

Thematic overview

Protection and resilience



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IOM is the leading inter-governmental Organization in the field of migration and is dedicated to **promoting safe, orderly, and dignified migration for the benefit of all**. IOM is committed to the core values and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. The protection, respect, and fulfilment of the rights of migrants is a priority for the Organization; it is reflected in the Organization's strategic vision and the United Nations Global Compact for Migration.

IOM Morocco is placing the protection of migrants at the heart of its activities, regardless of their status. Through partnerships with a wide range of civil society actors, working on the ground in several regions of the country, local regional and local councils and governmental authorities, IOM Morocco is responding to the needs of migrants and Moroccans living in vulnerable situations, in line with Morocco's commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and to implement the objectives of the Global Compact for Migration. At the same time, to strengthen our support for the protection of migrant communities, major efforts are made to support institutional partners in implementing the objectives of the National Strategy for Immigration and Asylum (SNIA), strengthening migration systems and processes that guarantee the dignity of migrant communities, ensure the protection of the most vulnerable people on the move and consolidate their rights.

PROTECTION IN NUMBERS

Morocco 2020-2023



+2,400

Stakeholders trained on protection (trafficking, child protection, migration law etc.)



+175,000

Vulnerable migrants benefitted from protection services



+30,000

Migrants benefitted from awareness activities



+7,600

Vulnerable migrants benefitted from assisted voluntary returns to their countries of origin



+430

Vulnerable Moroccans returnees benefitted from reintegration assistance

IOM APPROACH TO PROTECTION



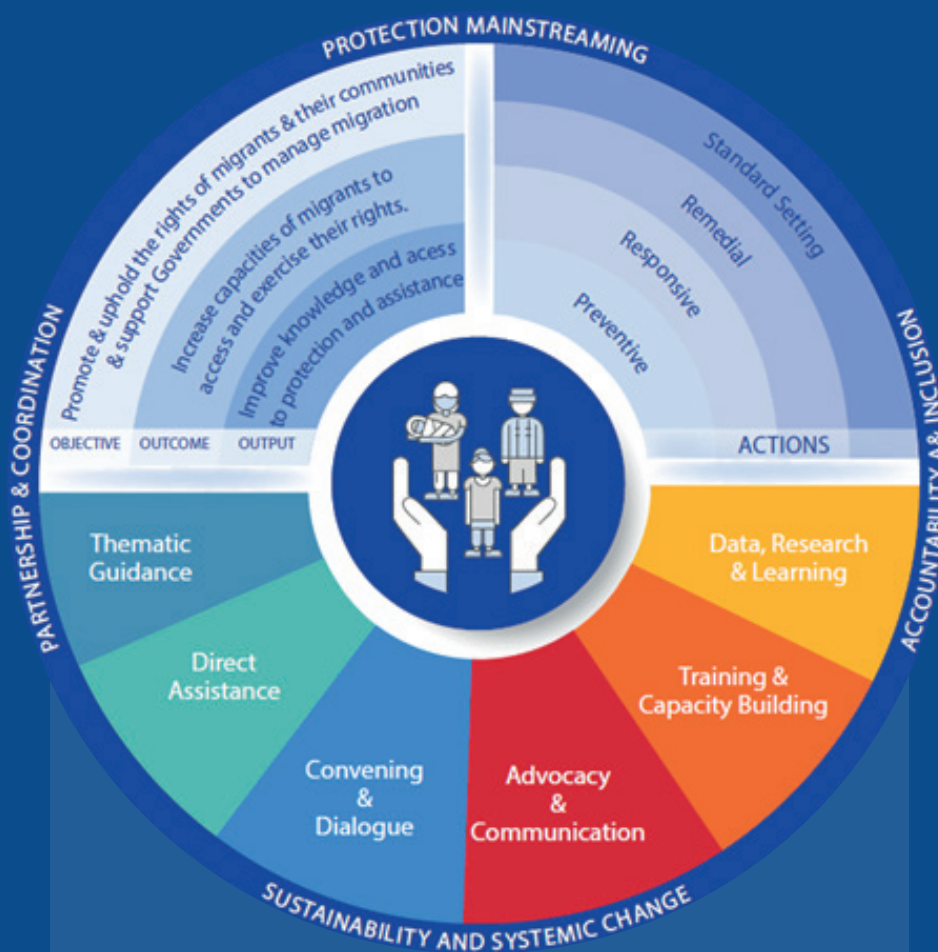
IOM VISION: IOM's overarching goal on protection is to place the rights and well-being of migrants, regardless of their status, at the center of its operations. This means **ensuring the protection of migrants across the full spectrum of migration management and governance**, i.e. migration and development, facilitating migration, regulating migration and addressing forced migration. The Organization promotes migration as a choice through interventions aimed at reducing the risks of violence, abuse and exploitation, and other rights violations, and fostering protective factors that lead to resilience at an individual, household, community, and structural level.



IOM MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITY: All migrants, regardless of their migration status, are rights holders. States, as duty bearers, have an overarching obligation to protect, respect and fulfil the rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants, without any discrimination, while promoting the security, well-being, and prosperity of all communities within their territories. Human mobility, whether internal or international, can expose individuals and groups to protection risks, and they may experience situations of vulnerability in situations of migration as well as of internal displacement and require assistance and support. IOM supports the efforts of States, at their request, to fulfill their responsibilities as duty bearers. IOM's protection mandate stems from the international agreement concluded in 2016 with the United Nations and the Organization's internal law, particularly (but not limited to) the IOM Constitution and Council documents.



PROTECTION IN ACTION: Using the rights-based approach to identify and address needs whether in emergency, transition or development contexts, **IOM's interventions seek to secure individual or group rights, as well as activities that aim to create a society in which individual and group rights are recognized and upheld.** These civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights include, but are not limited to, the right to life; freedom of movement; access to justice, remedy and reparation; family life; social security; health and wellbeing; education; decent standards of work and living; non-discrimination; privacy and data protection; prohibition of refoulement; and freedom from discrimination, torture and slavery. IOM is thus committed to ensuring that its operations are aligned with legal standards.



IOM Morocco is implementing protection and resilience activities through the six following operational pillars, based on those defined at IOM global level 1) Data, research and Learning; 2) Capacity Development; 3) Convening and Dialogue; 4) Advocacy and communication; 5) Direct assistance; 6) AVRR and socio-economic integration.



Data, research and Learning



- Technical support to the African Observatory of Migration and data institutions.
- Multiple research and studies on mechanisms and services available to vulnerable migrants.

Capacity Development



- Support for the establishment and operationalization of referral mechanism and protection pathways, both at national and regional level.
- Trainings and trainings of trainers on specific protection thematic, including protection of vulnerable migrants, children on the move, trafficking in persons, case management, human rights and international migration law, migration health, gender, Preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).
- Technical support to key stakeholders to develop strategies and implement specialized protection activities.

Convening and Dialogue



- Strengthening and/or creation of coordination mechanisms related to the protection of vulnerable migrants, both at national and regional level, and thematic protection issues.
- Organization of workshops and study visits on specific protection topics.

Advocacy and communication



- Development and implementation of awareness raising activities on living-together values, appreciation of migrants cultures and risks related to the irregular migration.
- Elaboration of multilingual guidance notes on specialized protection services, employment opportunities, travel opportunities.

Direct assistance



- Provision of direct assistance, including emergency shelter, food and non-food items to vulnerable migrants and host communities through partnerships with civil society partners.
- Provision of medical and mental health specialized services to migrant in needs.
- Provision of administrative assistance and legal counselling to vulnerable migrants.

Longer-term solutions



- Provision of comprehensive assisted voluntary return and reintegration services to vulnerable migrants.
- Provision of reintegration support for Moroccan returnees in need.
- Support for the development of socio-economic inclusion opportunities.
- Facilitation of the resettlement of refugees and vulnerable migrants, in the framework of international protection mechanisms.



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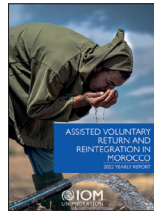
Personal development guide



Entrepreneurship guide



Human trafficking brochure



AVRR annual report

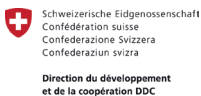


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IOM Protection and Resilience department is working on close coordination with various implementing partners, including:

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