



GOVERNANCE

Returning Migrants Participating in Decision-Making Back Home

The achievement of the SDGs requires **inclusive, responsive, and equitable processes and institutions**, as well as enabling people to become active participants in those processes.

Target 16.7 of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) calls on governments to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.

As we enter the “**Decade of Action**”, it is essential that migrant representatives’ engagement in local and national governance is facilitated, in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030.



We tell the story of Novelita, a former overseas domestic worker who became indebted to her employer. Upon her return to the Philippines, she joined a Trade Union for Domestic Workers and started to actively participate in decision-making processes, promoting the rights of female domestic workers. She is now Union President, advocating for administrative and legislative change.

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 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.



The **project in focus** “Safe and Fair programme” works towards realizing women migrant workers’ rights in the ASEAN region. One of the key areas of this work supports their efforts to organize so that safe and fair migration is promoted and gender-based discrimination is addressed.

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