




CITIES AND MIGRATION PROGRAMME

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The Cities Alliance Cities and Migration Programme

Cities are the first point of entry for most migrants seeking work and shelter, and it is in cities where these migrants will attempt to integrate into existing settlements and realise their aspirations for a better life. Whether they do so, or live excluded from opportunities in the city, depends on how a city responds to migration. It also depends on the city's ability to develop practical solutions that take into account how migration transforms, expands and diversifies urban areas. This is a complex task, as solutions and policy approaches to migration often need to be found in very difficult circumstances.

The Cities Alliance Cities and Migration Programme aims to generate new knowledge, promote analytical and collaborative approaches, and improve urban practices and policies related to secondary cities in low income countries and migration. It also aspires to become a local, national, and international coordination platform, knowledge hub and think tank for advocating new thinking on secondary cities and migration. It seeks to achieve its objectives by supporting pilots for evidence-based approaches and policies, facilitating partnerships and dialogues to advance practice and policy, and generating policy-relevant data and knowledge. The programme is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

Partnerships with Secondary Cities for Improved Migration Management

The Programme collaborates with secondary cities in the Horn of Africa, Northern Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean to improve local migration management. Its activities are designed to benefit both migrants and host communities and centre around three focus areas: cities and inclusive migration governance, cities and labour migration, and cities and forced migration. While the activities are tailored to the needs and contexts of each city, they typically aim to build evidence-based knowledge on urban migration; foster collaboration between local authorities, civil society, academia and private sector to test approaches for the improved management of migration; and promote dialogue between local, national and international stakeholders to discuss and address migration challenges.

Partnerships in the Horn of Africa

ETHIOPIA: ADAMA AND JIGJIGA

The Programme partners with Adama to enhance the responsive capacity of the Adama city administration in receiving, managing and integrating migrants and displaced persons. It will do so by implementing registration and resource centres that will help the city collect information on migrants and displaced persons and give them guidance on available services; establishing a networking group to create the space for discussion and cooperation among all stakeholders; and basic infrastructure development in migrant settlements to improve their living standards and economic opportunities.

In Jigjiga, the Programme supports the Regional Investment and Diaspora Affairs Bureau of the Regional Government Council of the Ethiopian Somali Region to mainstream diaspora engagement in policies, development plans, and approaches to better leverage the important role the diaspora plays in local development. The project will produce a comprehensive profile of the diaspora, strategies for engagement, and capacity building for local governments to implement the strategies.



KENYA: KAKUMA-KALOBEYEI

The Cities Alliance collaboration with stakeholders in Kakuma-Kalobeyei aims to strengthen the local economy by taking a systems of cities approach that builds competitiveness through collaboration. The area hosts two main refugee centres – the Kakuma refugee camp and the Kalobeyei refugee integrated settlement – which together have a population of approximately 187,000 refugees. The host community consists of 46,000 persons. With the support of aid and development programmes, there has been significant economic activity. In order to capitalize on these economic activities to build long-term sustainability, this project will organise development forums for cities along this major Kenyan transport corridor, expand a network of cities for knowledge exchange and cooperation, support the planning of an Economic Enterprise Zone (EEZ) to promote the local economy in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, build soft infrastructure to support a city network, and strengthen capacity at the local level to integrate migration into city development.

UGANDA: ARUA AND JINJA

The Programme partners with Arua to strengthen the structural and institutional mechanisms for reception, management and integration of involuntary migrants. It includes collecting accurate data on Arua Municipality's population through the Uganda Bureau of Statistics to inform planning; using mechanisms such as municipal and division development forums to promote dialogue and build capacity among all stakeholders; and partnering with financial institutions to help migrants and host communities become more self-reliant and improve their livelihoods.

In Jinja, the Programme partners with the Jinja Municipal Council to build knowledge on rural-urban migrants in Jinja and its effects on poor host communities. The Jinja Municipal City Council, in close

collaboration with citizen representatives, will design and implement a migration management strategy which primarily focuses on the economic inclusion of poor migrant and non-migrant households through financial inclusion and investment in viable enterprises, asset building, housing upgrading and access to basic urban infrastructure, utilities and services.

Partnerships in North Africa

TUNISIA: JENDOUBA AND KAIROUNA

In Tunisia the Programme partners with civil society organizations with a focus on youth and women to integrate rural labour migrants through responsible tourism strategies. The project will foster collaboration between local and regional authorities, civil society and the private sector. Young labour migrants will receive vocational skills training. This experience, combined with an urban forum and dialogues at the regional and national levels, will inform citywide strategies to integrate labour migration into local policies and institutionalise the multi-stakeholder partnerships developed through the projects.



Partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean



GUATEMALA: AMATITLÁN AND SAN MARCOS

The Programme partners with Amatitlán's local authorities to integrate the management of labour migration into the city's plans for sustainable territorial development. The approach includes: building the capacity of local authorities to capitalise on the opportunities of labour migration; developing municipal government mechanisms so that city stakeholders can build partnerships, engage in participatory dialogue, and establish a shared vision for their city; and producing analysis to help the city develop a labour integration strategy.

In San Marcos, the Programme partners with the private finance sector and local government to introduce an innovative two-year strategy to leverage remittances for local economic and human development. New partnerships with banks and credit cooperatives aim to provide formal financial services for remittance-receiving households, so that formal savings can be generated and transformed into credits for local businesses, especially in the knowledge economy. This will help create attractive jobs and increase tax revenues for the municipality.