13 ACTIONS DIASPORA CAN TAKE TO ASSIST MIGRANTS DURING EMERGENCIES

Diaspora is the bridge between migrants and emergency actors. Whether locally or internationally-based, diasporas “speak the language of aid and the language of need.”

**VOLUNTEERING**
- Coordinate and organise local capacity for response
- Support consular authorities in the coordination of migrants’ relocation and evacuation
- Register migrants for assistance and assess their needs
- Provide relief goods and services
- Negotiate/facilitate emergency responders’ access to migrants
- Assist search and rescue efforts

**FINANCIAL AND IN KIND DONATIONS**
- Mobilise and dispatch material support and relief supplies
- Raise funds for humanitarian assistance

**COMMUNICATION**
- Advocate with employers for migrants’ flight to safety, access to documents, outstanding wages
- Lobby host/transit States to keep borders open on humanitarian grounds and advocate for migrant-targeted emergency support
- Facilitate migrants’ contact with consular authorities/country of origin representation
- Launch campaign to raise awareness of the crisis’ impact on migrants and advocate for migrants’ right to protection

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1 Key highlights from the panel discussion: Strengthening collaboration with diasporas in humanitarian response, IASC, 2017
2 Services based on particular expertise/capacities: translation, cultural intermediation, medical assistance, temporary shelter, counselling, cash loans, etc.