



Leave No One Behind – SDGs, migration and refugees in the COVID-19 response

Issue-Based Coalition for Large Movements of People, Displacement and Resilience (IBC LMPDR) in partnership with Global Call for Action Against Poverty

Wednesday, 10 March 2021, 12:15-14:15 (CET)

- Detailed agenda -

Opening – 10 minutes

12:15-12:25 Scene-setting by Mr Florent Marty, co-chair IBC LMPDR (UNHCR)

Case studies – 60 minutes

Positive practices of innovative partnerships ensuring a resilient response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that public health services are inclusive of migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people and stateless persons.

12:25-12:40 **Case study 1 - Addressing COVID-19 challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans**

Inter-agency response consisting of UN agencies, NGOs and government ministries to address challenges faced by migrants, asylum seekers and refugees as a result of COVID-19; providing access to prevention measures, essential services, and ensuring continued provision on of reception services, psychosocial support, camp management, water and shelter.

SDGs: 3 Good Health and Wellbeing; 10 Reduced Inequalities; 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Speakers:

- Ms. Margherita VISMARA, Programme Coordinator, International Organisation for Migration, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Chief Commissar Erjola BOROVA, Specialist, Risk Analyses Sector and Implementation of Complementary Measures for Territorial Control, Albanian State Police;
- Ms. Io SCHMID, Crisis Response Planner, Team coordinator – Relations with International Organisations, Eastern Europe & Central Asia

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Case study 2 - Support to Early Recovery and Inclusive Service Delivery for the Vulnerable Groups Heavily Affected by the COVID-19 crisis in Uzbekistan

A partnership between government, UN and civil society supporting early recovery and inclusive service delivery for vulnerable groups heavily affected by the COVID-19 crisis in Uzbekistan covering health, reintegration services, socio-economic protection, entrepreneurial support and employability training.

SDGs: 1 No Poverty; Good Health and Wellbeing; 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth; 10 Reduced Inequalities.

Speakers:

- Ms. Guljamol SHUKUROVA, Head of International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Mahalla and Family Support, Uzbekistan;
- Ms. Oliya ILMURADOVA, Director of INGO Barqaror Hayot, Surkhandarya region, Uzbekistan;
- Ms. Zuldiya HAYDAROVA, Director of NGO Yuksalish, Qashqadarya region, Uzbekistan.

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Case study 3 – Faces of Migration Project

A civil society coalition changing the dialogue on migration through the perspective of the SDGs by informing and raising the awareness of decision makers, journalists and the public across Europe.

SDGs: 1 No Poverty; 3 Good Health and Wellbeing; 5 Gender Equality; 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth; 10 Reduced Inequalities

Speakers:

- Mr. Daniel KABA, Director of AMBRELA, Slovak Platform for Development Organisations
- Two short Videos

13:10-13:25

Case study 4 – Patecipazione Project

Partnering with migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people and stateless persons as key stakeholders of the COVID-19 response and recovery.

With Agenda 2030, all countries and stakeholders have pledged to fight poverty, heal and secure the planet in a sustainable and resilient manner, leaving no one behind.

SDGs: 16.b peace community mobilisation and engagement; responsive, 16.7 inclusive and participatory and representative decision making at all levels; 16.10 public access to information with a view to protect fundamental freedoms.

Speakers:

- Mr. Davide AGNOLAZZA, Project Manager with NGO Intersos, co-manager of the [Partecipazione](#) project, Italy;
- Video showcasing various refugee-led initiatives and contributions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and response (5.50 min);
- Lyas MAAMARI, President of NGO [Il Grande Colibri](#), Italy

Discussions – 35 minutes

13:25-14:00

Moderated by Monami Maulik, Civil Society Liaison Officer, UN Network on Migration Secretariat. Discussion on partnerships, inclusion and leveraging the SDGs to support migrants and refugees – *with our speakers and participants*

Guiding questions:

- What are effective policies and practices to support No One Left behind and inclusion of migrants and refugees in COVID-19 response and prevention initiatives?
- How do we mitigate some of the immediate, medium- and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on vulnerable groups, especially migrants and refugees?
- How can the contribution of migrants and refugees be maximised in the early recovery stages, including, but not limited to socio-economic development?
- Has the COVID-19 pandemic opened up opportunities to re-assess migrant and refugee inclusion for more resilient societies, or has it been detrimental?
- What is the role of these initiatives in countering the increased negative rhetoric xenophobia faced by migrants and refugees as a result of the COVID-19 response?

- How did the partnership approach help you in achieving your goals?
- What were the main challenges encountered in the framework of these partnerships?
- What are the contributions of local NGOs migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people and stateless persons to the COVID-19 response and recovery?

Lessons learned – 15 minutes

14:00-14:15 Lessons learned and closing remarks