Enhancing Multi-Actor Operational Cooperation in Migration Management: Migration Management Authorities Networking Event (MAGNET)

Executive Summary

Migration ripples, influenced by diverse socio-economic and political factors, resonate across nations, from nearby neighbours to distant continents. Countries such as Türkiye, Colombia, Germany, Pakistan, and Uganda have become critical refugee havens. Yet, the burden is disproportionately shouldered by developing countries, which host an astounding 87% of the world's refugees, highlighting the urgency for enhanced international dialogue and cooperation. The Eastern Mediterranean and Western Balkan migration routes, in particular, have surged in significance due to events in Afghanistan, persistent challenges in Syria, and ongoing migration drivers in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Türkiye, strategically positioned at the nexus of these routes, serves not just as a pivotal transit point but also as a major destination, further intensifying migratory flows, especially those targeting European regions via the Western Balkans.

Global and regional initiatives, including the Global Compact for Migration and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, emphasize the urgency of collaborative, durable solutions. Thus, engaging in holistic dialogues with countries of origin is paramount to understanding and addressing root migration causes, ensuring safe returns, and bolstering border management to create a sustainable migration management approach.

Against this background, this Project aims at 1) facilitating the preparation of regular reports in the field, 2) providing ground for the organization of four-pillar/sectoral meetings with relevant stakeholders from public institutions, civil society, international community, private sector or academia , and 3) organization of Regional MAGNET Conference under the banner of "Enhancing Multi-Actor Operational Cooperation in Migration Management," seeks to expand on the success of the previous event and ensure national and regional cooperation at a larger scale.

Current Context

In the face of migration challenges, the need for holistic, coordinated solutions has never been more acute. The Eastern Mediterranean migration route, serving as a vital passage for countless migrants, epitomizes the challenges that arise from fragmented approaches to migration management. Addressing this, ICMPD and the PMM have jointly championed the establishment of the IMC in Istanbul. The IMC, a beacon of innovative thinking in migration management, aims to weave together diverse perspectives, disciplinary insights, and stakeholder expertise, creating a tapestry of sustainable and proactive solutions. Its strength lies in its interdisciplinary approach, ensuring that the strategies formulated are forward-thinking, addressing not only current challenges but anticipating future ones.

Parallel to the IMC's foundational ethos, the MAGNET initiative is envisioned as a vibrant nexus. MAGNET is designed to be a melting pot for migration/state authorities, donors, implementing partners, academia, the private sector, and discerning Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). It is not just a forum; it is a dynamic ecosystem. Through it, stakeholders can remain attuned to evolving needs, delve into ongoing initiatives, and contribute to the larger strategic vision governing migration management. The initiative's multifaceted design promotes bilateral interactions, knowledge sharing, and strategic partnerships, serving as an incubator for actionable insights.

Objectives

The overall objective of the MAGNET Project is to cultivate a comprehensive and synergistic approach to migration management, in alignment with the the efforts for the establishment of IMC ensuring that contemporary migration challenges are addressed innovatively, collaboratively, and sustainably.This objective will be achieved through the following expected results:

1. Collaborative synergy is fostered through cross-border collaborations for a more coordinated and cohesive approach to migration management
2. Knowledge exchange is facilitated from a multi-stakeholder perspective to develop evidence-based policies and make informed decisions regarding migration
3. Operational strategies are developed for a comprehensive and holistic approach to migration management
4. Continuity and momentum are ensured to maintain sustained engagement in addressing migration challenges

Beneficiaries

Republic of Türkiye, Ministry of Interior Presidency of Migration Management

Project Duration

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