IOM is working with the European Commission’s Directorate – General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) to implement this project, running from 2017-2021, to contribute to effective mainstreaming of migration into international cooperation and development policy.

Under the project, practical guidelines and training will be developed and rolled-out, with the aim of assisting development practitioners to mainstream migration into international cooperation and development.

The guidelines will be piloted in three partner countries to support the efforts of development practitioners and government partners to integrate migration into their national and sectoral plans and policies.

The piloting will include sensitization to the importance of mainstreaming migration, capacity building, and provision of tools and technical assistance to mainstream migration in selected development sectors.
Migration mainstreaming has been recognized as an important factor in achieving international development targets since 2005, when the Global Commission on International Migration recommended integrating migration into development plans to improve migration governance.

Today, migration is reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants. Additionally, Objective 19 of the forthcoming Global Compact on Migration will call for states to integrate migration into development planning and sectoral policies at local, national, regional and global levels.

The 2017 European Consensus on Development confirms that addressing migration in all its forms requires short- and long-term cross-sectoral interventions, policies and legal frameworks. The SDGs offer an opportunity to embrace a comprehensive approach to the links between development cooperation, migration and relevant policy areas that have an impact on development.

**SECTORAL FOCUS**

The guidelines, training and technical assistance will focus on the following key sectors in which migration can impact development, and development can impact migration. Within these sectors, IOM will support development practitioners to ensure that migration dynamics are integrated into their work.

**KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Assessment of existing EU and other donor approaches to mainstreaming migration
- Development of Guidelines and Tools on how to mainstream migration into international cooperation and development
- Training on the guidelines for international development policymakers
- Assessment of the extent of migration mainstreaming in selected sectors in three pilot partner countries
- Training on migration mainstreaming for government services and stakeholders in pilot partner countries
- Technical assistance to pilot countries to mainstream migration into their international cooperation and development
- Exchange of good practices among donors in the pilot partner countries

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