

Thematic Session 1: Capacity building and support systems for migrants

Monday, 3 September 2018 | 11:00 am- 12:30 pm CEST

Stigmatised, marginalised, and faced with discriminatory practices by both host communities and governments, migrants' rights are often violated and their access to services and livelihood opportunities limited. For these reasons, support systems to improve migrants' meaningful participation in social, economic and political spheres of their host communities are needed. This includes building the capacities of the newly arrived for them to voice their needs, claim their rights, and start shaping their own lives.

In this webinar, three Catalytic Fund grantees from Bangladesh, Niger, and Nigeria will present their projects. The three offer different forms of support to migrant communities, and they build the capacities of migrants to actively shape their own lives and those of their communities. The project presentations will be followed by a discussion with other project partners on their best practices and lessons learned.

PROJECT 1: CityWorks – Enhancing incomes, empowerment and opportunities for domestic workers (Bangladesh)

The CityWorks project engages in 13 slum communities in Dhaka to support female domestic migrant workers to overcome economic and social exploitation and gender-based violence. It also helps facilitate their access to resources. The project provides training for domestic migrant workers to improve their working skills and knowledge on issues such as social safety and financial services. It has set up three enterprises which match domestic workers in employment, thereby ensuring decent working conditions and payment. In a joint effort with the Domestic Workers Rights Network in Bangladesh, CityWorks is at the forefront of advocating for domestic workers' rights through various campaigns, knowledge products and dialogue sessions.



Represented by Rokshana Akther, Senior Program Officer - Urban Livelihood, Oxfam Bangladesh

PROJECT 2: Refugee Initiatives for a more inclusive city (Niger)

This project aims to improve refugees' access to basic services and social inclusion in Niamey. It takes a three-pillared approach: research, capacity building, and support systems. Two baseline studies on refugees' access to basic services and schooling were conducted. The project has trained institutional actors on the development of inclusive services and policies for the social and economic participation of refugees and supported the setup of one-stop shops to increase access to information. Community leaders and volunteers with a refugee background received various training, including on conflict mediation, advocacy, communication, gender-based violence and children at risk. These volunteers transfer the gained knowledge to their community members and advise the most vulnerable ones on access to basic services.

Represented by Mylène Pepin, Handicap International

PROJECT 3: Inclusive Lagos: Embracing Diversity in the Megacity (Nigeria)

[The project](#) aims to empower migrant communities living in Lagos' informal settlements to come out of the shadows, be counted, and advocate for their needs to be addressed and their voices to be heard in city planning and governance. High rates of migration to Lagos are often cited, but there is no concrete and credible data. Inclusive Lagos addressed this gap by empowering urban poor communities to collect their own demographic data and to understand the unique challenges migrants and ethnic minorities face in Africa's biggest city. The project also trains selected members of the migrant communities as community paralegals to offer free legal education and legal aid to their peers, helping them address the challenges they face and work collectively to advocate for a more inclusive Lagos across ethnic and migrant lines.



Represented by Megan Chapman, co-director/co-founder of Justice & Empowerment Initiatives (JEI)

Thematic Session 2: Policy development and government responsiveness

Monday, 3 September 2018 | 04:00- 06:00 pm CEST

The long-term integration of migrants into the economic, social and political life of their host communities requires political will and leadership. The development of targeted policies and effective government action that consider how migration transforms, expands and diversifies a city are therefore crucial to ensuring access of all citizens to land, services, opportunity, and an urban citizenship.

In this webinar, four Catalytic Fund grantees from Guatemala, Jamaica and Lebanon (two projects) will present their approaches to influencing policy in their countries/cities to ensure better government responsiveness to migrants' needs. The project presentations will be followed by a discussion including other project partners on their best practices and lessons learned.

PROJECT 1: Integration of migrants in the labour market and the local economy (Guatemala)

In recent years, deportation rates from the U.S. to Guatemala have increased due to anti-migrant legislation. [This project](#) has generated a multi-sectoral meeting space to identify a route for social and labor inclusion for returnees through the public policies currently in force. It established an Intersectoral Committee of more than 27 stakeholders from national and local government, civil society, private sector, academia and international organisations, which meet regularly to make better use of the actions and resources appointed for the support of returned migrants. Activities include job matching, skill certification, professional and soft skill training, and seed funding for entrepreneurs.

Represented by Cynthia Loria, Country Officer [Fundación Avina](#)



PROJECT 2: Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Involuntary Returned Migrants (Jamaica)

High rates of emigration and changes in foreign immigration legislation have led to increasing numbers of deported Jamaicans. This project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in cooperation with the Jamaican Ministry of National Security, complements and builds on existing initiatives to provide involuntarily returned migrants with better access to adequate social services, jobs and livelihood opportunities. It seeks to strengthen the policy, legislative and institutional framework that guides the management and treatment of deportees before and after their return to the island. In addition, the project seeks to build the capacities of and establish a national coordination mechanism among different entities to provide more efficient, effective services to deportees.

Represented by Daveen Sinclair, Policy Analyst at the Ministry of National Security in Jamaica

PROJECT 3: Sanctuary in the City (Beirut, Lebanon)

[The project](#) documented and analysed the experiences, challenges and priorities of refugees and municipalities coping with the displacement crisis in Greater Beirut in the context of the ongoing war in Syria. Through workshops, focus groups, interviews, institutional mapping and an extensive literature review, the project partners produced two outcome documents as a basis for further efforts to advocate for participatory local governance: (1) a model *Beirut Charter on the Right to the City*, and (2) *The Right to the City in Greater Beirut*, a corresponding context assessment of current migration and governance challenges and actionable human rights-based recommendations. The project is the first organised effort to introduce the "right to the city," "human rights city" and related concepts in the Middle East-North Africa region.

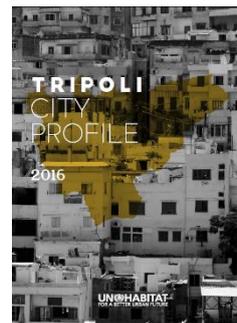
Represented by Joseph Schechla, Coordinator, Housing and Land Rights Network, [Habitat International Coalition](#)



PROJECT 4: Migration Impact Profiling for Lebanese Cities

[This project](#) helps to understand the risks and vulnerabilities caused by the influx of refugees and assist Lebanese local authorities to develop urban crisis response plans. The basis of the work was the development of City Profiles for Beirut, Saida, Tripoli, and Tyre, which provide spatial information on crisis impact across sectors and identify specific neighbourhoods in need of support. This knowledge is compiled into a State of Lebanese Cities Report which provides valuable analysis for the government, humanitarian actors and other stakeholders in prioritising and better coordinating their efforts.

Represented by Tarek Osseiran, Country Programme Manager, [UN-Habitat](#)



Thematic Session 3: Fostering social cohesion through creative approaches

Tuesday, 3 September 2018 | 01:00- 03:00 pm CEST

Xenophobia, stereotypes and language barriers often leave migrants marginalised from the rest of society. Moreover, tensions can break out between migrants and the existing, settled population over access to services and social and economic opportunities. In this context, creative approaches can be powerful tools to bring newcomers and host communities together, such as through sports, music or arts – languages everyone speaks regardless of their social, economic or ethnic background.

In this webinar, four Catalytic Fund grantees from Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Italy and South Africa will present their creative approaches to fostering social cohesion and integrating migrants in their cities and communities. The project presentations will be followed by a discussion with other project partners on their best practices and lessons learned.

PROJECT 1: Flavours without Borders (Argentina)

[The project](#) aims to encourage and strengthen relationships among migrant women from different ethnic communities to pave the way for cultural exchange. It also develops tolerance and willingness to sustain dialogue, helping reduce social discrimination among the groups. It organises weekly workshops that offer tools and knowledge about nutrition, health and domestic economy in four informal settlements. Each migrant community shares how to prepare traditional recipes from their culture with the others. In addition, the project trains instructors to accompany the cooking space with meetings on diversity, discrimination, gender, violence, leadership, and group dynamics.

Represented by **Ángeles Levene Areco**, [Buenos Aires Municipality](#)



PROJECT 2: Migrants' junior basketball league of Yopougon – Social integration through basketball (Côte d'Ivoire)

Yopougon is one of the most populated and disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Abidjan. Cases of bullying and gang violence between different ethnic groups are frequent in Yopougon's schools, contributing to the collapse of social integration and often feeding youth with violence. To promote the social inclusion of migrants, [this project](#) established basketball training for youth in three schools and two neighbourhood clubs. Twenty-five basketball coaches trained and mentored some 400 young boys and girls. The project created a forum for exchange among young people of different ethnic groups to improve their physical and mental well-being, and they also learned how to participate in the life of their host communities.

Represented by **Laurent Guittey**, Project Manager International Organisation for Migration Côte d'Ivoire



PROJECT 3: Migration and Shaping the Inclusive City (South Africa)

Drawing on the experiences of women migrants, [this project](#) combined research, dialogues, creative storytelling and theatre to tackle problematic stereotypes around migrants and refugees, and present suggestions for developing an inclusive policy framework within the city of Durban. The project uses oral history research from 30 migrant women (including internal migrants from South Africa), as well as interviews and public dialogue sessions, to develop a strategy report for the city. Building on the collected stories, the project has initiated a community theatre production that directly engages the public in thinking more empathically and critically around migration in the city. The project has a strong advocacy and public dissemination strategy, and project outputs range from academic publications, a website, and dialogues, to community radio shows and free theatre performances.

Represented by **Kira Erwin**, Senior Researcher at Durban University of Technology



PROJECT 3: Welcoming Bologna – A pilot experience of welcoming cities (Italy)

[Welcoming Bologna](#) gathers people working in different urban sectors into a network committed to actively welcoming migrants in the city. Welcoming Bologna develops city initiatives carried out by this local task-force on a variety of topics relevant for migrants, such as workers’ rights or social integration. “Welcoming” is to be intended as an active verb: it’s not about mere tolerance, but about developing the city together, long-term citizens and newcomers, towards common goals to make the city a better place for all. Welcoming Bologna brings a fresh look at what migration represents for cities, turning the challenge into opportunity.

Represented by Flore Thoreau La Salle – Project Manager Africa e Mediterraneo/Lai-momo



Lab Session: Challenges and opportunities of multi-stakeholder approaches / working with local governments

Tuesday, 4 September 2018 | 04:00 pm- 06:00 pm CEST

Engaging with a wide range of stakeholders is imperative for a project’s effectiveness and sustainability. It enables projects to streamline efforts, build on each other’s work, and join forces to make cities more inclusive.

The 11 Catalytic Fund projects have created diverse partnerships for the social, economic and political integration of migrants. They have brought together national and local governments, civil society, academia, and the private sector to design and implement better support for migrants in their communities. Especially the cooperation with local governments is necessary to initiate long-term policy change or institutionalise the developed approaches. However, municipalities may lack the resources and capacities for this engagement.

This session invites all 11 grantees and their project partners to share their different forms of engaging city stakeholders, including local governments. A guided discussion with interactive elements will explore the challenges and opportunities of these multi-stakeholder approaches and discuss best practices.

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The Cities Alliance is the global partnership supporting cities to deliver sustainable development. We bring together organisations with different perspectives and expertise on city issues around common goals: well run, productive cities that provide opportunities for all residents. The Cities Alliance Secretariat is based in Brussels and is hosted by the United Nations Office for Projects Services (UNOPS).

The Catalytic Fund is a Cities Alliance global funding instrument which provides grant support for innovative projects that strengthen and promote the role of cities in poverty reduction and in sustainable urban development.