



WHY MIGRATION MATTERS FOR “RECOVERING BETTER” FROM COVID-19

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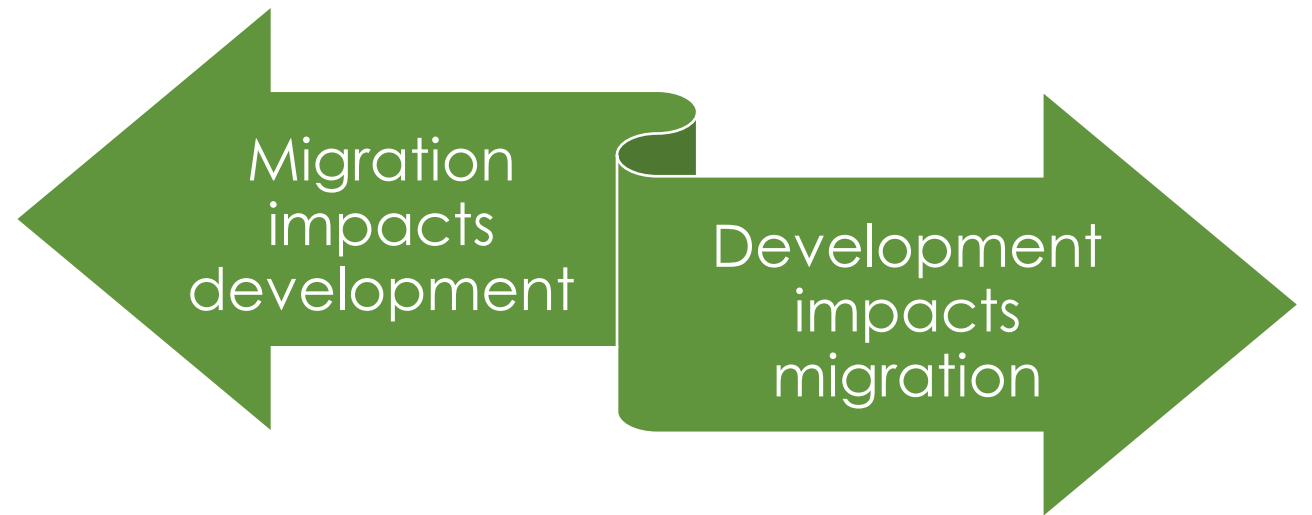
Human mobility is inextricably linked with sustainable development.

COVID-19 is leading to a combined human mobility and human development crisis.

We are reliant –
for our health, our food, and our economy
– on the movement of people.

COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of well governed migration for prosperous and healthy societies.

*Our ability to mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19, protect people on the move and their communities, and **harness the positive power of migration to recover better**, depends on a good understanding of the effects of the pandemic on human mobility and development.*



Pressing Policy Interventions



Empower diaspora organizations and migrants to support COVID-19 response and recovery.



Tap into the development potential of migration to build resilience and support socio-economic recovery.

Learn from and up-scale innovative efforts to utilize technology for migration data mapping and ensure the disaggregation of migration data, as well as the disaggregation of development data by migratory status.

Extend social protection access, eligibility and coverage to all migrants and ensure benefits are transferable and portable for returnees.

Migrants, regardless of status, must have equitable access to quality health services.



Facilitate labour mobility of health workers to mitigate labour shortages.



Ensure that the vulnerabilities of migrants and their communities are fully accounted for and participate in the COVID-19 response or risk aggravating irregular migration, smuggling and human trafficking.



Building on technological advances, foster virtual student mobility to counter physical restrictions for continued global advancement of research and knowledge sharing.

Invest in skilling and re-skilling of migrants and returnees to increase their access to decent work.



Ensure that migrant men and women, regardless of migratory status, are included in efforts to combat increasing gender-based violence and socio-economic vulnerability due to COVID-19.

Address the COVID-19-specific vulnerability of migrants regarding their sexual and reproductive health.



Support cities to integrate human mobility into COVID-19 urban planning and recovery processes, considering the effects of new urban - rural mobility trends.



Reduce costs of remittance transfers to under 3%.

Ensure remittances and other migration-related financial flows are leveraged fairly and equitably to assist local response, recovery and development interventions.



Develop innovative means to build regular pathways for economic migration within the context of COVID-19 control in order to respond adequately to global labour supply and demand, particularly for health workers.

Up-scale global skills partnerships to better match skills and education policies with global labour market demand and supply, maximising the potential of digital technology and teleworking.



Source: IOM Issue Brief, Why Migration Matters for Recovering Better from COVID-19.

Leveraging the GCM to support the 2030 Agenda



The GCM recognizes that when properly managed, migration contributes to positive development outcomes.

The GCM provides a robust framework to support governments and other actors achieve the migration dimensions of the SDGs.

As Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration, IOM is leveraging the GCM to accelerate action on the 2030 Agenda.

UN FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMMEDIATE SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- 1. HEALTH FIRST:** Protecting health services and systems during the crisis.
- 2. PROTECTING PEOPLE:** social protection and basic services
- 3. ECONOMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY:** Protecting Jobs, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, and Informal Sector Workers
- 4. MACROECONOMIC RESPONSE AND MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION**
- 5. SOCIAL COHESION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**



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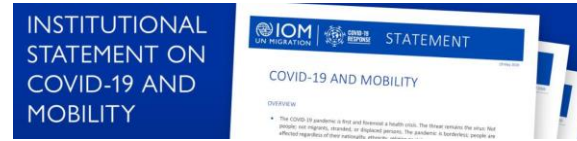
- ❑ Protect the rights of all migrants and refugees
- ❑ Use data to articulate differentiated impacts of COVID-19 on migrant populations, correct the migration narrative, and combat xenophobia and discrimination.
- ❑ Support skills recognition and matching for migrant workers to meet emerging labour needs,
- ❑ Fortify existing and establish new partnerships and joint programs in migration management and service provision
- ❑ Develop innovative solutions that maximize the skills, resources, and networks of migrants

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE MUST BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Additional Resources

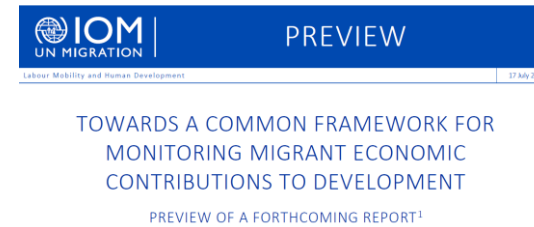


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