THE MICIC INITIATIVE

The Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative, a State-led effort co-chaired by the Governments of the United States and the Philippines, aims to improve the protection of crisis-affected migrants when the countries in which they live, work, study, transit, or travel experience a conflict or natural disaster.

Through a broad and inclusive consultative process, launched in 2014, the MICIC Initiative developed Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Disaster (The Guidelines).

WHY MIGRANTS

When conflicts or natural disasters erupt, migrants may require targeted assistance. Migrants have unique vulnerabilities, needs, and capacities, which can be overlooked in crisis preparedness, response, and recovery. Some of the challenges that create particular needs for migrants in crisis situations include:

► Language barriers
► Lost or destroyed identity or travel documents
► Isolation and limited social networks
► Discrimination
► Insufficient inclusion in preparedness and response frameworks.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Six regional consultations were held with States and other key representatives to gather evidence and discuss good practices. Civil society provided consolidated input through the organization of parallel regional consultations. Three stakeholder consultations enabled the active engagement of a broad range of actors from civil society, international organizations, and the private sector.

The MICIC Initiative Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster are available in all UN official languages and can be downloaded on the MICIC Initiative website.

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Increase Protection
Decrease Vulnerability
Improve Response
MIGRANTS IN COUNTRIES IN CRISIS INITIATIVE

REDUCING THE VULNERABILITY OF MIGRANTS IN EMERGENCIES

THE GUIDELINES

GUIDELINES AT A GLANCE

The Guidelines apply to situations in which migrants are present in a country experiencing a conflict or natural disaster. They provide concrete and practical guidance to stakeholders at the local, national, regional, and international levels on how to prepare for and respond to crises in ways that protect migrants, leverage their capacities, and help migrants and communities recover from crises.

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

- ▶ Track information on crises
- ▶ Collect and share information on migrants
- ▶ Empower migrants to help themselves
- ▶ Include migrants in emergency preparedness and response
- ▶ Involve migrants in contingency planning
- ▶ Establish migrant-sensitive communication mechanisms
- ▶ Establish coordination agreements
- ▶ Build capacity for emergency response and recovery

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- ▶ Provide accurate information on assistance
- ▶ Facilitate migrants' movement to safety
- ▶ Provide assistance without discrimination
- ▶ Establish clear referral procedures
- ▶ Evacuate and relocate migrants when needed

POST-CRISIS ACTION

- ▶ Support migrants' recovery
- ▶ Support the recovery of host communities

THE EVIDENCE BASE

DESK STUDIES: MIGRATION & RISKS

A series of desk studies have been carried out, in collaboration with researchers and academic institutions, in 4 pilot countries along 2 of the main migration corridors worldwide (Guatemala and Mexico, and Myanmar and Thailand). The studies provide insights on emigration and immigration patterns and trends, as well as risks migrants face along their routes and at their destination.

THEMATIC ISSUE BRIEFS

A series of issue briefs has been produced in consultation with MICIC Initiative partners. The briefs illustrate lessons learned and recommendations on specific themes to inform the preparation and operationalization of the Guidelines.

The series includes issues on:

- ▶ Migrants in Disaster Risk Reduction
- ▶ Evacuation and repatriation of migrants
- ▶ Insurance mechanisms
- ▶ Preventing and responding to human trafficking.

ONLINE REPOSITORY OF PRACTICES

An online repository of practices complements the Guidelines. It comprises a selection of over 200 existing practices of States, international organizations, private sector actors, and civil society. The repository can help stakeholders learn from each other's experiences, and can support the development and implementation of relevant emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

CAPACITY BUILDING

TRAVEL ADVISORY APP

A smartphone application that allows migrants going abroad to register and communicate with their consular authorities, as well as to receive warnings and emergency communications in times of crisis.

E-LEARNING FOR CONSULAR STAFF

An online training package on "Managing crises affecting nationals living, working and staying abroad", targeted at consular staff and representatives of other relevant institutions. It covers the basics of emergency communications, contingency planning and evacuations.

TRAINING: INTEGRATING MIGRANTS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Workshops on "Integrating migrants in emergency management", aimed at personnel of relevant institutions in migrants' host countries, covering topics such as: communicating with migrants, migrant-inclusive planning, and delivery of appropriate relief services.

TOOLBOX

Additional products and services to support efforts to reduce migrants' vulnerability:

- ▶ Consultations and capacity assessments
- ▶ Migrant-inclusive contingency planning
- ▶ Awareness-raising materials for migrants.