

IMPROVING MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN THE SILK ROUTES

Activities of the
Silk Routes Facility

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Funding migration management **SILK ROUTES FACILITY**

- aims at strengthening migration management capacities of ten countries
- provides direct technical assistance to governments for developing migration policies and improving migration governance
- provides large-scale funding for six projects selected through a Call for Proposals



HOW WE WORK

Short-term technical assistance

Provides flexible on-demand technical assistance to governments of the Silk Routes countries:

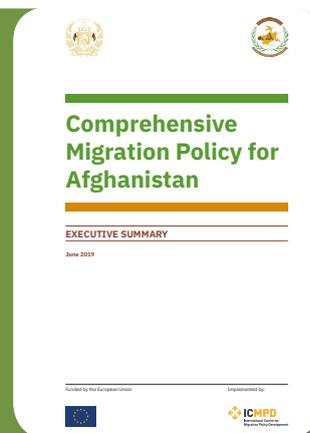
AFGHANISTAN

National Comprehensive Migration Policy

The Silk Routes Facility is supporting the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and its Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation in development of the Afghanistan National Comprehensive Migration Policy (CMP). The CMP elaborates four priority areas: (a) ensuring safe returns through reintegration and resettlement, (b) regular migration, (c) irregular migration, and (d) migration and development.

It aims to provide vision and strategy to current humanitarian actions related to migration in Afghanistan, through linking returns to sustainable reintegration instruments and the promotion of regular migration, including labour migration, through establishment of new migration corridors.

Policy recommendations include measures for regularising migration across all phases of the migration cycle - return migration, emigration and re-emigration - as well as support to Afghan migrants abroad. They present livelihood, employment and skills solutions for both reintegration within the country and for promotion of labour migration.



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IRAQ

Policy on Engagement with Iraqis Abroad

The Silk Routes Facility supports the development of a Policy on Engagement with Iraqis Abroad under the leadership of the Ministry of Migration and Displaced. The Policy aims to foster closer ties between Iraqis abroad and their homeland, in a way that enables investors and people with competencies to participate in the development process in Iraq. It aims to capitalise on these objectives through four key priority areas: (a) institutional and leadership development, (b) human capital support and investment, (c) financial mobilisation and investment, and (d) state guardianship over Iraqis abroad.

Actions under the Policy are geared towards:

- building trust and sharing a common identity (including a sense of co-responsibility) between Iraqis abroad and the state;
- building institutions and structures that facilitate sustainable engagement;
- offering solutions related to developing expert rosters of Iraqis abroad;
- focusing on supporting members of the Iraqi community abroad to invest in Iraq; and
- the provision of protection and support services to members of the Iraqi population abroad.



SUPPORT OFFERED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As part of the contingency strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Facility continued to offer technical and expert support to countries of implementation.

- **Afghanistan:** Provided 26 computer-tablets to MoRR in their efforts to register migrants returning from Iran and other countries.
- **Pakistan:** Provided 20 computer-tablets and 20 internet devices to the FIA Academy as part of the continued training support highlighted under the FIA Strategic Plan. An online training platform was developed to train 60 female FIA sub-inspectors on areas of irregular migration, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in human beings and integrated border management. The training lasted for four weeks during June/July 2020 and was part of the officers' Promotional course.



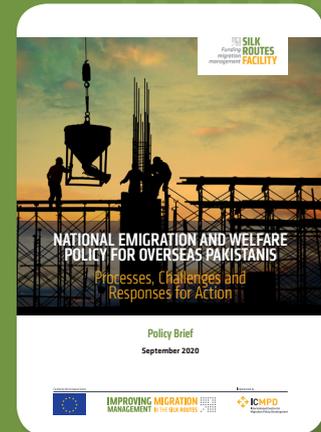
PAKISTAN

National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis

The Silk Routes Facility supports the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (MOPHRD) in development of a National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis. This policy provides a tailored response to issues related to labour migration through three key areas: (a) promotion of safe, orderly and fair emigration, (b) protection and welfare of overseas Pakistanis and their families, and (c) engagement of Pakistani diaspora in development process and reintegration or return migrants – thereby covering all stages of labour migration.

The Policy emphasises on:

- strengthening Pakistan's institutional capacity and governance structures related to labour migration resulting in improved, integrated and efficient migration outcomes for overseas Pakistani workers and their families.
- making the the emigration process more inclusive and robust through improved representation for overseas employment from low emigration provinces, and women migrant workers.
- recognises the integral role played by overseas while also addressing the reintegration needs of overseas Pakistanis and returning migrants.



Methodology adopted for the policy development process

July 2017 June 2020



FIA Academy – A Centre of Excellence

The Silk Routes Facility provides technical and expert support to Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and its Academy. This has been done through regular capacity building initiatives in the form of trainings (both at the Academy and virtually) and through the provision equipment. The present scope of support includes:

1. Support in efforts to establish the FIA Academy as a Centre of Excellence for law enforcement training in Pakistan. A five-year Strategic Plan has been developed reflecting importance of the (a) quality of training, (b) vision for development of human resources, and (c) development of appropriate infrastructure, for growth of the FIA.
2. Support to develop an *Online Training Delivery Platform* for the FIA Academy. The Platform will feed into the Strategic Plan as a capacity building tool to be utilised during the COVID-19 pandemic, and as part of regular training courses at the Academy in the future.





Research participants from the rural Sindh province ("SAMAC" project -SDPI Pakistan)

HOW WE WORK | Funding for migration projects in Silk Routes and Central Asian countries

The Silk Routes Instrument for large-scale initiatives is currently funding the implementation of migration-related projects in several Silk Routes and Central Asian countries.

The projects were selected during a competitive Call for Proposals and a total of 1,5 million Euro available funding has been allocated for the following six projects, each of which receives funding of around 250,000 Euro:

MIGRATION AND CLIMATE (SAMAC) IN SOUTH ASIA:

In partnership with ActionAid, this project contributes to developing the capacity of local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and facilitating a joint voice and strategies on issues of climate-induced migration in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. It contributes to the strengthening of national and regional policies and institutions on climate-induced migration/displacement in the three countries.

A Policy Brief with the initial findings of research on climate change-induced migration, "Climate migrants pushed to the brink": South Asia is unprepared to protect climate migrants, even as it battles the COVID-19 crisis" published

TOWARDS HARMONISED LABOUR MIGRATION POLICIES IN CENTRAL ASIA:

In partnership with the International Legal Initiative Public Foundation from Kazakhstan, this project aims to ensure better protection of the rights of migrant workers in four Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. It contributes to the harmonisation and convergence of these countries' labour migration policies.



Local level campaign in Chattogram (Bangladesh), March 2020 (DTDA, BILs)

REINTEGRATION OF RETURNEE FEMALE MIGRANT WORKERS IN BANGLADESH:

In partnership with the Danish Trade Union Development Agency (DTDA), this project aims to improve reintegration of female migrant workers and supports already settled returning workers in Bangladesh in rebuilding their livelihoods. It seeks to address the lack of various services for returnee female migrant workers, which hinder a successful reintegration at local level.

SAFE MIGRATION FOR THE WOMEN OF BANGLADESH:

In partnership with Care Austria, this project promotes safe and planned migration particularly for women in Bangladesh. It advocates for gender responsive migration policies; aims to reduce women's risks and vulnerabilities related to migration and enhance policy makers in understanding the challenges of the migration process from a women's perspective.

REINTEGRATING RETURNING MIGRANTS IN TAJIKISTAN:

In partnership with Mercy Corps Tajikistan, this project supports implementation of Tajikistan's national strategy and policies on reintegration of returning migrants. It provides capacity development, expertise, and facilitates direct collaboration of local government with returning migrants and their families.

IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF LABOUR MIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN TAJIKISTAN:

In partnership with Helvetas Intercooperation gGmbH, this project strengthens access to pre-departure information for prospective labour migrants and their families; it aims to empower them to take an informed decision and supports families left behind as well as returnees in managing their financial resources to mitigate the social impact of migration.

Safe Labour Migration Guide (Helvetas)



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