

OVERVIEW ANNEX INPUTS FOR RT 1.2 ON REDUCING MIGRATION COSTS

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Annex to the RT 1.2 Background Paper on Connectivity and Migration

This Annex contains descriptions and references to examples of relevant frameworks, policies, programmes, projects and other experiences in relation to the issues raised in the policy part of the Background paper. This second part of the Background paper aims to form the basis of an evolving catalogue of policies and practices with a view to be stored and displayed on the GFMD PfP website in the M&D Policy and Practice Database. See <http://www.gfmd.org/pfp/ppd>.

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Crowdfunding portal to support human trafficking victims (6Degree.org)	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration (IOM), Microsoft
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development «F19»	Tags: «F21»
Summary: <p>6Degree.org is a crowdfunding portal to support voluntary return and sustainable integration of human trafficking victims launched in 2015 through a partnership between IOM and Microsoft. The site is backed by Microsoft Azure cloud-computing platform, while IOM provides the resources to help human trafficking victims. The platform meets IOM's strict requirements for victim privacy and protection and is in place not only help victims, but also to raise awareness for human trafficking and enhance the global commitment to stopping it.</p>	
Web Links: <p>http://6degree.org/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6a-7y4Oc0g&feature=youtu.be</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Diaspora's investment in local economy development	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Diasporas«F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Local Development. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. In 2011 IFAD and the US Department of State jointly launched the Diaspora Investment in Agriculture (DIA) Initiative, designed to facilitate agricultural investment in post-conflict countries and fragile states, with the goal of creating local jobs and fostering stability through sustainable investment, further seeking to support migrant workers willing to invest in their home communities in some of the most challenging countries in the world.</p> <p>2. In this context, in 2012, IFAD, jointly with the Federal Government of Somalia and the United States Department of State's International Diaspora Engagement Alliance (IdEA), financed a programme on enhancing Food Security in the Horn of Africa through Diaspora Investment in Agriculture Programme, with the aim at financing innovative diaspora projects in Somalia and Djibouti. Through the Somali AgriFood Fund IFAD set up a seed capital matching investment fund focused on driving diaspora investments into Somali agriculture and rural businesses. Link: www.somaliagrifood.org</p> <p>3. Since 2010 in the Philippines, IFAD is building on successful models that viably link remittances with productive investment in agriculture and rural development. Through this project IFAD is successfully linking diaspora investment with agricultural activities while increasing rural family savings through financial literacy training (for migrants and their families in their hometowns), and leveraged remittances to improve access to financial services.</p> <p>4. In 2015 IFAD has designed in Nepal a programme aiming at providing sustainable sources of income to poor households, migrant families and returnees in the eastern and central regions of Nepal by supporting the creation and expansion of family, micro, small and medium rural enterprises, in the farming and off-farming sectors.</p> <p>5. In Mali IFAD is currently funding a programme supporting young rural people in the preparation of investment projects and to start-up sound economic activities, and has designed a mechanism to finance rural Malian youth's economic activities by leveraging migrants' savings through a crowdfunding platform.</p> <p>In Senegal and Morocco IFAD is currently designing a programme on engaging diaspora communities to support youth employment in rural areas of the 2 countries of origins.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>FFR: www.ifad.org/remittances Somalia project: link: www.somaliagrifood.org Senegal/Morocco : link: https://www.ifad.org/en/what/operating_model/bid/tags/21293921</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Diaspora Engagement Hub	
Country: Republic of Moldova	Partner(s): Diaspora Relations Bureau (BRD) / State Chancellery; International Organization of Migration (IOM) / Mission to Moldova; Swiss Cooperation Office in Moldova (SDC)
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to mainstream migration into development; Diasporas; Policy Coherence and Mainstreaming. «F19»	Tags: Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning; Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>On the 12th of February 2016, the Diaspora Relations Bureau (BRD) of the State Chancellery, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM Moldova) and the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), has launched the Diaspora Engagement Hub – a new program of thematic grants for the Moldovan citizens abroad, including diaspora associations and initiative groups. The objective of the program is to support the Moldovan citizens abroad in implementing their ideas and engaging the human and professional capital of the diaspora towards national and local socio-economic development.</p> <p>The initial phase of the Diaspora Engagement Hub included three subprograms, that offers support for (1) Diaspora Professional Return, (2) Diaspora Innovative Projects and (3) Thematic Regional Partnerships.</p> <p>In addition to the initial phase of the Diaspora Engagement Hub, and based on the collaboration with our development partners and the proactive involvement of the diaspora, the number of grant options was extended, with two new subprograms: (1) Diaspora Women Empowerment and (2) Diaspora Educational Centers in the Diaspora.</p> <p>Additionally, the subprogram will support the centers via educational materials, according to each center’s requirements and training capacity. During the implementation period, a 5-day training workshop for the centers’ staff will be organized in Chisinau. All participation costs will be covered.</p> <p>The Educational Centers in the Diaspora subprogram is implemented with the financial support of the IOM Moldova project “<i>Enhancing the Development of Moldova through Engagement with Diaspora-Homeland Partnerships</i>”.</p> <p>The applications can be continuously submitted online, until the 31st of March 2017 via the dedicated online forms. The project proposals are examined once every two months throughout the application period by a joint BRD / IOM evaluation and selection committee.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://brd.gov.md/ro/content/diaspora-engagement-hub-1</p> <p>http://www.iom.md/index.php/en/media-center/press-releases/332-iom-in-partnership-with-brd-launched-a-new-programme-for-diaspora</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Consolidating Moldova’s Migration and Development Institutional Framework (MIDIDOM)	
Country: Republic of Moldova	Partner(s): Diaspora Relations Bureau (BRD) of the State Chancellery (SC); International Organization for Migration (IOM) / Mission to Moldova; Swiss Cooperation Office in Moldova (SDC)
Thematic Area(s): Using connectivity to mainstream migration into development «F19»	Tags: Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>This project is part of a larger multi-year intervention “Moldova – Making the Most of Migration” which will be funded by the Swiss Development Cooperation starting from mid-2015. The MIDIDOM project focuses primarily on creating enabling conditions and mechanisms at central and countrywide level, the UNDP project will take a bottom up approach and mobilize local level actors, while the IASCI project will aim to engage the private sector as an important actor of development in Moldova.</p> <p>The programme “Consolidating Moldova’s Diaspora, Migration and Development Institutional Framework” is designed to pursue the overall goal of maximizing the positive impact of migration on the country’s socio-economic development through improved national and local institutional frameworks and enhanced engagement of the diaspora. The present project supports via its first set of activities (under outcome 1) the capacity of the national and local public institutions with a diaspora-engaging mandate. The overall focus of outcome 1 is to develop strategic and operational framework of Diaspora, Migration and Development (DMD) domain at the local and national levels which will facilitate the productive involvement of Moldovan diaspora and migrants in the development of their home country. The specific main outputs (<i>by 2018</i>) of the first set of activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMD national and local focal points elaborate and implement policies and services for and with the diaspora and the assumes the leadership on DMD; • National and local authorities have developed specific communication tools for diaspora involvement; • Volunteering and community actions Programme and the Moldovan Diaspora Innovation Hub launched and implemented; • Investment projects have the access to viable crowdfunding mechanisms. <p>The second set of activities (<i>under outcome 2</i>) focuses on the empowering of the diaspora and migrant communities in directly engaging in economic, socio-cultural, philanthropic, educational and other development themes. The overall focus of outcome 2 is to enhance the capacity of migrant associations and initiative groups in the destination countries to become active in support of local development of the homeland. The specific main outputs of the second set of activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diaspora organizations are empowered to motivate Moldovan migrants for participation and engagement in development related areas; • Diaspora organizations leaders are enabled to raise funds and implement development projects; • Thematic Partnerships among associations established; • Diaspora business leaders are agents of development and engagement. 	
Web Links: http://www.brd.gov.md/	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Making the Most of Migration	
Country: Republic of Moldova	Partner(s): Bureau for Relations with Diaspora (BRD) within the State Chancellery/Prime Minister’s Office; Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family (MLSPF); National Employment Agency (NEA) and its subordinated regional offices; International Organization for Migration (IOM); United Nations Development Program (UNDP); International Agency for Source Country Information (IASCI); district and local authorities; private-sector partners; relevant NGOs
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Diasporas. «F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Migration and Entrepreneurship; Transfer of Values, Ideas, Knowledge and Skills. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Switzerland supports Moldova in maximizing the positive impact of migration on the country’s socio-economic development. This is done by implementing a program with three interlinked components:</p> <p>Enabling environment. Under this component, interventions focus on improving Moldova’s M&D institutional framework and building the capacity of national authorities to promote adequate migration policies, encouraging circular migration, return and reintegration schemes. With the assistance of SDC, the Bureau for Relations with Diaspora developed Moldova’s first national strategy on diaspora “Diaspora 2025”. Another important partner at national level, the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family is assisted by SDC in the drafting of the new Employment Strategy, with a strong focus on youth employment and the reintegration of migrants.</p> <p>Migrant-centric products and services. SDC supports research on how to tap into the potential offered by migrants as an attractive customer group for the private sector. Products and services relevant for migrants and their families, like pre-departure and post-return language training, skills upgrading, recruitment services, transportation options, insurance and pension products etc., are developed and tested with local, national and international public and private partners such as insurance companies, banks, recruitment agencies, training providers and travel agencies. The ultimate objective is to ensure that women and men affected directly or indirectly by migration have access to comprehensive, client-centred support, counselling, information and relevant services.</p> <p>Migrants and diaspora engagement and leveraging of resources. SDC interventions promote opportunities for migrants to participate and invest in the development of their home country and communities of origin. Local authorities receive support to involve migrants in community development, using their financial and non-financial resources (such as skills and networks). Establishing partnerships with Home Town Associations of migrants, local authorities can jointly design community initiatives for the improvement of local public services and infrastructure - namely water supply, sanitation, healthcare, and social services.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/moldova/en/home/international-cooperation/themes/migrationanddevelopment.html</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Enhancing the development impact of engagement with the Moldovan diaspora – homeland partnerships	
Country: Republic of Moldova	Partner(s): International Organization of Migration (IOM) / Mission to Moldova; Diaspora Relations Bureau (BRD) / State Chancellery; Ministry of Education of the Republic of Moldova; Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Moldova
Thematic Area(s): Using connectivity to mainstream migration into development; Diasporas; Policy Coherence and Mainstreaming. «F19»	Tags: Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning; Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The overall goal of the project is to create enabling conditions for Moldovan diaspora’s systematic engagement in their homeland’s socio-economic development through sharing technical expertise and knowledge they acquired abroad and cultivating Romanian language skills among the second generation of migrants. This will be achieved by a) consolidating a framework for diaspora-homeland partnerships where diaspora representatives engage with providing consultative and advisory inputs to Moldova’s socio-economic development initiatives, and b) supporting innovative initiatives aimed at fostering a sense of national identity and cultural links between second-generation Moldovans and the homeland.</p> <p>As a result of the first project component, the enhanced Diaspora, Migration and Development (DMD) collaboration framework will facilitate the involvement of Moldovan professionals and highly qualified members of the diaspora in Moldova’s development, volunteering their expertise and knowledge to strengthen the Government’s national development undertakings.</p> <p>The project shall enhance the capacity of the national institutions to identify and implement in practice effective diaspora engagement initiatives, in particular through establishing and maintaining Diaspora Excellence Groups – informal virtual unions of likeminded proactive diaspora representatives, who will volunteer their time and knowledge to enter into a durable diaspora-homeland partnership with the Government on particular thematic policy development areas.</p> <p>The second project component will provide the DMD stakeholders in Moldova with tools and methodology for fostering Moldovan diasporas’ socio-cultural links with the homeland, in particular by cultivating their language skills and, therefore, targeting the emerging second-generation of Moldovans born abroad.</p> <p>In order to maintain the Diaspora’s identification with the homeland and enhance its propensity to engage in development activities in/ for the home communities, it is important to foster their cultural/ linguistic identity. This component will strengthen capacities of the personnel of diaspora cultural and language training centres, to be soon established in some countries on a voluntary and poorly equipped basis, in providing improved services, certified language training and expanding their local outreach. The action provides for the creation of training curricula and complementary didactic sets for the personnel of the abovementioned centres, certified by the Ministry of Education and based on international best practices of adult learning.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://www.iom.md/</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: i-platform (Platform for the Diaspora of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Switzerland)	
Country: Switzerland	Partner(s): i-dijaspora (BiH Diaspora association in Switzerland)
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Diasporas«F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Transfer of Values, Ideas, Knowledge and Skills;«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation is supporting the creation of a platform for the Bosnian and Herzegovinian Diaspora in Switzerland that connects the Diaspora in Switzerland with the purpose of joining forces to support the development of the country of origin beyond the many existing individual contributions at family or community level. The platform aims at connecting the fragmented Bosnian Diaspora in Switzerland with view to providing information, fostering exchange and transfer of knowledge and skills, as well as promoting initiatives of the diaspora for the development of their country of origin. The platform is intended to cover the areas of economy, education and culture.</p> <p>This project is led by a group of Diaspora members from different backgrounds and groups in BiH in order to ensure the inclusion of all Diaspora groups.</p> <p>Currently, the project is in its initial phase consisting of the conceptualization and development of the Diaspora Platform for Bosnia and Herzegovina in Switzerland through a broad-based consultation process with the Bosnian Diaspora. The project will only offer concrete products and services, once the platform has been institutionally and structurally established until the end of 2016.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://www.i-platform.ch/</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: SECO Start-up Fund	
Country: Switzerland	Partner(s): Finance Contact
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development «F19»	Tags: Migration, Trade and Investments; Migration and Entrepreneurship; Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The SECO Start-up Fund (hereafter, the Fund) is a risk capital vehicle launched in 1997. The Fund is fully owned by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO and is an instrument of SECO's Economic Cooperation and Development Division. The Fund is managed by Finance Contact Ltd., a Zürich-based private management company.</p> <p>The Fund's mission is to promote long-term, sustainable and broad-based growth in developing and emerging countries. To achieve these goals, the Fund supports private sector growth through the provision of capital. More specifically, the Fund provides unsecured debt financing to Swiss residents (individuals or companies) who plan to create and invest into a business venture in one of the partner countries of Switzerland's development cooperation.</p> <p>Successful entrepreneurial activity creates quality employment opportunities and promotes knowledge transfer. This enables developing and emerging countries to overcome poverty on a sustainable basis by drawing on their own resources and merits. In addition, as a responsible investor, the Fund encourages fair working conditions, environmentally friendly production standards and integrity in business practices.</p> <p>Although not initially envisaged, the Fund became an important conduit for diaspora investments and is increasingly been used by diaspora entrepreneurs. After many years of implementation, it was observed that a majority of successful investors using the Fund were highly skilled migrants from the first or second generation who managed to maintain their relation with their country of origin while fully understanding the market and quality requirements of Swiss/European customers as well as accessing respective business networks. This was especially true for entrepreneurs from the Balkans. Thanks to their comparative advantage in their country of origin, many of the start-ups were successful and created significant number of jobs (Finance Contact, the managers of the fund, are now increasingly present during diaspora and related events.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The idea is not to make migrants return to their countries. Some choose to return while others manage their business from Switzerland and/or commute. 2) This instrument is not aimed at micro-enterprises, but at small and medium enterprises (SME) 3) It is not a grant, but a credit facility, i.e. all loans are repayable loans (incl. a modest rate of interest) 	
<p>Web Links : http://www.secostartupfund.ch/de/</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: "Albinfo.ch" – the website of the Albanian-speaking diaspora in Switzerland	
Country: Switzerland, Germany, Kosovo, South Serbia, Macedonia and Albania	Partner(s): Association Albinfo.ch
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Diasporas. «F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Migration and Entrepreneurship; Transfer of Values, Ideas, Knowledge and Skills. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The mission of the interactive media platform albinfo.ch is twofold:</p> <p>a) Active Citizenship and harmonious integration of people and ethnic Albanian populations in Switzerland</p> <p>The purpose of albinfo.ch is to be used as a communication tool through free and convenient access to quality non-partisan information and services.</p> <p>This media is also about grasping and articulating the specific concerns of this population in relation to various aspects of everyday life in Switzerland: the active citizen participation; specific concerns linked to school, the socio-professional integration and health; the challenges of migration linked to family, intergenerational and women's place in society; the relationships with the culture of origin.</p> <p>b) Development of the countries of origin of migrants from the Balkans</p> <p>Albinfo.ch aims to strengthen the link between migration and development, creating databases on economic and socio-cultural actors from the diaspora in Switzerland and sparking a reflection on the potential of this diaspora as agents of development of their countries of origin.</p> <p>Target groups:</p> <p>Albinfo.ch aims to provide information and services indiscriminately to Albanian-speaking individuals and populations and all categories of persons, whether migrants (permanent residence, refugees or persons provisionally admitted) or Swiss. This platform aims to be useful to first and further generations of immigrants and also to community networks and the Swiss institutions working with these immigrants.</p>	
Web Links: www.albinfo.ch	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: ADEPT – Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform	
Country: Switzerland	Partner(s): AFFORD, ICMPD, National Governments in Europe and Africa, African Diaspora Development Organisations (ADDOs)
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Diasporas. «F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Migration and Entrepreneurship; Transfer of Values, Ideas, Knowledge and Skills.«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Through its bridge-building character, this platform aims at improving and enhancing the capacity and impact of African diaspora organisations involved in development activities in Africa, connecting the e</p> <p>Diaspora organizations in Europe have increasingly gained in importance. In order to achieve their goal of enhanced cooperation in countries of origin, and to play their role as development actors, required framework conditions need to be guaranteed. Effective network dynamics and activities are best managed on a permanent platform, setting structured grounds for a competent delivery of relevant and appropriate context specific services to diaspora organizations, countries of destination and countries of origin. This platform-building is at the core of the Africa-Europe Development Platform (AEDP) project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADEPT sets the ground for comprehensive <u>platform-building activities</u>, which are led and managed by African diaspora organizations based in Europe. 2. ADEPT strengthens independent, effectively functioning diaspora organizations and fosters their cooperation through capacity building and training. 3. ADEPT provides for relevant and appropriate coordination between diaspora organizations, countries of residence and countries of origin. <p>Above objectives are contributed to through a large number of activities involving the platforms partners and major steps are being made towards a permanent and sustainable platform.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://www.adept-platform.org/</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: CTRS – Communauté Tunisienne Résidente en Suisse pour le développement (Community of Tunisian Residents in Switzerland for development)	
Country: Switzerland and Tunisia	Partner(s): Ministère des Affaires Sociales/Office des Tunisiens à l’Etranger, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Ministère de la Formation Professionnelle et de l’Emploi, Ministère du Développement, de l’Investissement et de la Coopération Internationale, Le Ministère de l’Industrie, de l’Energie et des Mines, Fondation Suisse du Service Social International, Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie Tuniso-Suisse, ACIM, associations de Tunisiens Résidant en Suisse
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development «F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Transfer of Values, Ideas, Knowledge and Skills;«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The CTRS project is an initiative of the Swiss development cooperation in Tunisia. The project interventions focus on cooperation with the Tunisian Government in line with its efforts in strengthening Tunisia’s links with its diaspora and to promoting the diaspora’s engagement in Tunisia’s national and local development.</p> <p>The project aims at acknowledging the competences and skills of the Tunisians living in Switzerland with view to strengthening their contribution to the socio-economic development of Tunisia in four areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institutional capacities of the Tunisian Government to accompany its citizens residing abroad. 2. Development initiatives 3. Know-how transfer 4. Facilitation of an agreement between Switzerland and Tunisia for the exchange of young professionals 	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://www.ctrs.ch/</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: TawiPay	
Country: Switzerland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia	Partner: Tawipay (Global Impact Finance SA)
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Remittances.«F19»	Tags: Remittances.«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>TawiPay (www.tawipay.com) is a pilot project that started in 2015. Its main goal is to increase transparency in the remittance channels. SECO is currently financing the establishment of the two channels Switzerland – Serbia and Switzerland – Bosnia. The project’s objective is to enable migrants/diaspora communities to reduce the cost of sending money to their home countries. At best, the project will expand on to further outbound remittances corridors from Switzerland, become financially independent/self-sustaining and will thereby increasingly contribute to financial inclusion.</p>	
Web Links: www.tawipay.com	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Remittances and Payments Program RPP	
Country: Eastern Europe	Partner(s): World Bank's Financial Infrastructure and Remittances Service Line, which is part of the joint WB/IFC Finance and Markets Global Practice
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development	Tags: Remittances.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The program's overarching strategic goal is to improve the overall market for remittances and ultimately achieve further financial inclusion, broader usage of electronic payments and the reduction of the cost of remittances while maintaining financial stability. This will allow the migrants and their families a net increase of the available resources for their daily needs, savings as well as investments.</p> <p>The program is executed by the World Bank's Financial Infrastructure and Remittances Service Line, which is part of the joint WB/IFC Finance and Markets Global Practice.</p> <p>The program is expected to contribute to the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of the legal and regulatory framework and elimination of barriers to the remittances market, balancing cost with prudence regarding Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting Terrorism (AML/CFT) and increasing the level of competition in the market thanks to the promotion of a level playing field for all formal operators. • Improvement of the financial infrastructure for remittances, i.e. payment systems modernization and interoperability and appropriate access to clearing and settlement systems, which will facilitate the entry of new and more innovative payment services, products, providers, and mechanisms. • Increased responsible financial inclusion and exploiting remittances as an inroad to formerly underserved areas. This will allow migrants to better manage their finances and take advantage of reduced costs and more convenient solutions. 	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>https://remittanceprices.worldbank.org/en</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: ‘Migration and Development’: Linking communities with their diaspora for local development through a platform	
Country: Morocco, France	Partner(s): Migrations et Développement, local authorities, communities and civil society, migrants
Thematic Area(s): Connectivity and migration: Using connectivity to make the diaspora an actor of development; Diasporas. «F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Migration and Entrepreneurship; Transfer of Values, Ideas, Knowledge and Skills. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The association ‘Migration and Development’ is engaged in integrated and participative development with migrants in southern Morocco since many years. Its engagement is anchored in the intention to enhance the synergies between migrants and their territories in their community of origin. As such, the communities of origin are strongly involved in defining their needs and to ensuring that the migrants’ contributions are factored in when seeking to contribute to the development of the communities of origin.</p> <p>This project aims at creating a local development community based on solidarity and to establishing interactive learning spaces, bringing together the migrants and their communities of origin. These connections will allow the actors to generate, exchange on and utilize the required resources to respond to the needs of the community. Further, it will strengthen the capacity of the actors to develop solutions to their challenges faced. The resources to exchange include in the broad sense information, competences, projects, networks and solidarity financing.</p> <p>Specific objectives :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce links between territories, local actors and their diaspora (namely in Europe) from the perspective of the communities of origin • Establish an IT-platform to support the exchange of resources, expected to adjust the modalities linking the diaspora and their communities of origin by adapting it to the new generation of technologies. <p>In the course of this project, this approach will be tested and required learning will be drawn from the lessons for future programming.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://www.migdev.org/</p> <p>https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/dam/countries/countries-content/morocco/fr/Marokko-Migration_FR.pdf</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Global Interagency Programme: Joint Migration and Development Initiative	
Country: Global, JMIDI	Partner(s): UNDP led, together with IOM, ITC-ILO, UNHCR, UNITAR, UN Women and UNFPA
Thematic Area(s): Migration for development, mainstreaming migration into local development planning	Tags: Migration for development; Mainstreaming migration; Local development; Migrants' rights.
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMIDI) is a global inter-agency programme funded by the European Union and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. It focuses on the local dimension of migrants' contribution to development and aims to maximize the potential of migration for local development. To achieve this, the JMIDI provides technical and financial support to up-scale existing locally-led migration and development initiatives across 15 projects in eight target countries: Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Morocco, Nepal, Philippines, Senegal and Tunisia. These initiatives aim to support local and regional authorities better manage their migratory contexts for enhanced social cohesion, to combat xenophobia and to promote and protect migrants' rights as a prerequisite to allow them to become fully integrated members of society and thus able to contribute to local development.</p> <p>In a global context of increasing human mobility, urbanization and decentralization, it is local and regional authorities that are finding themselves at the forefront of managing both the positive and negative impacts of migration, particularly in the current global climate of increasingly negative public and political perceptions of migration. Local and regional authorities are therefore the missing piece of the migration and development puzzle and must be considered within the national and international debate. To support this, the JMIDI, together with its partners UNITAR and KNOMAD of the World Bank have been the driving force behind the annual Mayoral Fora on Mobility, Migration and Development. This forum is a city-led initiative aimed at providing a globally relevant space for mayors and municipal leadership to strategize on how to successfully manage diversity for sustainable development.</p> <p>To further foster knowledge exchange, dissemination of good practices from the JMIDI supported projects and enhance networking and partnerships, the JMIDI also created the JMIDI Community of Practice, or M4D Net, which is a global online knowledge hub aimed at mobilizing and giving local authorities, civil society and other Migration and Development actors a voice in international Migration and Development dialogues and provide support to strengthen their capacities. The M4D net brings over 4,000 migration and development practitioners, including over 370 local authorities, from across the regions together to exchange information and ideas, develop skills and provide each other with mutual support.</p>	
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