



EMPLOYMENT

Migrant Mineworkers Advocating for Decent Work

Over half of international migrants are migrant workers. Despite the wealth of potential benefits of safe and regular labour migration for migrants and employers, migrant workers continue to face vulnerabilities in the workplace including difficulties accessing social protection.

Target 8.8 of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) calls on governments and employers to protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers and those in precarious employment.

As we enter the “**Decade of Action**”, it is essential that the rights of migrant workers are upheld in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030.



We tell the story of Moises, a former migrant mineworker from Mozambique. After working for many years in South Africa, he realized that his earned employment benefits did not transfer when he returned home.

He founded an association to advocate for a change in the benefits system for migrant mineworkers, and to inform others of their rights and the services available to them.

Watch the video on Youtube



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Accompanying questions to prompt further analysis:

1. Where does the initiative take place?
2. What kind of migration or displacement is referenced?
3. Who is impacted by the migration, and how?
4. Who were the key stakeholders involved and what was their role?
5. At what stage(s) of the Programming Cycle do you think migration considerations were integrated? How do you think migration was considered at each stage?
6. What additional development sector(s) are influenced?
7. What challenges could you identify in the video related to migration? What can be the consequences of these challenges for migrants and the community, if not addressed?
8. What benefits could you identify related to migration? Who do you think benefits from migration in this context, and how?
9. How does the initiative demonstrate the importance of working on migration at the local / community level?
10. What do you think are the long-term development outcomes of this initiative?

The **project in focus** “Voices from the Underground” focused on protecting migrant mineworkers’ rights by strengthening the knowledge, organizational and technical capacities of human rights defenders, such as AMIMO, the Association of Mozambican Mineworkers founded by Moises and his colleagues.

The project was implemented by IOM and funded by the European Union (EU).

The video is a training tool

Through **the MMICD project** funded by the European Union, International Organization for Migration (IOM) produced a series of videos to show the **#MigrationConnection** between different sectors and capture what this means in practice for people and communities.

This training card can be used to help facilitate sessions on articulating the ways in which development and migration intersect and how programmes and/or policies can better integrate migration.

