

Taking Stock of IOM-CSO Partnership

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CSO Inventory

- Practical tool for taking stock of IOM-CSO global partnership;
- Key information on identified issues;
- Baseline to guide and better inform future engagement;
- Varying responses room to streamline and improve the quality of imformation.



Key Aspects

- •IOM has partnerships with **over 1,600 CSOs** across the globe.
- •Range from formal partnerships ad hoc interactions for specific events.
- •Partnerships in the context of specific projects and programmes that usually have **defined timelines and/or objectives**.
- •Often **multiple actors**, including other CSOs, IGOs, regional organizations, academic institutions, think tanks and private sector entities.



Principal Areas of Engagement

- Counter-trafficking and assistance to victims of human trafficking;
- Assisted voluntary return and reintegration;
- Education, training and capacity building activities in a range of areas;
- Migrant health support services;
- Awareness raising and public information campaigns on a range of migration issues;
- Protection of migrants' rights;
- Facilitation of labour migration and assistance to labour migrants;



Principal Areas of Engagement

- Humanitarian activities, including disaster preparedness and risk reduction, emergency responses, camp coordination and camp management and community stabilization;
- Community development projects, including infrastructure development/ rehabilitation and income generation projects;
- Research, data collection and information dissemination;
- Migration policy dialogue and thematic consultations;
- Resettlement and migrant integration.



Modalities of Partnership

Contractual/ Formal relationships

- Underpinned by binding written agreement(s).
- Specific activity(ies);
- Defined period of time;
- Creation of obligations and rights.
- MOUs most common form.
- Ideal for setting out clear parameters



Modalities of Partnership

Informal agreements

- Partnership agreement exists in principal mostly on the basis of a verbal undertaking;
- Greater degree of flexibility for parties;
- More suitable to certain contexts than formal agreements.



Modalities of Partnership

Ad hoc interactions

- High degree of informality at onset;
- Parties come together for a specific event/ activity;
- Can be repeated or one-off interactions;
- Usual short time frames



Conclusions

- More can be achieved by working collaboratively than by going it alone.
- Need to enhance our understanding of the areas in which we are working together.
- Taking stock of what we do together is an initial part of this PROCESS and small step in the right direction.