

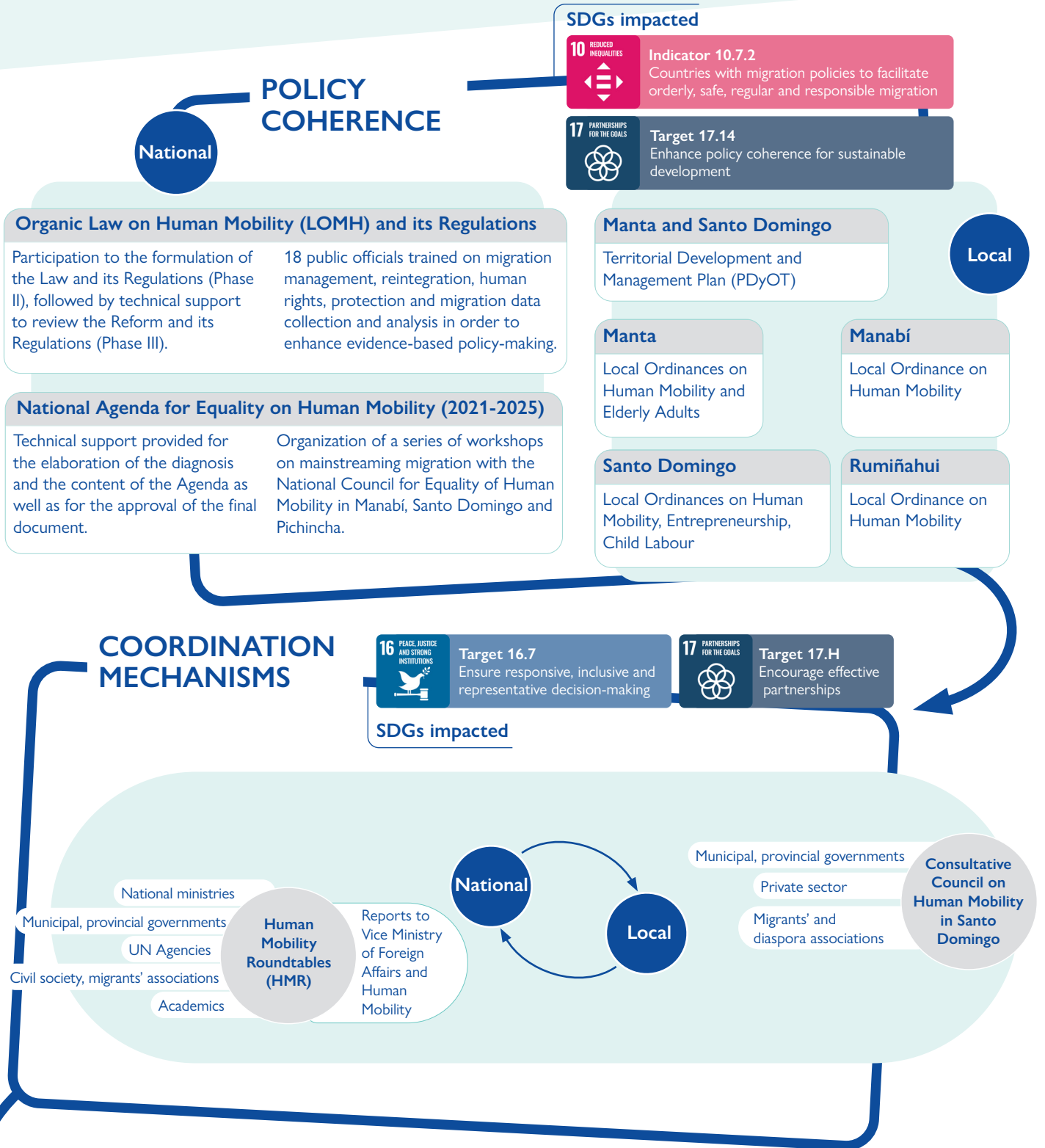
# MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## ECUADOR

2012-2023

Ecuador is a country of origin, transit, destination, and return. Socio-economic challenges have been highly exacerbated in the country since the economic crisis, COVID-19 pandemic, and disasters, which together are driving human mobility. Ecuador also welcomes one of the biggest Latin American refugee communities, mostly from Venezuela, Colombia, and Cuba. Ecuador's government uses a progressive and inclusive approach to migration by considering all forms of human mobility in its policies, narratives, and approaches.

Ecuador participated in two phases of the **M4SD Programme**, leading to substantial progress for the country. Migration was mainstreamed into public policies across many sectors and M4SD trained diverse public officials in human mobility. This third phase allowed these national policy results to trickle down to the local level, supporting the implementation of Ecuador's strong migratory management and human-rights based approach in practice through local migration-sensitive laws, ordinances and plans for government action. M4SD then supported local governments to foster employment and inclusion for migrants and communities.



## PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

National

### SDGs impacted



79 people from 41 companies trained on inclusive hiring practices

58 Ecuadorian diaspora members in Queens, New York participated in cultural celebrations and community activities

Local Consultative Council better engaged diaspora through coordination with Council on Equality for Human Mobility

**Target 16.7**  
Ensure responsive, inclusive and representative decision-making

Guide for local governments on human mobility incl. key legislation, normative articles

2 Private Sector Engagement Peer Exchange Groups co-led by municipalities: (1) Promoting migrant employability and (2) Advancing the financial inclusion of people on the move and host communities

### Santo Domingo

Co-working space created to empower entrepreneurs  
Web platforms for a) small businesses to sell products; b) job seekers to find jobs (including migrants)  
Municipal labour market analysis, private sector mapping and gaps analysis  
Training provided to public officials on inclusive contracting of migrants in the private sector and in entrepreneurship

**63 entrepreneurs** trained, incl. migrants (business management)  
**31 women** received mentoring to strengthen their leadership  
**123 migrants and host community members** received support to strengthen their business models  
**120 entrepreneurs** are using the platform to sell their products  
**20 companies and 17 public officials** trained on inclusive hiring of migrants  
**100 education kits** distributed to migrant children

### Manta & Manabí province

Entrepreneurship space established in Casa de la Mujer for women survivors of domestic violence  
Web platforms for a) small businesses to sell products; b) job seekers to find jobs (including migrants)  
Training (online and in-person) developed to enhance career skills (e.g. food safety, bike maintenance, etc.)

**184 entrepreneurs** trained, incl. migrants (business management)  
**15 entrepreneurs** involved in the virtual marketplace initiative  
**21 companies** (59 staff) trained on inclusive hiring of migrants  
**15 public officials** trained in Manta and **15** in Portoviejo on inclusive contracting in the private sector  
**40 women** strengthened their handicraft skills

Local




SDGs impacted



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE  
IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF ECUADOR

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