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MIGRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: A BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

A HANDBOOK FOR PRACTITIONERS AND POLICYMAKERS
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERIES:
Migration Profiles as a Tool for Informed Policy Making,
Integration and Reintegration, and Emergency Response
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EURO 15 M, 4-year programme supporting small scale organizations in their concrete efforts in linking migration to development

EURO 10M supported projects involving partnerships between civil society organizations, local authorities & small scale actors from EU Member states & 16 countries (Algeria, Cape Verde, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Jamaica, Mali, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka and Tunisia)
THE JMDI

- Implemented by UNDP in partnership with IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR and ILO
- Bottom up approach: premised on the notion that development cannot be achieved for people, but only by them.
- Designed to fill in the gap in knowledge among donors, governments and CSO’s on concrete links and indicators of migration & development or M&D
JMDI OBJECTIVES: SIGNIFICANCE TO MIGRATION PROFILE

- Set up & reinforce networks of actions working on migration & development
- Identify good practices & share information on what works at the local and international level;
- Feed this knowledge into policymaking within the framework of migration and development
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UNDERSTANDING BOTTOM UP APPROACH

- Decentralizing decision-making and cooperation efforts at the local level
- Shared responsibility of government and civil society
- Small-scale actors: simple management structure
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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE:
PARAMOUNT IN M&D

- Protection of migrants
- More avenues for legal migration
- Migrants full participation in the societies of origin and present domicile
- Promoting domestic employment to mitigate vulnerabilities of migrants
- Productive Reintegration of Migrants
- Empowerment for Enterprise Participation
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DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS: M&D IN PRACTICE

- Development potentials of Social, Financial, Human & Cultural Capital and the interplay between them
- M & D advocacy & training
- Building networks for local development
- Knowledge dissemination & sharing
- Replication/upscaling of migrant led initiatives
- Improving Financial Literacy
- Promoting introduction of migrant friendly investment products such as collective investment options
- Upscaling Cooperatives in Communities
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- Building business support services
- Mapping migrant & local needs through baseline researches
- Matching skills through transnational engagement or long-term return
- Upskilling & retraining
- Awareness raising, orientation & information campaign
- Improving migrants’ access to mental health services
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LESSONS LEARNED

- Transnational collaboration: partnerships, stakeholder engagement, strategic alliances
- Binding forces in small-scale M&D partnerships: Joint Vision, Partners’ legitimacy & complementarity
- Peer-to-peer support; learning by doing
- Threats in small-scale actors’ M&D partnerships
- Benefits of stakeholder engagement: families, local authorities, public & private service providers
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RECOMMENDATIONS: DESIGNING & IMPLEMENTING M&D PROJECTS

- Provide room for migrants’ multiple contributions
- Ensure actions are based on relevant transational links
- Promote migrant participation throughout M&D actions
- Verify migrants availability to engage
- Share experience-based M&D knowledge
KNOWLEDGE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JMDI: RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT’D)

- Set realistic expectations
- Ensure actions of small scale actors are aligned with broader development agendas
- Engage in partnerships that are manageable in size
- Share responsibilities with allies at all levels
The aims of the handbook are to understand:

- The methodologies and strategies by which civil society actors implement M&D actions
- The kind of opportunities they create for their beneficiaries,
- The kind of stakeholders they involve,
- The ways in which transnational partnerships established function

The Handbook is culmination of knowledge gained from the projects and owes itself to commitment of JMDI grantees.

- Rich online global community of practice (www.migration4development.org) – over 2,000 members working in M&D – knowledge sharing at heart of JMDI.
THE END. THANK YOU