



GOVERNANCE

CASE STUDY ON HOW TO
INTEGRATE MIGRATION INTO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Project Details

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Although “governance” encompasses far more than the work of governments, good governance is often tied to effective coordination among different levels of government and across different sectors to coherently implement policies on various areas like migration.

Migration is a cross-cutting issue that does not fall clearly within the responsibilities of one department or level of government. In the Republic of Moldova, the government is working towards a more coordinated and integrated approach to connect migration governance with economic, political, and social policies.

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HOW WAS MIGRATION INTEGRATED?

One of the overall objectives of the Global Joint Programme “Mainstreaming of Migration into National Development Strategies” was to support governments better govern migration in a way that maximizes human development outcomes and mitigates risks for migrants, their families, and communities of origin and destination.

Beyond the Programme’s success in providing inputs to a number of migration and development strategies, policies and action plans, coordination mechanisms were established to improve policymaking on migration and development. As an example, the mandate of the Committee on Diaspora, Migration and Development (DMD) was expanded to the local level to gather technical expertise that would feed back to influence relevant national policies.

Concretely, the Committee jointly developed recommendations for development strategies/plans and formulated proposals for draft legislation



WHAT WERE LESSONS LEARNED?

Operationalization of a whole of government approach should not limit participation levels: Inter-institutional cooperation allowed stakeholders and the responsible persons within the Moldovan government to mutually empower one another to improve migration governance (IOM Moldova, 2018).

Efforts need to be institutionalized to withstand shocks: To reduce dependency on political buy-in limited to a number of committed public officials, efforts need to be institutionalized either through legislation or commitment from central and local public authorities. Such institutionalization can better ensure that progress is not threatened by shocks like restructuring and changes in staffing/leadership.

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