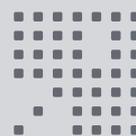


# IMPROVING MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN THE SILK ROUTES



## MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

### ... in a nutshell

- Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) help people make informed decisions when considering to migrate.
- MRCs provide outgoing, intending and potential migrants with information and counselling on possibilities for safe, legal and orderly migration, as well as rules and regulations, including relevant pre-departure information. This includes information on
  - overseas employment, protection mechanisms, work and living conditions abroad, rights and obligations.
  - national skills development and vocational training programmes as well as access to education abroad.
  - return processes and referral to reintegration support upon return.
- A team of MRC counsellors also raises awareness on the benefits of safe and regular migration and the dangers and consequences of irregular migration, and provides counselling in person, and via phone and skype.
- MRCs do not only provide information to the general public and migrants but also for governmental and non-governmental stakeholders who are directly or indirectly involved in the facilitation or communication of migration related issues.
- MRCs conduct information sessions at relevant national institutes, such as vocational and technical training schools, universities, colleges and schools as well as with the communities and during conferences and other events.



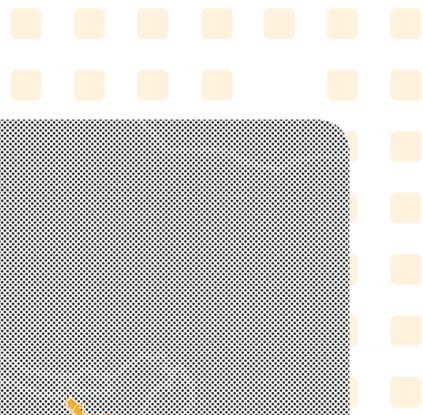
Pakistani workers attend an information session on safe migration by MRC Islamabad in a technical training institute.

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## WHERE WE WORK

MRCs are located either in the capital or a major city of the Silk Routes countries. There are currently two MRCs in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan. The establishment of two MRCs in Iraq's capital Baghdad and two in Bangladesh as well as an expansion of the MRCs in Pakistan is under way.

The MRCs are operated by one coordinator and a minimum of two counsellors.

Afghanistan's Minister for Refugees and Repatriation Sayed Hussain Alemi Balkhi and ICMPD's Director General Michael Spindelegger officially inaugurated the Migrant Resource Center in Kabul, Afghanistan, in July 2018.



## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND WHO FUNDS THE MRCs?

The Migrant Resource Centres are established and managed jointly by the responsible government authority and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

They are funded by the European Union and implemented by ICMPD from August 2017 to July 2021. Migrant Resource Centres should eventually be fully incorporated in the government structures once the project is over.

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