IOM - International Organization for Migration

1.1 Population and migration

1) The IOM Global Human Trafficking Database:

Description:

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is using a unique tool to monitor the assistance and collect information on the victims of trafficking (VoTs) it assists. The IOM global human trafficking database is a global repository of only primary data on registered victims of trafficking (VoTs), and contains data on approximately 13,500 registered victims of more than 80 different nationalities trafficked to more than 90 destination countries (October, 2008).

It is a standardized anti-trafficking data-management tool available to all IOM missions and is actively used throughout all regions of the world. Containing only primary information, this unique tool specifically facilitates the management of the whole IOM direct assistance, movement and reintegration process through a centrally managed system as well as mapping the victim's trafficking experience. The structure follows the format of the accompanying IOM VoT questionnaires, used by IOM missions and partnering organizations involved in direct assistance, and containing a wealth of information both of a quantitative and qualitative nature: the Screening Interview Form is intended to assess whether the individual is a victim of trafficking and thus eligible for an IOM's assistance project; and the Assistance Interview Form stands to track the nature of direct assistance given along with documenting further details of the trafficking experience.

Aims and ongoing activities:

While initially designed as a case management tool for IOM counter-trafficking direct assistance programmes, the system quickly demonstrated its added value to research. The aim of the database is to contribute to the general knowledge on trafficking in persons, trafficking trends and to help governments, research institutes as well as other institutions to better tailor CT policies and programmes. For more information please contact CTS-DB@iom.int.

2) Central European Forum for Migration and Population Research:

Aims:

• Conduct research in the field of international migration statistics;
• Contribute to the efforts towards more reliable and harmonised statistics on international migration.

Activities planned for 2010:

• Collection of metadata referring to international migration statistics and preparation of synthetic studies on the subject (EC Framework 6 project "Promoting comparative research in the field of migration and integration in Europe" (PROMINSTAT));
• Assembling data and conducting population projections, simulations and forecasts for NUTS2regions in 31 countries of Europe covered by ESPON mandate, based on migration scenarios for these regions (DEMIFER).
• Conducting of data collection, estimation and population forecast by ethnicity of populations of the Russian Federation
• Training and teaching in the area of international migration statistics;

3) Migration in Western and Central Africa: National Profiles for Strategic Policy Development (2008-2010)

Description:

Policy coherence in the field of migration and development requires accessible and appropriately compiled data and research findings, national policy coordination, active international cooperation at the bilateral, regional and global levels. The creation of Migration Profiles as outlined in the European Commission's Communication on Migration and Development (2005) and the Global Approach to Migration One Year on: Towards a Comprehensive Migration Policy (2006) responds to these challenges through an evidence-based approach. Migration Profiles go beyond simply compiling a statistical report on migration. They also provide a framework for bringing existing information from different sources together in a structured manner at both national and regional levels and a means to identify and develop strategies to address data and policy development needs. In order to be an effective information tool for policy making, Migration Profiles need to be government-owned and updated regularly.

Aims:

• To enhance governmental knowledge about migration and its relationship to development
• To support governments in establishing mechanisms for regular reporting on migration-related trends

• To improve the use of migration information for policy development
• To foster greater inter-ministerial coordination and collaboration with respect to data collection and policy development

Ongoing Activities:
• Identifying information and capacity-building needs and developing mechanisms to address these needs

- Assessment of existing information sources and policies* Setting up mechanisms to ensure government ownership and sustainability of NMP* Technical Cooperation (website, equipment etc)* Data plan to address gaps
  • Strengthen governmental capacity to utilise information for national and regional policy development
- Targeted Training* Data user and producers dialogue through working groups* Exchange of best practice through policy dialogue.