of long-term financial aspirations often remains elusive, hindered by a multitude of factors.

In this context, the overarching goal of this project is centered on bolstering governmental and institutional capabilities to foster heightened financial inclusivity. This effort seeks to empower migrant labourers and their families, equipping them with improved means to reach their financial goals and channel their accumulated funds toward opportunities that nurture sustainable livelihoods and heightened long-term prosperity. This has a positive impact for both the countries of origin and destination.

Project Info

- MISSION: MOLDOVA
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: GEORGIA, ISRAEL, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: TK.0033

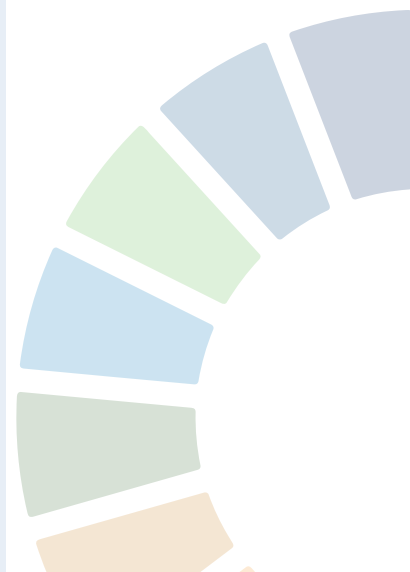
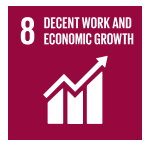
How is the Project Innovative?

The project's innovation is underscored by its adaptation of an academic remittance investment approach to the sphere of migration. The initiative is guided by insights from behavioral economics, particularly drawing on the *Save More Tomorrow* initiative pioneered by scholars at the University of Chicago and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) on the economics of retirement savings.

On the basis of these principles, the project catalyzes a transformative shift in the financial landscape for migrant workers from Moldova and Georgia. Significantly, a targeted subset of beneficiaries in Israel, the country of destination, benefit from regular motivational prompts to stay on-track with their financial goals. In the post-migration phase, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation will roll-out tailored entrepreneurship trainings to support migrants translate accumulated savings into viable business ventures. This solidifies the link between remittances and sustainable economic growth, highlighting the value and potential applicability of the initiative in different contexts.



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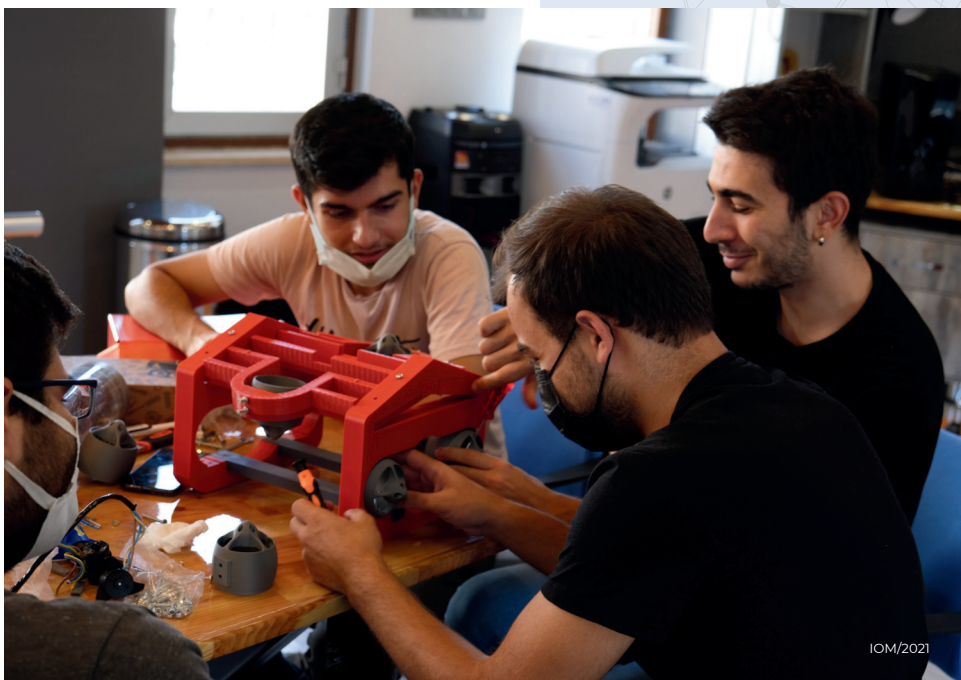


Türkiye: Resilience Innovation Facility

Youth

Social Cohesion
and Community Participation

Data, Research
and Technology



IOM/2021

What is the Project about?

Gaziantep is one of the biggest refugee-hosting provinces in Türkiye. Of Türkiye's over 3.6 million Syrians under temporary protection, Gaziantep is home to over 440,000 Syrians. In this context, this initiative was launched to open a Resilience Innovation Facility, or Fabrication Lab, housed by Gaziantep University. This space is designed to empower youths in Gaziantep - whether Syrian refugees or Turkish host community members living in the area - by providing education, community, workforce, and business programming that teaches innovation, design-thinking, problem-solving, and change-making.

The Innovation Facility offers open and equitable access to modern digital fabrication tools, equipment, and technology, providing an avenue for young people to prototype, create, learn, and innovate. The facility is a space for individuals with varying educational levels to access courses, equipment, and mentoring opportunities. Additionally, it operates an open-door policy to offer digital, technology, and entrepreneurial skills training to university students, refugees or potential migrants who have had limited access to higher education and training opportunities.

Project Info

- MISSION: REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: IS.0049

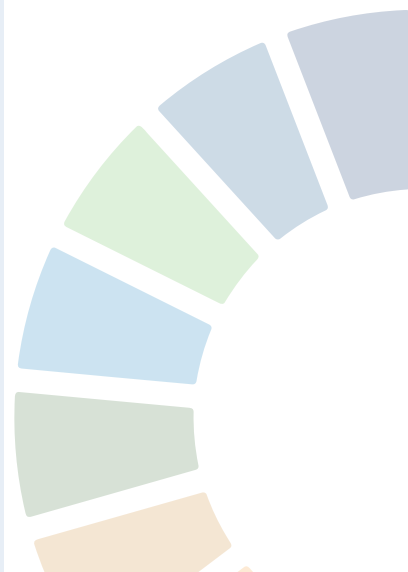
How is the Project Innovative?

The Resilience Innovation Facility introduces an innovative approach to engaging and empowering youth through training and job opportunities within the realms of the digital space and circular economy. In an era where digital proficiency is essential, the facility harnesses youth's attitude towards digital technologies, enabling deeper and more meaningful engagement. A standout feature of this initiative is its emphasis on active participation and leadership among the youth.

Enabling youth to develop and execute projects, the facility fosters a sense of accomplishment and ownership. Beyond skill acquisition, the facility offers a safe space for young minds, combining rich learning opportunities with a collaborative environment. This safe space not only stimulates knowledge acquisition but also encourages the exchange of ideas, building trust, and fostering meaningful social and economic participation. Its inclusive and open methodologies promote participation, and empowerment, serving as a model for sustainable solutions. The initiative's unique mix of digital knowledge, active participation, and community-driven approaches is reshaping how youth engage with training, opportunities, and each other.



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CHAPTER 4

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Strengthening the Capacities of the Government of Paraguay to Address the Mobility of Indigenous Communities in The Context Of Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Deforestation



Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion

Data, Research and Technology



IOM/2022

What is the Project about?

Paraguay's culturally diverse indigenous communities, which comprise twenty ethnic groups belonging to five linguistic families, face significant challenges in the face of climate change. Acknowledging previous national endeavors to uphold their rights and ensure access to services, this initiative, in close partnership with the Paraguayan Indigenous Institute, aims to prevent the forced migration of indigenous groups triggered by climate change, environmental degradation, and deforestation.

The core objectives of the project are multifaceted. They involve conducting a comprehensive assessment that explores the relationship between climate change and the movement patterns of the *Mbya Guarani* indigenous communities. Additionally, the project seeks to develop intervention guidelines tailored for officials from the Paraguayan Indigenous Institute, to establish precise data collection protocols for the targeted communities, and to launch a pilot program under the leadership of the Institute's officials, so to ultimately enhance the resilience and adaptability of indigenous groups vis-à-vis the impacts of climate change.

Project Info

- MISSION: PARAGUAY
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: PARAGUAY
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: NC.0065

How is the Project Innovative?

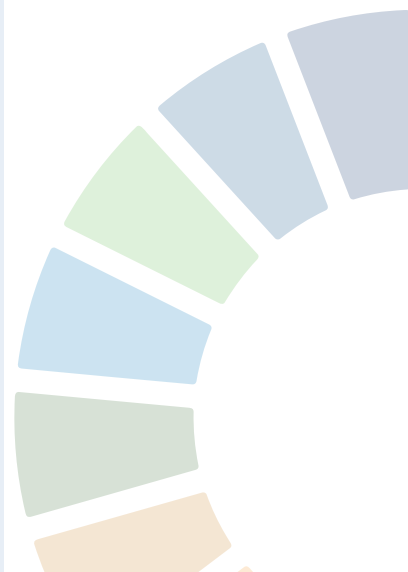
While the potential for indigenous knowledge to contribute to global climate action is acknowledged widely, acknowledgement has not often been translated into tangible action. This project's innovation lies in how it recognizes the substantial potential of indigenous knowledge to drive global climate action.

What sets this project apart is its deep integration of indigenous perspectives and community needs. Integrating such perspective is vital considering that a significant portion of the world's non-commercial land and valuable resources - such as minerals, forests, rivers, and energy sources - are located in or around indigenous communities' territories. What is noteworthy is also that the project is developed through inclusive discussions and informed consent, emphasizing a distinctly human-centered approach that aligns with the principles of sustainable development.

Ultimately, the project's novelty is evident in its combination of climate adaptation, community empowerment, and indigenous rights. This clearly acknowledges that excluding indigenous voices from national policies and global development efforts undermines global climate goals and sustainable development in the face of a changing climate.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Addressing Human Mobility in a Changing Climate in Mountain Areas of Ecuador (I) and Kazakhstan (II)

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Social Cohesion and Community Participation

Data, Research and Technology



What is the Project about?

Mountain ecosystems are highly sensitive to climate change, experiencing its effects more rapidly than other habitats. This manifests as glacier retreat, increased hazards, and biodiversity loss. Notably, 40 percent of the global population indirectly relies on mountain resources for essential resources - water, agriculture, biodiversity, and hydroelectricity, all at risk due to global warming. These changes are anticipated to drive further forced mobility, displacement, and relocation.

Two related projects, in Ecuador and Kazakhstan, address these dynamics by developing a cross-regional strategy to manage human mobility in environmentally degraded mountainous areas. The projects aim to enhance governance of human mobility in such contexts, reducing vulnerability for both migrants and local communities while harnessing positive developmental impacts of migration. By empowering local actors, the projects bolster their role in shaping and implementing policies at the climate change-human mobility intersection. Additionally, they seek to promote dialogue and collaboration, emphasizing mountainous challenges in global climate and human mobility discussions.

Project Info

- MISSION: ECUADOR AND KAZAKHSTAN
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 100,000 USD and 100,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: ECUADOR AND KAZAKHSTAN
- DURATION: 18 M
- CODES: NC.0092 AND NC.0090

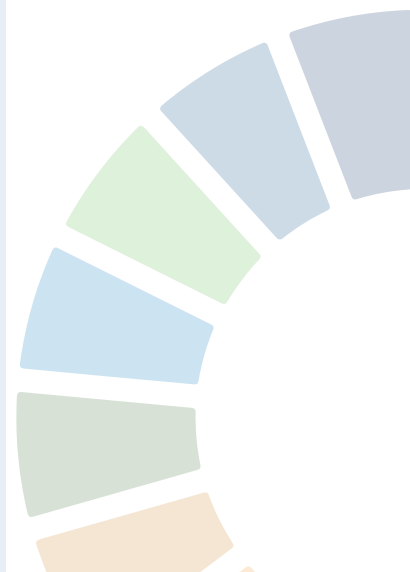
How is the Project Innovative?

The initiatives' innovation is rooted in its approach of mirroring projects across two geographically distinct yet environmentally analogous regions: Kazakhstan and Ecuador. By mirroring strategies, methodologies, and lessons learned from one context to another, the project fosters an effective cross-regional synergy among communities residing on opposite sides of the world yet confronting similar challenges.

Through this mirroring mechanism, a dynamic exchange of knowledge is set in motion, enabling the adaptation, refinement, and application of achievements and insights across the two distinct mountainous regions. This mutually reinforcing learning process serves to identify best practices and context-specific solutions, offering unique perspectives for enhancing climate change adaptation and disaster resilience. By drawing meaningful parallels between the experiences of Kazakhstan and Ecuador, the initiative assembles a comprehensive toolkit that empowers local stakeholders and practitioners within both regions. Ultimately, the mirroring of the project between these two countries signifies an innovative paradigm, steering the governance of human mobility towards a more global trajectory. Due to its innovative features and overall successful impact, this joint initiative has already secured follow-up funding for further expansion.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Open South America

Data, Research
and Technology

Awareness Raising
and Communication

Regular
Pathways



Open Source/nmlfd/2023

What is the Project about?

During the context of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic in South America, complex challenges emerged for the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) State Parties and Associated States. In particular, countries faced the need to find solutions to re-establish border accessibility while also alleviating socio-economic repercussions.

Vis-à-vis this necessity, this project aimed to enhance the capacity of MERCOSUR governments to manage controlled and responsible migration during and immediately after the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak. By furnishing officials with up-to-date data on mobility constraints, health protocols, and safety measures, the project supported policy formulation and regional coordination. Through strategic implementation, including development of operating procedures, training, and multilingual awareness campaigns, the project empowered stakeholders and optimized informed decision-making for the betterment of human mobility in South America.

Project Info

- MISSION: AGRENTINA
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 100,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES - ELIGIBLE MEMBER STATES: ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF), BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, GUYANA, PARAGUAY, PERU, SURINAME, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF); NON-ELIGIBLE MEMBER STATES: CHILE, URUGUAY
- DURATION: 12 M
- CODE: IB.0214

How is the Project Innovative?

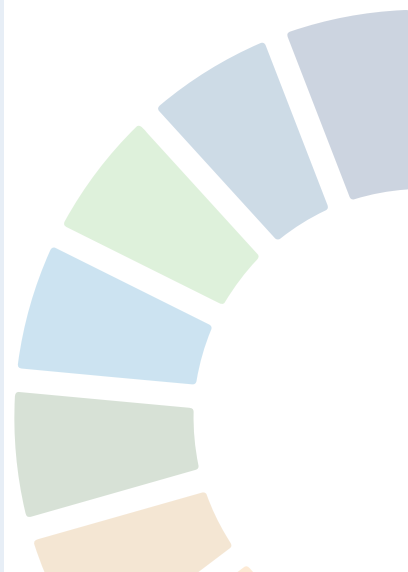
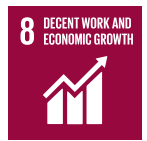
This project stands out for its innovative approach in harnessing technology across national boundaries to address the complex challenges of migration and mobility management, particularly in the context of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Firstly, it pioneers innovative data collection methods through the development of the *Sudamérica Abierta* platform and mobile application. This technological infrastructure serves as a centralized repository, systematically collecting and disseminating real-time information on human mobility restrictions, health, and safety measures. By employing comprehensive databases and analytical frameworks, the project offered insights into migration trends and patterns, enabling data-driven decision-making processes.

Secondly, partnerships with the private sector and academia ensured the platform's robustness, security, and compliance with data protection principles, while employing foresight, scenario building, and horizon scanning techniques, fostering a forward-looking perspective in migration and mobility management. Ultimately, the integration of cutting-edge technology, comprehensive data analysis, and strategic partnerships enhanced the capacity of MERCOSUR governments to facilitate safe, orderly, and responsible migration.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Socioeconomic (Re)Integration Toolkit for Governments in South America

Data, Research and Technology

Social Cohesion and Community Participation

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

Amidst pre-existing socioeconomic challenges in South America, a vital intervention addressing the needs of migrants, returnees, and host communities following the COVID-19 outbreak emerged as imperative. The region witnessed a dual movement: migrants returning home due to economic difficulties whilst others simultaneously departing for the same reasons.

To effectively aid South American governments in bolstering socioeconomic recovery post-pandemic, this project proposed a comprehensive toolkit for government officials, to facilitate the successful (re)integration of migrants and returnees into national economies, thereby empowering these individuals as catalysts for sustainable development, particularly in the post-COVID-19 recovery efforts. This endeavor involved two pivotal components: first, conducting a gender-sensitive rapid evidence assessment to construct a solid evidence base for toolkit development and implementation; and second, piloting the toolkit and formulating national implementation strategies for socioeconomic (re)integration across pilot countries.

Project Info

- MISSION: ARGENTINA
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 400,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES - ELIGIBLE MEMBER STATES: ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF), BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PARAGUAY, PERU;
- NON-ELIGIBLE MEMBER STATES: CHILE, URUGUAY
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: IS.0077

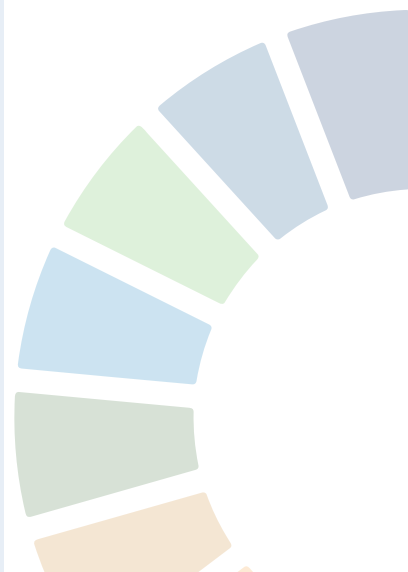
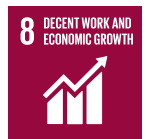
How is the Project Innovative?

This project introduces an innovative paradigm by integrating data, analysis, technology, and research to strengthen socioeconomic recovery strategies within the region. Through an integrative approach, it envisioned the development of a pioneering *socioeconomic integration toolkit* inclusive of cutting-edge data collection techniques, comprehensive databases, and analytical frameworks, along with advanced technological solutions.

The project's innovation extends further, by fostering partnerships with private sector entities and academia, thus leveraging state-of-the-art data innovation practices for better migration management strategies. Foresight, scenario building, and horizon scanning techniques enhanced the project's innovative element, enabling a proactive response to emerging trends and challenges in migration and mobility. By aligning advanced data-driven decision-making processes with comprehensive socioeconomic (re)integration initiatives, the project transcends conventional approaches, ushering in a transformative effort of evidence-based policy formulation and implementation.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Pilot Project to Address Environmental Degradation in Haiti

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Data, Research and Technology

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

Over the past years, Haiti's urbanisation has expanded rapidly, increasing vulnerability to climate-related risks, with 78 percent of built-up land at high seismic risk. Waste pollution further exacerbates the situation.

In light of this reality, the project focuses on mitigating environmental degradation as a driver of migration, addressing the pressing challenges faced by Haiti due to the impact of climate change. It does so by enhancing access to sustainable housing through innovative construction materials and plastic waste management. Through this initiative, a six-month research study was launched to analyze Haiti's plastic waste management and construction market, considering economic, technical, gender-sensitive, and socio-cultural factors, in collaboration with key local partners. By creating recycled plastic construction materials, the project aims to decrease disaster risk, promote resilient communities, and reduce vulnerability to environmental challenges, displacement, and housing problems in the country.

Project Info

- MISSION: HAITI
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: HAITI
- DURATION: 36 M
- CODE: DR.0041

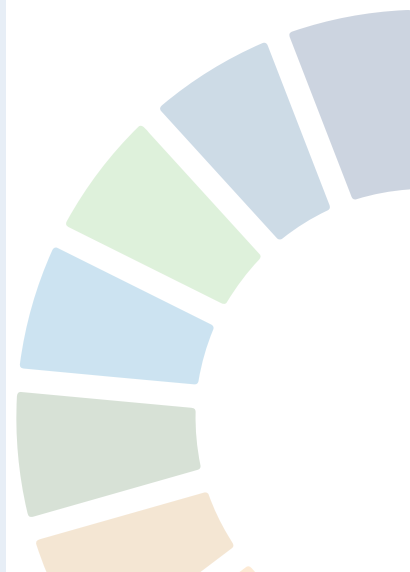
How is the Project Innovative?

This project is innovative as it combines sustainable housing solutions with environmental preservation, exploring new areas of work to address migration drivers. The integration of recycled plastic as a construction material not only offers an eco-friendly alternative but also directly addresses the plastic waste crisis in the region. At the same time, the comprehensive six-month research study sets a precedent by examining economic, technical, gender-specific, and socio-cultural aspects, through an intersectional approach. This in-depth analysis ensures that solutions are tailored to the local context and encompass a whole understanding of the issue.

Furthermore, collaboration with key partners such as the National Laboratory of Public Works and Haiti's Plastic Bank demonstrates a strategic synergy, leveraging technical knowledge and community engagement. Finally, the project's implementation through a pilot initiative provides practical insights and data, enabling the assessment of the effectiveness of the innovative construction material. The potential scalability and replicability of this model could reshape how environmental degradation, housing challenges, and migration are approached in Haiti and beyond, making it an innovative and potentially transformative effort.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Enabling and Engaging Diaspora Youth in the Development of Guyana

Diaspora
Engagement

Youth



What is the Project about?

With an increasing number of people relocating globally, the value of diaspora populations in aiding development efforts has been recognized by origin countries. Leveraging such awareness, this project focuses on harnessing the potential of Guyanese diaspora youth, particularly located in North America, the United Kingdom, as well as other regions, to contribute to the development of their country of origin.

The project aims to enhance Guyana's collaboration with its diaspora, facilitating young, skilled members of the Guyanese diaspora to increasingly commit to their homeland's development via a government-led diaspora youth volunteer program. The project entails a comprehensive strategy, including a literature review to inform the program, establishment of coordination mechanisms, and development of administrative guidelines. Central to the initiative is the deployment of 70 diaspora youth volunteers, who will contribute to five development projects in Guyana. Ultimately, the project seeks to bolster the capacity of the country to leverage diaspora skills for youth-driven socio-economic development.

Project Info

- MISSION: GUYANA
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 184,957 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: GUYANA
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: CD.0049

How is the Project Innovative?

This project represents an original initiative as it departs from conventional diaspora engagement strategies, by introducing an inventive *youth-to-youth* framework. It does so by capitalizing on the government's ongoing efforts to tap into the basin of skills within its diaspora, yet it goes a step further by fostering dynamic interactions between young individuals.

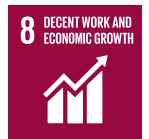
Young members of the diaspora are offered a unique opportunity to engage in a transformative journey, beneficial to both macro-developmental endeavors as well as the individual development of fellow youths, whether within Guyanese communities in the country of origin, or diaspora communities. By arranging visits of Guyanese diaspora youth from North America and the United Kingdom to their homeland, the project sets the stage for a dynamic exchange of skills and experiences. Through this model of diaspora youth volunteerism, the initiative effectively enhances diaspora's potential contributions toward national development, while simultaneously equipping the government with enhanced capacities to formulate volunteerism-oriented initiatives that harness communities' participation and engagement.



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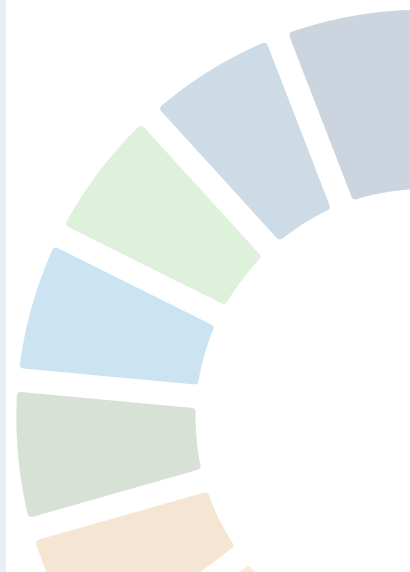
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Establishment of a Regional Migration and Health Capacity-Building Hub in Mexico



Awareness Raising and Communication

Data, Research and Technology

Social Cohesion and Community Participation



IOM/2023/Gemma Cortes

What is the Project about?

Migrants and refugees have important health needs and often face inequalities in their health status and access to healthcare. Health care delivery to this group has become a public health focus worldwide.

This project is dedicated to addressing this critical challenge across North, Central, and South America, through the establishment of a Regional Capacity-Building Hub on Migration and Health. This initiative seeks to improve the knowledge of diverse stakeholders on the public health implications of migration, and strengthen the responsiveness of health services to migrants' needs. Through targeted training and tailored resources, the *Hub* aims to empower these stakeholders to become advocates for migrants' healthcare rights, effectively bridging gaps and fostering an environment of inclusivity. At its core, the project strives to enhance migrants' access to healthcare services throughout Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, culminating in progressive policy changes and impactful programs within these contexts.

Project Info

- MISSION: MEXICO
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 300,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, ARUBA (NETHERLANDS), BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BELIZE, BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF), BRAZIL, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, CAYMAN ISLANDS, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, DOMINICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, HAITI, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, PUERTO RICO, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SURINAME, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)
- DURATION: 35 M
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How is the Project Innovative?

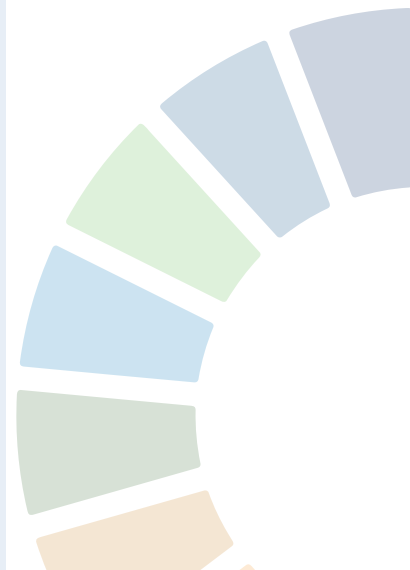
This project stands as an innovative response to the complex challenges concerning migrants' access to healthcare in North, Central, and South America. Notably, its innovation lies in its collaborative and comprehensive approach across the continent.

The project foresaw the establishment of an academic working group, involving institutions such as Georgetown and Columbia University, as well as different UN agencies, aimed at enabling regional stakeholders to shape training priorities and aligning curriculum development across diverse contexts via cross-regional coordination mechanisms.

The transformative training curriculum, emphasizing rights-based and gender-sensitive migrant healthcare, extends beyond conventional programs to encompass labor migration, border management, climate change, and gender-based violence within a human-rights framework. Ultimately, this project innovatively tackles a critical issue by combining academic collaboration, specialized training, and sustainable strategies.



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CHAPTER 5

GLOBAL

Diaspora 4 Climate Action (D4C): Leveraging the Potential of Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change through Diaspora Engagement in Albania, Bangladesh, Ghana and Jamaica

Diaspora
Engagement

Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Reduction

Awareness Raising
and Communication



What is the Project about?

With climate change impacting the lives and livelihoods of people around the world, urgent collective action is a necessity. Diaspora groups are powerhouses of innovation in their countries of residence and origin and have an untapped potential in accelerating actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

This initiative capitalizes on the dynamic link between diaspora communities and their home countries to enhance responses to climate change. It strategically focuses on priority sectors in four countries: Albania, Bangladesh, Ghana, and Jamaica. These countries are all significantly affected by the negative impacts of climate change, and the challenges they face require immediate action from a variety of stakeholders. All four countries have significant diaspora populations in the United Kingdom who are engaged as key stakeholders in the project. At its core, the project forges collaborative partnerships with home country governments and diaspora organizations to devise tailored initiatives, innovative tools, and refined coordination mechanisms to trigger impactful climate action.

Project Info

- MISSION: UNITED KINGDOM
- YEAR: 2022
- FUNDS: 400,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: ALBANIA, BANGLADESH, GHANA, JAMAICA
- DURATION: 24 M
- CODE: NC.0097

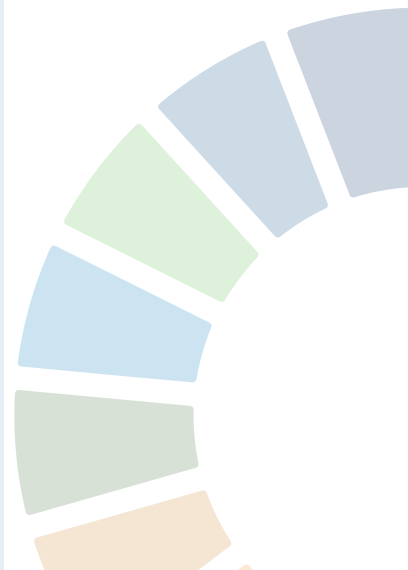
How is the Project Innovative?

The D4C project marks a step towards addressing climate change by actively involving diaspora populations. The project's innovation is embedded in its understanding of the influential role that diaspora communities can play in shaping national climate actions and policies. It acknowledges the knowledge, skills, and global connections of diaspora groups that are crucial to accelerate climate action in their countries of origins and on a larger scale.

The D4C initiative seeks to leverage the invaluable contributions that diasporas can offer in advancing comprehensive climate plans and actions through meaningful partnerships with governments, civil society, and other stakeholders. Beyond its immediate impact, the project's accomplishment lies in its potential to trigger a shift in global approaches to climate challenges. Through active engagement with diaspora communities, D4C emerges as an example of a more inclusive and effective approach to global climate action. It offers a potential roadmap for harmonized collaboration between states and their diaspora populations, underscoring the importance of united global climate efforts and coordinated action in addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our era.



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Facilitating Access to Legal Identity for Migrants: Sharing Good Practices and Developing a Global Guidance



Data, Research and Technology

Regular Pathways

Diversity, Gender and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

Legal identity is a core enabler of sustainable development and safe, regular migration. It is a crucial element in the context of various migration procedures, including visa and residence permit applications and regularization measures. Yet, there is limited international guidance for establishing identity when proof thereof is lacking.

Championing the international community's increasing programmatic efforts in this area, this project aims to improve access to legal identity for migrants. It does so through participatory field research in six pilot countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Moldova, Niger, Peru, and Thailand. The research identifies effective practices, and develops a gender-sensitive global compendium aimed at guiding states in safeguarding migrant rights and ensuring secure legal identity processes. The project also establishes an online knowledge platform, serving as a comprehensive global resource and interactive forum to facilitate discussions among states on improving migrants' access to legal identity.

Project Info

- MISSION: HQ
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 400,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA; NIGER; PERU; REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA; THAILAND; BRAZIL
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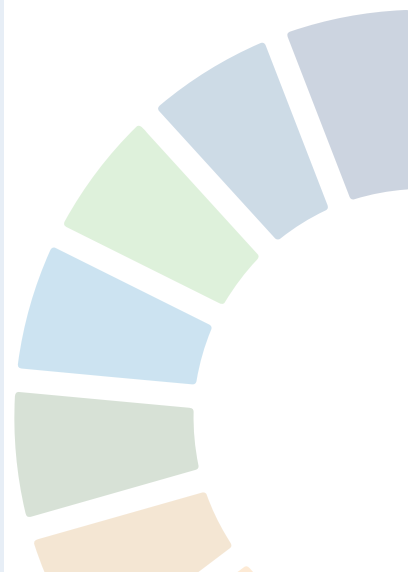
How is the Project Innovative?

The project's innovation is grounded in its comprehensive approach. Unlike previous efforts which focused solely on legal frameworks, this project integrates legal, human rights, and practical considerations, offering a rounded paradigm for legal identity establishment.

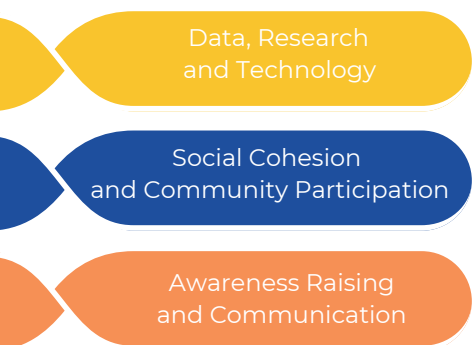
The initiative acknowledges the link between legal identity and human rights, ensuring dignified and inclusive legal identity-related processes. Localized engagement through participatory field research captures diverse challenges and best practices, ensuring that context-specific guidelines are effective and contextually relevant. In adopting a gender-sensitive perspective, the project recognizes the unique vulnerabilities faced by different groups and minorities, and empowers governments to create identity processes that cater to all migrants equitably. Together, these innovative elements promise a transformative shift in how legal identity is established, ensuring migrants' rights, dignity, and integration.



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Strengthening Public Health Response Capacity on COVID-19 and other Diseases in High-Risk Communities along the Mobility Continuum through a Capacity Development Toolbox



What is the Project about?

This global project delves into the complex relationship between mobility and health, particularly risks to migrants' well-being. It also examines the impact of mobile populations on the public health dynamics of local communities.

The primary objective of this global initiative is to support the prevention and management of disease outbreaks by strengthening the response capacities of communities across the mobility spectrum. The initiative has developed a comprehensive toolkit serving two key purposes. Firstly, to equip frontliners with essential knowledge and means to address communicable diseases effectively. Secondly, to provide officials and community leaders with a manual on implementing risk communication and engagement initiatives. These contribute to overall improved public health at the global level by enhancing community knowledge and promoting preventative behaviors.

Project Info

- IOM MISSION: HQ
- YEAR: 2020
- FUNDS: 400,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: SWITZERLAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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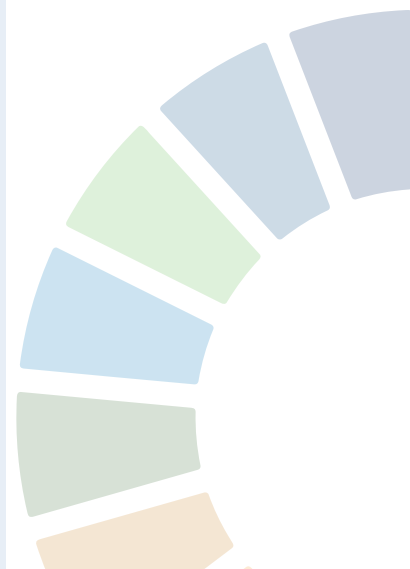
How is the Project Innovative?

This project showcases innovation in its response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. The global health crisis brought to light critical gaps in the management of public health worldwide, and difficulties in adapting to sudden mobility trends vis-à-vis global health emergencies.

Through its timely implementation, this initiative emerged as an example of increased resilience and adaptability. It not only addressed immediate pandemic-related concerns, but also charted a course for sustainable solutions capable of responding to the complexities of health management in an ever-changing world. Adopting a proactive approach to address these challenges, the initiative also highlighted the new circumstances precipitated by COVID-19. As such, the project's significance extends beyond the pandemic, offering a strategic approach to strengthen public health in the years ahead.



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The Global Migration and Media Academy (GMMA): A Media Training Platform to Strengthen Ethical and Accurate Reporting About Migration

Awareness Raising
and Communication

Social Cohesion
and Community Participation

Diversity, Gender
and Inclusion



What is the Project about?

Migration is a complex and often divisive issue. Regrettably, negative attitudes towards migrants, coupled with exclusionary practices and xenophobia, have escalated in recent years. The media holds a crucial position in framing these narratives and has the potential to reshape these adverse sentiments.

Acknowledging the often-politicized coverage of migration-related matters in public debates, the project led to the establishment of the Global Migration and Media Academy (GMMA). The Academy offers tailored, free courses for media and communication students and professionals on migration-related themes. Through the creation of a worldwide network of learning hubs, the project cultivates a community of experts committed to presenting fact-based, balanced, and diverse perspectives. This fills a significant gap in comprehensive global migration-related media training.

Project Info

- IOM MISSION: HQ
- YEAR: 2021
- FUNDS: 400,000 USD
- BENEFITTING COUNTRIES: GLOBAL
- DURATION: 41 M
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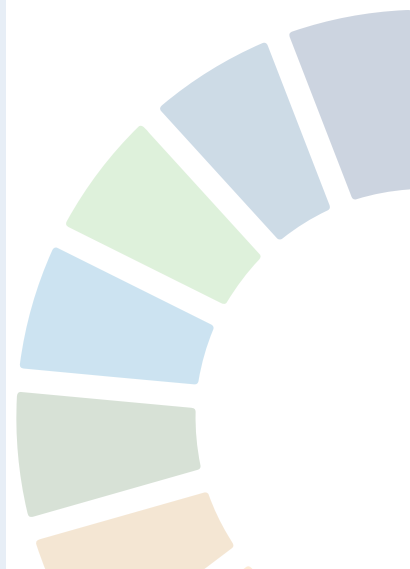
How is the Project Innovative?

As a dynamic hub for migration experts, academics, and media leaders, GMMA draws on the latest research, insights and data to promote accurate and balanced reporting on migration.

The initiative distinguishes itself for having the potential to shape global discourses on migration, underlining the pivotal role of responsible reporting in determining informed perspectives. GMMA's innovation is embedded in its strategic architecture that integrates accessible classroom and online courses in multiple languages, ensuring extensive global accessibility. GMMA takes a stance against anti-migrant sentiments, empowering media professionals with specialized material and tools to counter misinformation and xenophobia. The academy is uniquely placed to champion responsible journalism and ethical reporting as powerful tools. Such an approach echoes across a network of strategic alliances and global learning hubs, connecting experts with a shared mission: deconstructing negative narratives and presenting balanced facts on migration worldwide.



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