Support the Implementation of Development-sensitive Migration Policies in Turkey (SIDEM)

Over the past 50 years, Turkey experienced a rapid transition, developing from a net emigration country to an immigration country. The large-scale migration movements that took place in different periods with varying reasons and characters have been affecting Turkey’s demographic, economic and social development. Since the beginning of the Syrian crisis in 2011, Turkey’s interaction with migration has reached to another level with the increasing number of Syrians coming to Turkey and Turkey has provided an effective emergency response and temporary protection regime for Syrian refugees by actively revising its related policies and institutional structure. Today, there is a growing need for Turkey to take steps from temporary protection regime towards an integrated, long-term, development sensitive and sustainable migration policy framework.

Support the Implementation of Development-sensitive Migration Policies in Turkey (SIDEM) constitutes the continuation of previous initiative “Sessiz Destek - Support of a Development-sensitive and Coherent Turkish Migration Policy Framework” that demonstrated the need to study the impact of migration on several sectors as well as regions in Turkey and to develop specific policies in this regard. Implementation of Development-sensitive Migration Policies in Turkey (SIDEM) Project” aims to contribute to the establishment of an integrated, long-term, development-sensitive and sustainable migration policy framework taking into account Turkey’s socio-economic and human development context. The Project specifically aims to 1) increase the institutional knowledge regarding the impact of migration on geographical regions in Turkey to formulate strategic policy directions; 2) to increase the institutional capacities and inter-agency cooperation at central level to design and implement integrated, evidence-based and development-sensitive migration policies; and 3) to increase the institutional capacities and inter-agency cooperation at regional level to design and implement targeted programmes that promote the labour market integration of international migrants, including those with protection status in Turkey.

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SIDEM Project will be implemented via a list of activities of three interrelated components. The Project is designed in a way to reflect the whole policy cycle from analysis/research, strategy development to action implementation, monitoring and evaluation to ensure the maximum level of capacity development. Project Components and activities can be summarised as below

**COMPONENT 1: Migration Analysis from a Development Perspective**
- Regional Migration Research, Analysis and Impact Assessments (TR10, TR62, TR90)
- Regional Stakeholder Mappings (TR10, TR62, TR90, TRA2)
- Regional Stakeholder Workshops and Consultation Meetings, Existing Situation Reports on Regional Migration and Development Interaction (TR10, TR62, TR90, TRA2)
COMPONENT 2: Development Sensitive Migration Policies

- Development-sensitive Migration Strategy and Action Plan (In addition to Regional Analysis, Assessment Reports and Workshop outputs, via participatory multi-stakeholder workshops to be held in Ankara, development of recommendations and evaluations to be presented for use of all related institutions in preparation of alternative strategies and action plans)
- Development of Training Capacities on Migration and Development (delivery of Migration and Development trainings in Ankara and TR10, TR62, TR90 regions)
- Short-term technical assistance towards DGMM and other project beneficiaries on the basis of emergent needs

BİLEŞEN 3: Labour Market Integration

- Regional Stakeholder Mappings
- Labour Market Integration Seminar Week for Practitioners (Two days international event to be organised in Istanbul covering various different activities in its agenda)
- Project Development (In three NUTS2 Regions, project development support will be provided on economic development and integration to labour market)
- Implementation of Pilot projects (within the framework of a special grant programme, in three NUTS2 Regions, three selected projects developed in the previous stage will be given implementation support (one Project in each region)

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