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AGENDA ITEM 16
Developing policies and practices on sustainable reintegration

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OVERVIEW

1) An integrated approach to reintegration

2) Keys for success

3) Recommendations for the way forward
SUSTAINABILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

IOM’s definition (2017)

• ‘Reintegration can be considered sustainable when returnees have reached levels of economic self-sufficiency, social stability within their communities, and psychosocial well-being that allow them to cope with (re)migration drivers. Having achieved sustainable reintegration, returnees are able to make further migration decisions a matter of choice, rather than necessity’.
Achieving sustainable reintegration requires a holistic and a need-based approach.

One that takes into consideration the various factors impacting on reintegration, including economic, social, and psychosocial dimensions, across individual, community, and structural levels.
KEYS FOR SUCCESS: SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

- Aligning reintegration programming with national and local development strategies.
- Promoting a whole-of-government approach to reintegration.
- Identifying complementarities between different funding instruments.
KEYS FOR SUCCESS: SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

EUROPEAN UNION–IOM ACTIONS

- EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel and Lake Chad regions, North Africa and the Horn of Africa.
- The Pilot Action on Voluntary and Sustainable, Community-based Reintegration, which covers Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa.
- Country-level projects to improve the reintegration of returnees in Afghanistan (RADA project) and Bangladesh (Prottasha project).
KEYS FOR SUCCESS: SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS

- With the support of USAID, reception centres offering integrated services in collaboration with civil society partners.
- Support of local governments in providing sustainable reintegration in line with local development initiatives.
- United Nations Peace Building Fund investment in reintegration efforts as a way to promote social cohesion and prevent violence in communities of return.

IOM Staff providing information during the return journey in Tapachula, México
KEYS FOR SUCCESS: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

• Cross-regional harmonization of procedures and frameworks

• Improvement of existing data collection, data management and reporting tools

• Dissemination of lessons learned and good practices
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KEYS FOR SUCCESS: CAPACITY BUILDING

• Promotion of ownership, drawing on the mandates and the expertise of governmental and non-governmental actors alike.

• Creation of structures and processes that aim to ensure continuity beyond the end of projects.

• Ensuring that reintegration initiatives are part of local and national policies and align with development plans.
KEYS FOR SUCCESS: CAPACITY BUILDING

ORION PROJECT, FUNDED BY DFID:

DEVELOPMENT OF A REINTEGRATION HANDBOOK AND TRAINING CURRICULUM
• Provide practical guidance on the design, implementation and monitoring of reintegration assistance

MENTORING APPROACH AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
• Mentors serve as a link between returnees and the community
• Compare data collected through the use of reintegration sustainability tools
REINTEGRATION HANDBOOK
Practical guidance on the design, implementation and monitoring of reintegration assistance
RECOMMENDATIONS

• Work towards increased level of support to returnees.
• Strengthen the links between pre-departure assistance and reintegration needs.
• Further explore the psychosocial dimension of reintegration.
• Strengthen institutional dialogue and partnerships, mobilizing the expertise of governmental and non-governmental actors.
THANK YOU

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