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Mainstreaming Migration



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Developing a Migration Policy to Integrate Migration into the National Development Framework for Ghana

Since 2001 the IOM Development Fund or IDF has provided a unique global resource aimed at supporting developing Member States in their efforts to strengthen their migration management capacity. IDF has successfully addressed the capacity building needs of eligible Member States by providing essential "seed funding" for innovative projects. The IDF is designed to contribute to the harmonization of eligible Member State migration management policies and practices with their overall national development strategy.

In Ghana, the potential of migration for development is increasingly being recognized although little systematic policy attention has been given to the various aspects of the migration-development nexus. In addition, there is no national strategic framework to drive the debate on migration or provide relevant services, including capacity building trainings. In response to the challenges and opportunities presented by migration and development, the IDF supported project "Developing a Migration Policy to integrate Migration into the National Development Framework for Ghana" aims to contribute to the Government of Ghana (GoG)'s efforts to effectively manage and harness the benefits of migration by mainstreaming migration into the national development framework.

Specifically, the project seeks to improve the regulatory framework for effective migration management and enhance the capacities of policy makers and practitioners to implement the pending national migration policy. The project is fully in line with the national development

framework called Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda (GSGDA) and priorities and strategies set by the Ministry of the Interior.

To date, the migration policy was drafted by the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee on Migration (IMSCM) in 2014 and was validated by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Defence and Interior and select Deputy Ministers and Chief Directors. Additionally, a training of trainers was held in January 2015 for select migration experts from the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) University of Ghana and senior officers from the Ghana Immigration Service; Migration Unit; Ministry of the Interior; National Development Planning Commission; Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration; Bank of Ghana; and Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations. This is to be followed by pilot trainings for policy makers and practitioners later this year.

The project ensures the sustainability of migration mainstreaming interventions through the participation of senior officials in the migration policy validation process, and by promoting policy development through the IMSCM. The project has also partnered with CMS, University of Ghana to continue delivering the training programme with the GoG after 2015.

The overall outcome expected from the project is to have a comprehensive and coherent national migration policy and roadmap in place and strengthened capacity of policy makers and practitioners to implement the policy.

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