A Common Set of Indicators for Migration Profiles: A GMG Proposal

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[Diagram showing various organizations related to migration, such as ILO, WHO, IOM, UNESCO, OHCHR, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN-DESA, UN Women, UN Regional Commissions, World Bank, UNODC, UNICEF, UNITAR, and UNHCR.]
Presentation overview

- Context: International migration and development at the United Nations

- Proposal: a common indicator set for Migration Profiles

- Migration data and emergency response: possibilities and limitations
2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development process (UNGA resolution 65/170)

- Resolution on theme and modalities: UNGA 67th session (Oct 2012)
- Regional commissions and other relevant entities (IOM, etc.): regional preparations
- High-level Dialogue: Sep (?) 2013
- Resolution on HLD outcomes and future (?)
Common set of indicators

• **Why?**
  – Allows for comparing Migration Profiles

• **What?**
  – Standard format
  – Global coverage

• **How?**
  - Through website
Which indicators? (Examples)

• Population:
  – Population size
  – Population changes

• International migration:
  – Migrant stocks (total, age and sex, origin)
  – Migration flows (origin and destination)

• Development:
  – GDP, Human development index
  – Remittance flows
## Data sources: strengths and weaknesses

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Migrants Count: Five Steps Toward Better Migration Data

- Published by the Center for Global Development in Washington DC (May 2009)
- Endorsed by both the GFMD and the GMG
- A simple guide to capacity building in the area of migration data
- http://www.cgdev.org
The five steps to improve migration data in the long term, with existing institutions and at low cost are ...

- **Ask** basic census questions – country of birth, citizenship, previous residence by age and sex – and tabulate and disseminate the answers
- **Compile and release** existing administrative data
- **Centralize** labour force surveys
- **Provide** access to microdata
- **Include** migration modules on more existing household surveys

Build capacity to collect and disseminate data

Source: Centre for Global Development, 2009; based on the Report of the Commission on International Development Research and Policy
How can migration information facilitate emergency response?

- Invest in registration (before departure in home country, after arrival at destination)
- Exchange information with host country
- Share good practices and lessons learnt
- Recommend as a theme for 2013 HLD
Thank you!

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