The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is implementing a capacity building initiative to strengthen multi-stakeholder coordination and preparedness to better protect and assist migrants during crises. This hands-on initiative, funded by the European Union within the framework of the project “Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC): Supporting an Evidence-based Approach for Effective and Cooperative State Action”, aims to address the lack of structures to support dialogue, information-sharing and cooperation at national level to implement migrant-sensitive responses in times of crisis.

**OBJECTIVES**

The overall objective is to foster coordination between government ministries, civil society organisations and other key actors to better assist and protect migrants in times of crisis through the creation of dedicated and sustainable multi-stakeholder forums.

The specific objectives are to:

- Raise the awareness of a vast gamut of stakeholders about the specific needs of migrants in times of crisis;
- Strengthen the capacities of actors to coordinate and respond to crisis situations while taking into consideration the specific needs, vulnerabilities, and capacities of migrants;
- Identify national, regional and local focal points on MICIC issues to ensure that the topic remains on the national agenda over time.

**FORMAT & ACTIVITIES**

The training module includes national workshops and regional activities.

The national workshops will examine the conditions and means to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of the platform.

Activities will include:

- Development of terms of reference and work plan for the platform;
- Creation of a governance structure and identification of national focal points;
- Identification of funding mechanisms.

**PARTICIPANTS’ PROFILE**

- Local and national authorities dealing with the assistance and protection of migrants;
- Civil society organisations involved in assisting migrants and/or crisis response;
- International organisations in the field of migration, humanitarian affairs and development cooperation;
- Private sector.
CONTEXT

Over the past years, with the simultaneous fast-growing number of natural and man-made crises and the constantly intensifying human mobility, the specific issue of migrants caught in crisis has gained prominence on the international agenda. As an answer to the challenge of ensuring the safety of migrants, the Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative was launched as a voluntary, bottom-up and state-led process to better coordinate the international response to these kinds of crises. As a member of the MICIC Working Group, within the framework of the EU-funded project “Migrants in Countries in Crisis: Supporting an Evidence-based Approach for Effective and Cooperative State Action”, ICMPD coordinated regional consultations that contributed to the development of a set of non-binding and voluntary guidelines: “Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster”. The capacity building component of the project implements the Guidelines and the research outcomes, and aims at enhancing the prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities of states and other actors to address the specific needs and mitigate the vulnerabilities of migrants in countries experiencing crisis.

3 GOOD REASONS TO ENGAGE IN THIS INITIATIVE

1. Support provided to create a tailored information sharing/coordination platform at national level gathering all relevant actors working with migrants

2. Regular interaction and networking opportunity with a wide range of experienced practitioners

3. Development of thematic knowledge and practices to better protect migrants

Support available on demand. For more information, contact ICMPD:

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