

STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN SERBIA

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

- **Donor:** Swiss Confederation - Federal Department of Justice and Police, State Secretariat for Migration (SEM), with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- **Executive partner:** International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- **Partners/Beneficiary institutions:** Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia (SCRM), Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs (MoLEVSA) and Ministry of Internal Affairs (Mol)
- **Beneficiaries:** Migrant population (including migrants in vulnerable situations), service providers, staff and civil servants in reception and asylum centers, centers for social work and local self-governments respectively, departments of partner and beneficiary institutions (SCRM, MoLEVSA, and Mol) on the national and local level, as well as CSO's and local communities
- **Geographical coverage:** Serbia
- **Duration:** 36 months (April, 2021 – March, 2024)
- **Budget:** CHF 1,821,982.00

Project Objectives

- **Objective:** Strengthening the migration management system in the Republic of Serbia in line with international standards and EU acquis, with a special focus on cooperation mechanisms and capacities at the local level to ensure the protection of the rights of migrants

The Project Outcomes:

- National institutions implement migration policies and measures in line with adopted priorities, standards, and relevant cooperation frameworks.
- Mixed migration at the local level is managed based on adequate knowledge and competencies, through a horizontally coordinated response for specific local challenges.
- Migrants and the overall population benefit from diversified services, support, and information
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Specific Objectives Of The Commissariat:

1. Quality migration management information and analysis available for evidence-based policy and decision-making
2. Improved knowledge of SCRM staff/ local civil servants in migration management, and horizontal (inter-sectoral) coordination among all actors relevant to migration governance and management in local self-governments (LSGs) intensified
3. Availability and quality of protection services and support programs for migrants increased
4. Basic services, safety and security, and standards in reception centers improved

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT RESULTS

Specific objective I: Quality migration management information and analysis available for evidence-based policy and decision-making

Results:

Provided expert support for preparing public policy documents and reports in the field of migration:

1. Strategy for solving problems of refugees and internally displaced persons for the period from 2023 to 2029
2. Action plan for the implementation of the Strategy for solving the problems of refugees and internally displaced persons for the period from 2023 to 2029
3. Programme for reintegration of Returnees under the Readmission Agreement for the period 2024-2026, with the accompanying Action Plan for its implementation
4. Report on the quality of local planning documents in the field of migration management
5. Report on progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals until 2030 in the field of migration management

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT RESULTS

Specific objective 2: Improved knowledge of SCRM staff/local civil servants in migration management, and intensifying horizontal (inter-sectoral) coordination among all actors relevant to migration governance and management in local self-governments (LSGs)

Results:

1. A total of 513 participants, comprising of 310 men and 203 women, attended 25 trainings and workshops at the Migration Training Center in Plandište.
2. A total of 149 participants, including representatives from 70 cities and municipalities and SCRM staff took part in trainings on developing Local Action Plans for migration management.
3. Provided continuous support to local self-government units in developing/ revising, advocacy and monitoring of implementation of LAPs
4. a study visit to Georgia on assisted voluntary return and reintegration organized.

Training in the field of migration management at the Migration Training Center in Plandište





OVERVIEW OF PROJECT RESULTS

Specific objective 3: Availability and quality of protection services and support programs for migrants increased

- **support and protection of migrants in local communities diversified, in cooperation with civil society organizations and local institutions**

Results:

- In cooperation with the Commissariat and MoLEVSA, 9 projects of civil society organizations were implemented, which were selected through a public call designed and published by the IOM.
- The goal of the public call was to encourage civil society and local institutions to better understand the needs and rights of the local population and migrants, and to provide more accessible, comprehensive and high-quality protection services for the most vulnerable groups among them, thus improving social cohesion in communities in which have a large number of migrant populations.
- The activities of the selected organizations were carried out in several municipalities and cities throughout Serbia, including 10 asylum/reception centers.



Recreational and educational activities/workshops supported in 13 reception/asylum centers, for more than 4000 users

- The Commissariat continued to provide direct support for the organization of various workshops and programs of psycho-social support, informal learning and education for interested migrants, and other forms of leisure engagement, and provide opportunities for the migrants to socialize, relax, practice/develop different skills, and create various items that can improve everyday life and social cohesion in centers and in local communities;
- Different types of workshops were organized - tailoring; IT corners, carpentry, language learning, sports and recreation activities for children/youth, etc.
- A total of 13 reception and asylum centers were supported, with workshops attended by more than 4,000 users attended workshops
- The active participation and production of NFI's (e.g. hygienic items, towels, sheets, and other items) needed in the centers by and for migrants also contributed to maintaining and improving reception standards.

Number and profile of beneficiaries of occupational workshops and activities in reception and asylum centers

(source: SCRM report for the period December 1, 2021 - February 29, 2024)

Total number of beneficiaries:	4151
Men	3733
Women	97
Male children	244
Female children	77

Illustration of project activities



| RC Sombor, tailoring workshop



| CA Krnjaca, tailoring workshop



| RC Presevo, tailoring workshop

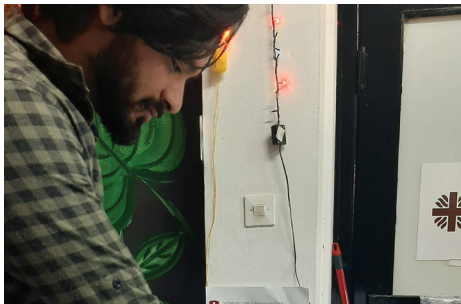




| CA Obrenovac, carpentry workshop



| CA Vranje, tailoring workshop



| RC Principovac, tailoring workshop



| CA Sjenica (Serbian and English language lessons)



OVERVIEW OF PROJECT RESULTS

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 4: Basic services, safety and security, and standards in reception centers improved

Results:

I. Safety and security in reception/asylum centers increased, through:

- procurement of equipment for video surveillance and registration (printer for registration cards and cameras for 4 reception/asylum centers: CA Vranje, CA Obrenovac, RC Preševo and CA Sjenica)



| procurement of equipment for video surveillance and registration



2. Reception standards improved, to comply with the reception standards of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), through:

- procurement of furniture and other equipment for 4 asylum/reception centers (CA Sjenica, CA Banja Koviljaca, CA Obrenovac and PC Principovac)

3. Access to basic services for migrants staying in asylum/reception centers (health examinations, transportation of children to school, social protection services, etc.) ensured, through:

- purchase of 2 vehicles for transporting migrants



Complementarity

COMPLEMENTARY NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL PROJECTS THE COMMISSARIAT IS PARTICIPATING IN:

1. EU IPA “EU support for migration management in Serbia - Improving reception capacity, protection services and access to education” (Individual measure 2022 - 2025).
2. EU IPA III “Regional Support to Protection Sensitive Migration Management in the Western Balkans and Turkey”
3. DC Joint Global Program “Migration Mainstreaming into National Development Policies (2019 - 2024)”
4. MPTF „Promoting Evidence-based Migration Governance for Maximizing Development Potential of Migration“
5. GIZ Global programs “Centers for migration and development - ZME” and “Shaping Development-Oriented Migration- MEG” and others



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