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## ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF STRANDED AND VULNERABLE MIGRANTS



# Morocco, Tanzania and Yemen *and main countries of origin*

## Description of the Action

Adequate assistance, return and sustainable reintegration of returnees in the long term cannot be ensured without a common understanding between stakeholders and strong capacities of authorities of sending, transit and receiving countries concerned. The authorities of Morocco, Tanzania and Yemen have identified an urgent need to address the challenges related to the situation of stranded migrants and mixed migration flows in their respective countries. The Action will contribute to improve existing capacities of these three countries as well as those in respective key migrant countries of origin in order to promote an improved management of mixed migration flows in the longer term while at the same time addressing the immediate needs of the stranded and vulnerable migrants currently living in these countries. The action will last 24 months starting from February 2015 to January 2017.

## Objectives

The overall objective is to contribute to developing human rights-based migration management approaches to address the needs of stranded and vulnerable migrants in targeted sending, transit and receiving countries.

The three specific objectives of the Action are :

- **To strengthen the capacity of governmental and civil society counterparts in Morocco, Tanzania and key countries of origin to manage human rights-based and development-focused assistance to and protection of stranded and vulnerable migrants;**
- **To provide safe and voluntary return to and assistance in countries of origin to stranded migrants in Morocco, Tanzania and Yemen in close cooperation and coordination with involved governments, allowing the latter to gradually take on increased responsibility and build up their operational and development capacities to implement these programmes;**
- **To enhance collaboration and dialogue between all countries involved in the return of and processing of assistance to stranded migrants.**

## Main activities

- Technical assistance.
- Training and capacity building on migration management.
- Media campaigns and internships/courses for young journalists.
- Mapping and analysis of migration flows and migrant profiles.
- Support to enhance coordination and cooperation mechanisms among the national government and local authorities in managing mixed migration flows.
- Assisted voluntary return and reintegration of stranded and vulnerable migrants.
- Enhance the collaboration between consular entities and national migration services in destination countries.
- Study tours to selected EU Member States or other countries dealing with mixed migration flows.
- Regional technical workshops to promote sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

## Target groups

- Government institutions engaged in migration management in the target countries.
- Vulnerable and stranded migrants.
- Civil society and media.

## Final beneficiaries

- Governments of the target countries.
- Migrants and returnees.
- Non-governmental actors assisting stranded migrants

## Expected results

- The capacities of the target destination and key origin countries to address challenges related to stranded and vulnerable migrants, including their return and reintegration back home, are strengthened.
- Media, journalists, civil society and the general public are sensitized about international migration in all its dimensions, in particular on the contributions of migrants to destination countries and the risks of migrating irregularly.
- Assisted voluntary return of stranded migrants and post-arrival assistance is provided with the direct involvement of national authorities of both destination and origin countries.
- Enhanced assistance is provided for vulnerable cases upon return in the countries of origin.
- Peer-to-peer exchange is promoted and cooperation strengthened among partner countries, including migrant destination and origin countries.
- Facilitating further cooperation on sensitive migration issues and drawing lessons for future actions of countries concerned.



Morocco is a transit and destination country for migrants wishing to reach European shores and was the first North African partner to sign a Mobility Partnership with the European Union (EU) in June 2013. Following a report by the Moroccan Human Rights Council (CNDH) and Royal Instructions of his Majesty Mohammed VI in September 2013, the Government of Morocco adopted a new, comprehensive migration approach based on human rights principles and providing for more protection for migrants residing in Morocco.

The Moroccan Ministry of the Interior estimated that 25 000 to 40 000 migrants found themselves in an irregular situation in Morocco at the end of 2013. The majority come from Western Africa countries and live in precarious conditions. In the framework of the new migration approach, Morocco is currently developing three new law proposals on asylum, human trafficking and migration, respectively, and conducted a regularization campaign for irregular migrants throughout 2014.

### Main activities in Morocco and countries of origin

- Assisted voluntary return for 800 stranded migrants and post-arrival assistance with the direct involvement of national authorities of both destination and origin countries.
- Provision of enhanced reintegration assistance for vulnerable cases.
- Tailored trainings and capacity building for government authorities and civil society actors in Morocco and major countries of origin.
- Study tours to selected EU Member States and EU institutions for authorities and civil society.
- Specific, in-depth training and capacity building for journalists.
- Internships/courses for young Moroccan journalists.
- Media campaigns.
- Promotion of partnerships and strengthening of the capacities of local actors in countries of origin to provide reintegration assistance to returnees in their countries of origin.
- Regional return and reintegration policy workshop.

### Countries of origin



Nigeria



Cameroun



Côte d'Ivoire



Guinea-Conakry

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