



MIGRANTS IN COUNTRIES IN CRISIS INITIATIVE

**Protecting & Assisting Migrants in Countries
Experiencing Conflicts or Natural Disasters**

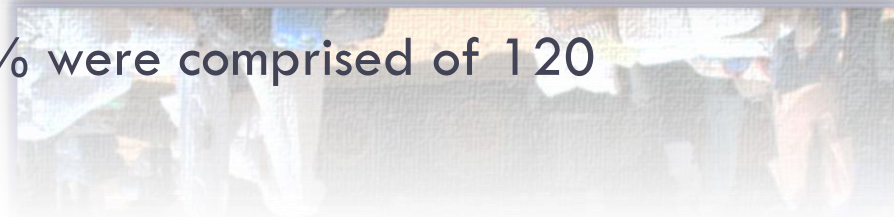
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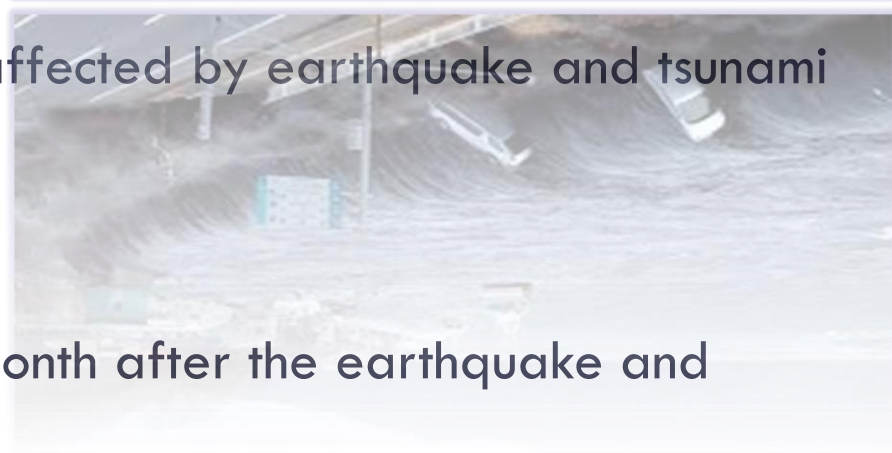
2011 Libya Crisis

- February-June 2011 civil strife
- Nearly 800,000 migrants fled Libya
- Most from neighboring countries – 45% were comprised of 120 nationalities
- All in need of assistance; many in need of protection and evacuation
- Other impacts:
 - Challenges for home countries – evacuation, return, and reintegration
 - Challenges for migrants – livelihoods, reintegration, and empowerment
 - Challenges for Libya/country in crisis – economy, skills, and services



2011 Japan Crisis

- March 2011 earthquake and tsunami
- Approx. 700,000 foreigners in areas affected by earthquake and tsunami (and nuclear accident)
- 531,000 foreigners left Japan in the month after the earthquake and tsunami
- From diverse countries, within and outside the region, including Brazil, China, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan
- Effective communication essential for emergency assistance



Why Migrants?

Specific Vulnerabilities and Circumstances

- Pre-existing vulnerabilities
 - Unable to leave the country in crisis
 - Unwilling to leave the country in crisis
 - Unable to access humanitarian assistance
- Unable or unwilling to return to country of origin
- Subjected to discrimination, targeted attacks, or exploitation

Objectives of the MICIC Initiative

Save Lives

**Protect Rights
and Dignity**

Address Impacts

- ▣ Better preparation
- ▣ More effective responses
- ▣ Better recovery

Non-binding principles, guidelines, and effective practices

Scope of MICIC Initiative

Which Crises?

Conflict

and/or

Natural
Disasters

≠ Economic

≠ Employment

≠ Other

Which Migrants?

In country when crisis hits
Temporarily or permanently
Regardless of legal status
≠ Not personal crises

Can include:

Migrant workers and families
Tourists, business travelers, students, and diplomats
Victims of human trafficking and smuggled persons
Marriage migrants

Outcomes will not replace existing frameworks or mechanisms

Which Phases?

Pre-Crisis

Emergency

Post-Crisis

= All Phases

What We Are Learning So Far

Data, tracking, and contact information on migrants

Respect for human and labor rights, and ethical recruitment

Standing arrangements on evacuation, consular assistance, coordination etc.

Contingency planning/DRR

Crisis alert systems

Evacuation and return services

Non-refoulement

Save lives

Emergency funds and insurance schemes

Open borders, humanitarian border management and temporary admission

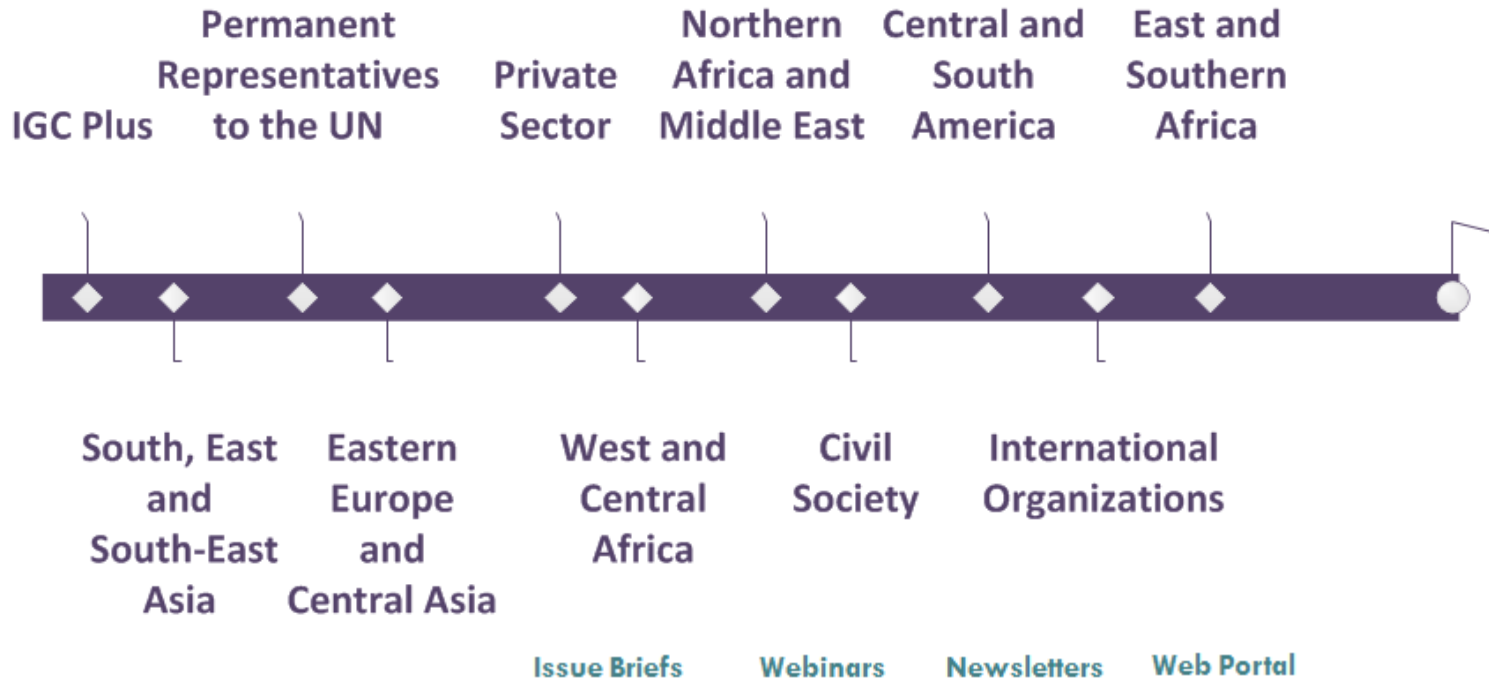
Identification and Referral Systems

Re-migration and other mobility opportunities

Back pay, outstanding wages, return of property, remains

Services upon return - livelihood creation, health, psychosocial counselling

Looking Forward



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SAVE LIVES. INCREASE PROTECTION. DECREASE VULNERABILITY. IMPROVE RESPONSE.

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The MICIC Secretariat would like to invite interested persons and entities to share their notable practices, tools and innovative ideas for protecting and assisting migrants in countries in crisis. Inputs will contribute to the initiative's knowledge-gathering component.

As a consultative and collaborative process, the MICIC initiative will be collecting pertinent information from a variety of sources and through different processes in the form of problem sets, toolkits, voluntary principles, guidelines, and Effective Practices for all relevant stakeholders - governments, international organizations, civil society, the private sector and migrants themselves.

You can contribute toward the initiative by sharing your practice through our online form below or by filing in our [offline form](#).

Thank you for your contributions and support in this effort!


Name of Practice or Tool

Type of Stakeholder

- State
- International Organizations
- Private Sectors
- Migrants and the Diaspora
- Civil Society
- Regional Institutions
- Other

KEY RESOURCES

- MICIC Coverage Note
- MICIC Background Paper
- Consultation Reports
- FAQs

A high-angle photograph of three young children of Southeast Asian descent. They are all smiling and looking directly up at the camera. The child on the left is wearing a light blue patterned shirt. The child in the center is wearing an orange shirt and holding a pink flower. The child on the right is wearing a blue shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Help us protect the rights and dignity of
migrants caught in countries in crisis

Stay informed; join the discussion; generate knowledge