



Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading intergovernmental organization on migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. As the United Nations Migration Agency, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all.

LABOUR MOBILITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (LHD)/RESETTLEMENT

The LHD/Resettlement unit aims to maximize the positive impacts of migration for migrants, their families and the broader community in countries of origin and destination. This includes assisting migrants travelling to the Netherlands, as well as their integration into new communities; strengthening links between migration and development (particularly through diaspora engagement in development initiatives); and enhancing partnerships and cooperation between countries of origin and destination to facilitate labour and skills mobility.

The unit directly contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:



CONNECTING DIASPORA FOR DEVELOPMENT 2 (CD4D2)

Connecting Diaspora for Development 2 (CD4D2) enables diaspora professionals to use their knowledge and expertise for development in their country of origin. Through physical and online assignments, professional diaspora members residing in the Netherlands, other EU member states and the UK, are linked to institutions in their countries of origin. Furthermore, internships and training opportunities are offered in the Netherlands for representatives of host institutions from the focus countries. As a demand-driven project, all assignments respond to the capacity-building needs of selected host institutions in a limited number of priority sectors within the four target countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria and Somalia.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY DIASPORA FOR DEVELOPMENT (ED4D)

The Entrepreneurship by Diaspora for Development (ED4D) project is undertaken in partnership with PUM, Netherlands senior experts. The project encourages the Ghanaian and Ethiopian Diasporas residing in the Netherlands to engage themselves, as entrepreneurs, for the development of the private sector in Ghana and Ethiopia. The collaboration also aims to identify ways for entrepreneurship to drive sustainable, environmentally friendly development and youth employment.



FAMILY REUNIFICATION ASSISTANCE

Migrants holding a refugee status may apply to be reunited with their family members in the context of family reunification. Travelling to the Netherlands can sometimes be very challenging for the family due to medical conditions, administrative requirements, missing documents, or in cases involving unaccompanied minor children. IOM assists these families by arranging a safe journey to the Netherlands. Additionally, upon request of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND), IOM can assist in facilitating DNA-testing between family members to determine the validity of applications.



INCLUD-EU

Includ-EU is a regional project being realized in six countries, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia and Spain, and funded by the European Commission. The project contributes to building more inclusive and cohesive European societies with the regional partnership of the Assembly of European Regions (AER). More specifically in the Netherlands, we are working in partnership with Tilburg Municipality to improve knowledge and capacities of local and regional authorities in the region Hart van Brabant to facilitate the improved integration of third country nationals (TCNs). We are also implementing pilot projects that promote the integration of TCNs at regional and local level. Starting in 2020, the project will run for three years until 2022.



MATCH

MATCH is a demand-driven circular migration project, that seeks to address labour market shortages in four European countries; Italy, Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands. In partnership with the Netherlands-Africa Business Council (NABC), IOM the Netherlands will promote legal pathways for migrants from Nigeria and Senegal to work temporarily in Dutch companies where specific sectorial labour shortages have been identified, primarily the ICT, technology and digitalization sectors.

In addition to the mobility scheme, MATCH will implement complementary activities such as skills development, capacity building and knowledge sharing for a range of different stakeholders including labour migrants, employers in the Netherlands, and employer organizations and employment agencies in Nigeria and Senegal. This is a three-year project running between 2020-2022 and funded by the European Commission.



RESETTLEMENT TO THE NETHERLANDS

For decades, IOM has played a vital role in refugee resettlement around the world. Special consideration is given to refugees with medical problems and women and children at risk. IOM facilitates the selection and cultural orientation missions of the Dutch Government and arranges the safe travel of the refugees to the Netherlands. IOM's assistance is offered in close cooperation with the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND), the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA), UNHCR and Embassies in countries of departure. IOM also supports ad-hoc relocation requests by the Dutch government.



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