ICMPD is leading an innovative peer-to-peer training initiative on consular crisis management (CCMT) for diplomatic academies, within the framework of the EU-funded MICIC Project.

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective is to provide technical assistance to States to strengthen consular capacities in crisis preparedness and contingency planning to better assist and protect their nationals abroad in times of crisis.

**THE EXPERT VOICE** “MICIC capacity building activities will always be relevant. It helps duty-bearers manage crisis situations when they occur. Training of trainers will ensure the sustainability of the program” - Expert from the Philippines participating in the ToT in Amman, Jordan

**FORMAT & ACTIVITIES**

**Curriculum Development**
ICMPD will work in close collaboration with the diplomatic academy and relevant national authorities to develop a tailored training curriculum on consular crisis management.

**Training of Trainers**
Trainers nominated by the diplomatic academy will be invited to participate in a Training of Trainers (ToT) hosted by the diplomatic academy and organised by ICMPD. Using the training curriculum as a basis, the TOT will strengthen participants’ training skills and knowledge on consular crisis management. These hands-on trainings include crisis exercises and interactive presentations on best practices from consular staff representing other countries.

**Pre-Deployment/Mid-Service Training**
To facilitate the roll-out of the new training curriculum, a pre-departure or mid-service training will be organised for a select group of consular staff. With support from ICMPD, the training will be led by the diplomatic academy and the trainers who successfully completed the ToT.

**Policy Development**
In the framework of this initiative and to support its implementation, ICMPD also works with partner countries to support the development of relevant policy documents and tools.

**PARTICIPANTS’ PROFILE**
Trainers are nominated by the diplomatic academy on the basis of subject matter expertise, previous experience in the field, and training experience.
CONTEXT
The capacity building component of the “Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC): Supporting an Evidence-Based Approach for Effective and Cooperative State Action” Project, funded by the European Union (EU), aims at enhancing states and other key stakeholders’ prevention, preparedness and response capabilities to address the specific needs and mitigate the vulnerabilities of migrants in countries in crisis and address possible long-term impacts of such crises.

The needs identified in the MICIC regional consultations, the outcomes of the research conducted in the framework of the EU-funded Project, and the recommendations of the MICIC Guidelines have served as primary sources in defining the key areas of intervention. The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants also emphasises the need to assist the migrant communities abroad, through consular protection, reinforcing the MICIC Guideline Nr. 8, which specifically recommends programmes to enhance consular capacity to protect citizens, by training consular officials on crisis management and contingency planning.

EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Participating countries are equipped with the tools and knowledge to train their diplomatic staff;
2. A comprehensive training curriculum on consular crisis management for future and mid-service diplomats is developed;
3. Consular crisis management policies and tools are developed;
4. Ultimately, nationals abroad of participating countries experience improved access to quality consular protection and assistance in times of crisis.

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