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EMERGE

— Migrants Rights are Human Rights —

About the project:

Title: Enhancing Migrants' Rights and Good Governance in Armenia and Georgia

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Duration: December 2019—November 2022

EMERGE aims to strengthen national capacities in the fields of migrants rights and migration governance in Armenia and Georgia and strengthen cross-border dialogue and cooperation in the area.

Outcome 1. National stakeholders have improved ability to enhance the rule of law and maintain migrants' rights within Armenia and Georgia

- ◇ Public Surveys
- ◇ Study visits
- ◇ Expert exchanges
- ◇ Capacity building for civil society
- ◇ Government trainings
- ◇ Public awareness campaigns
- ◇ On line information platform for migrants

Outcome 2. National stakeholders have enhanced cross-border dialogue and cooperation in the area of migration governance and migrants' rights

- ◇ Civil society networks
- ◇ NGOs' advocacy campaigns
- ◇ Regional governments' platform for exchange of best migration governance practices
- ◇ Regional thematic stakeholder consultations and seminars

Project partners in Georgia:

- ⇒ Ministry of Internal Affairs
- ⇒ Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs
- ⇒ Public Service Development Agency / Secretariat to the State Commission on Migration Issues
- ⇒ Public Defender (Ombudsman)
- ⇒ NGOs active in the field of migration and human rights protection, media

Project partners in Armenia:

- ⇒ Migration Service
- ⇒ National Security Service (NSS)
- ⇒ Border Guard Troops (NSS)
- ⇒ Police
- ⇒ Human Rights Defender
- ⇒ Eurasia Partnership Foundation
- ⇒ NGOs active in the field of migration and human rights protection
- ⇒ Media





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Project activities:

Research

The project aims to do research and undertake public surveys concerning public attitudes, role of media and various aspects of migrants' rights and needs including gaps in the rights centered service provision. Comprehensive research will help inform migration themed discussions, public awareness campaigns, advocacy efforts, policy planning and capacity building measures.

Government-focused trainings and study tours

The project will conduct coordination meetings, organize expert exchanges and trainings for government counterpart on topics relevant to protection of migrants' right identified in close coordination with government stakeholders. A study tour for the government partners to countries delivering rights centered services to migrants will be organized. In Armenia, the project will support the government in developing capacity and strategy on voluntary return from Armenia, covering operational costs for migrants in vulnerable situations in a pilot project, until government budget is allocated.

Civil society and media capacity building

EMERGE will seek to identify core civil society partners in Georgia and Armenia and enhance their expertise on migration issues (e.g. Global Compact for Migration—GCM). Based on the research findings, the project will strengthen civil society migration related activism and advocacy and help building cross border networks. EMERGE will also work with media, journalist and students of journalism to deepen their migration related knowledge and understanding of terminology, working to increase accurate, balanced and more positive coverage of migration issues in all types of media including social media.

Awareness raising campaigns

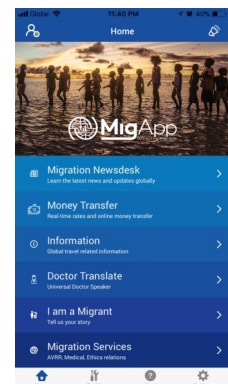
IOM will work with NGOs and experts on designing creative multimedia public campaigns to highlight migrants' rights and promote positive aspects of well regulated migration. The project will also organize a photo exhibit using photography as a medium to describe migrant journeys and highlight their stories, seeking to inform and educate general public and inspire greater activism in this area.

Regional Consultative Platform

The project will help bring Eastern Partnership and beyond countries together to discuss latest trends and challenges relevant to migration governance, aiming to set up a regional migration platform that will help exchange best practices and build partnerships to help advance regular migration, migrants' human rights protection, and migration governance as a whole.

Using information technology to enhance access to information

Migrants' access to information and services will be improved through an accessible information platform that will be based on IOM's MIGAPP app. For more info go to Georgia.iom.int



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