

# IMPROVING MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN THE SILK ROUTES

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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

### Expertise and assistance for improving migration management

The Facility's short-term technical assistance provides flexible on-demand expert support to government authorities of the Silk Routes and Central Asian countries:

It addresses issues related to mixed migration flows that the country is facing, organised in four key areas:

- (a) return and reintegration through a development lens,
- (b) promotion of regular migration,
- (c) irregular migration, and
- (d) migration and development.

Once adopted, the CMP shall fill migration management policy gaps and ensure complementarity and synergies with existing policies.

## AFGHANISTAN

### Comprehensive Migration Policy (CMP)

The Facility provides migration policy expertise to the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation and has supported the development of the first-ever Comprehensive Migration Policy (CMP) for Afghanistan. The final draft of the CMP was presented in June 2019 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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### PAKISTAN

#### National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis

The Facility supports the development of a National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis under the leadership of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development. This policy provides a tailored response to issues related to labour migration through three key areas:

- (a) promotion of overseas employment through good governance, skills development and inclusiveness,
- (b) protection and welfare of overseas Pakistanis, and
- (c) return and reintegration.

#### FIA's Strategic Plan for the FIA Academy

Furthermore, the Facility and Pakistan's Federal investigation Agency (FIA) jointly initiated a strategic planning process with the vision to transform the FIA Academy into a "Centre of Excellence" for trainings in the region. A draft five year Strategic Plan and Action Plan with a focus on training, human resource development, infrastructure and finances has been developed and shared with the senior management of the FIA for further approval and endorsement.

### IRAQ

#### Policy on Engagement with Iraqis Abroad

The Facility supports the development of a Policy on Engagement with Iraqis Abroad under the leadership of the Ministry of Migration and Displaced. Iraqis abroad possess various forms of diasporic capital that can help in the country's development. The policy aims to capitalise on this through four key thematic areas:

- (a) Institutional & Leadership Development,
- (b) Human Capital Support & Investment,
- (c) Financial Mobilisation & Investment, and
- (d) State Stewardship of the Expatriate Community.





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

The Silk Routes Instrument for large-scale initiatives focuses on capacity-building activities; it is currently funding the implementation of migration-related projects in several Silk Routes and Central Asian countries; the main themes and challenges addressed by these projects are related to the priorities set out by the Istanbul Ministerial Declaration (Migration and Mobility, Integration, Migration and Development, Irregular Migration, Trafficking in Persons, and International Protection).

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:

### **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 services for returnee female migrant workers, the lack of knowledge and information about financial management and investment possibilities, as well as the lack of jobs and social stigma, 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 by addressing women's particular needs and vulnerabilities, and provides services tailored to women's needs, especially in cases of sexual and gender based violence, abuse and exploitation. The aim is to reduce women's risks and vulnerabilities related to migration and to enhance policy makers understanding of the challenges of the migration process from a women's perspective.

### **ADDRESSING CLIMATE-INDUCED MIGRATION 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.

## 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.

### 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.



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