



# 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.



#### SDGs impacted

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Indicator 10.7.2

Countries with migration policies to facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration



Target 17.14

Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

#### Organic Law on Human Mobility (LOMH) and its Regulations

Participation to the formulation of the Law and its Regulations (Phase II), followed by technical support to review the Reform and its Regulations (Phase III). 18 public officials trained on migration management, reintegration, human rights, protection and migration data collection and analysis in order to enhance evidence-based policy-making.

#### Manta and Santo Domingo

Territorial Development and Management Plan (PDyOT)

Local

#### Manta

Local Ordinances on Human Mobility and Elderly Adults

#### Manabí

Local Ordinance on Human Mobility

## National Agenda for Equality on Human Mobility (2021-2025)

Technical support provided for the elaboration of the diagnosis and the content of the Agenda as well as for the approval of the final document. Organization of a series of workshops on mainstreaming migration with the National Council for Equality of Human Mobility in Manabí, Santo Domingo and Pichincha.

#### Santo Domingo

Local Ordinances on Human Mobility, Entrepreneurship, Child Labour

#### Rumiñahui

Local Ordinance on Human Mobility

# COORDINATION MECHANISMS



Target 16.7
Ensure responsive, inclusive and representative decision-making

17 PARTINERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Target 17.H
Encourage effective
partnerships

SDGs impacted

National ministries

Municipal, provincial governments

**UN** Agencies

Civil society, migrants' associations

Academics

Human Mobility Roundtables (HMR) Reports to Vice Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility National

Local

Municipal, provincial governments

Private sector

Migrants' and diaspora associations

Consultative Council on Human Mobility in Santo Domingo

Local

## PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

#### **SDGs** impacted







**National** 



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









SDGs impacted



# MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF ECUADOR

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