



Skills for Reintegration

Support for sustainable return and reintegration:
Pilot measures in The Gambia, Niger, Mexico and Kyrgyzstan

The challenge

According to the United Nations there are currently around 258 million migrants throughout the world. The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration emphasises the role of international cooperation in facilitating a safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration. Vocational training and employment measures and the recognition of skills acquired abroad are regarded as important factors in this context. Key conditions for voluntary return and subsequently successful reintegration are peace and security in the migrants' country of origin and comprehensive preparation for them to return there.

Our strategy

Skills for Reintegration uses targeted pilot measures in The Gambia, Niger, Mexico and Kyrgyzstan. The project supports migrants and displaced people in making the decision to return to their home country voluntarily and reintegrate into society there. It is part of the overall approach by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on Migration for Development and is operating in The Gambia as part of the Returning to New Opportunities Programme.

To prepare for voluntary return, migrants need vocational and personal counselling and needs-oriented vocational training. This can help enhance their employability and reduce the risk of poverty.

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If migrants cannot return to their country of origin, professional qualifications can facilitate their integration in the host country. The services offered are available to returnees, migrants and the population of the host communities. As 85 per cent of displaced people throughout the world seek refuge in developing countries, the focus is on South-South migration.

Our approach

The pilot measures are designed and implemented by international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), in collaboration with bilateral or regional GIZ projects or by the project itself.

They focus on the needs of the target groups and on those of the labour markets to ensure that demand-driven services are provided. When identifying participants, it is first necessary to establish their motivation for potentially returning to their home country and what skills they already have. To determine the level of demand on the labour market, a labour market analysis is conducted in the relevant host regions and regions of origin or existing up-to-date studies are consulted.



Overview of the pilot measures

	The Gambia	Niger	Mexico	Kyrgyzstan
Approach	Supporting voluntary return and sustainable reintegration and promoting the vocational training sector	Strengthening the services offered and the quality of vocational training measures to promote (re)integration	Promoting networks and alliances to strengthen (re)integration processes in Mexico	Reintegrating returnees into Kyrgyzstan's labour market
Target groups	Gambian returnees from Germany and third countries and the local population in The Gambia	Malian refugees in Niger and the population of the host communities	NGOs and other actors working with returnees, migrants and displaced people	Migrant workers returning to Kyrgyzstan
Activities	<p>Developing curricula and implementing two long-term training courses</p> <p>Renovating and equipping the state training facility</p> <p>Teacher training</p> <p>Developing and introducing a job placement app</p>	<p>Running vocational training courses on tailoring, joinery, mechanics, electrical engineering, solar technology, catering and baking</p> <p>Teacher training</p> <p>Rehabilitating school buildings</p>	<p>Setting up a NGO network on (re)integration</p> <p>Organizing exchange formats to promote dialogue within Mexico between NGOs, government, private sector and academic community</p> <p>Establishing an exchange on (re)integration between Germany and Mexico</p>	<p>Developing and piloting certification processes for skills acquired abroad</p> <p>Implementing business training courses</p> <p>Providing advice on setting up a business</p> <p>Developing and introducing a job placement app</p>
Results	<p>2 training courses in the fields of small solar home systems and rural mechanics have been developed and were launched in September 2019</p> <p>37 people are participating in these state-certified training courses</p> <p>22 teachers have undergone in-service training</p>	<p>Vocational training courses have been developed and conducted in 7 different sectors</p> <p>99 people have undergone state-certified vocational training, of whom 94 have already entered the labour market directly</p> <p>3 teachers have undergone in-service training</p>	<p>28 NGOs are working in the network on topics such as shaping migration policy and integral support models for effective (re)integration processes</p> <p>156 people from 76 institutions of the civil society, government, private sector, academic community and international organizations participated in 4 dialogue formats</p>	<p>24 people have received a state-recognized certification, 18 of whom have already entered the labour market</p> <p>120 people have participated in the business training courses, 51 of whom have already set up their own company</p> <p>120 companies and 2000 returnees use the app</p>

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