

Eligibility for the small scale grants

Rights of migrants in action will prioritize a migrant-centred approach which ensures consultation with migrant individuals and communities and takes care that their views are taken into account at all times. This will ensure that the interests, needs and capabilities of migrants are not based on assumptions made on their behalf by third parties, including public authorities, CSOs and the general public.

CSOs should work hand in hand with states and should primarily engage in strong advocacy for facilitating the access of migrants to social public services. As such, the central and local government authorities of the selected countries, who have the primary duty to protect and serve its migrants, will be the main target groups for any proposed advocacy activities to be carried out.

However, the final beneficiaries will be the migrant population, in particular the most vulnerable groups (women, children, migrant domestic workers, victims of human trafficking and of other severe rights violations within migration contexts), their families, and potential migrants from targeted countries concerned by migration and mobility.

Overall, eligible actions for this project shall relate to one or more of the following:

1. Enhancing the access of migrants to public social services in the target countries through advocacy, dialogue with the public authorities.
2. Providing direct protection, assistance and other services to migrants and their families (e.g. healthcare, training, legal and psychological assistance, repatriation and reintegration, etc.).
3. Awareness raising (i.e. media campaigns, etc.) of fundamental rights of migrants and prevention of abuses and risks, such as those posed by labour exploitation and different forms of human trafficking; fighting against racism, xenophobia and discrimination.
4. Advocacy for concrete improvement and development of human rights-based policy and legislative frameworks in the area of migration, labour, and anti-trafficking policies.

Information sessions at the country level

Information and project management training sessions will be organised by the IFRC and focal points at country level from November (the calendar will be uploaded on www.ifrc.org). These training sessions will support CSOs who wish to submit a grant application. The grant award procedure will be organized in the frame of a call for proposals which will have two phases: Phase I – submission of concept note, and Phase II – submission of detailed project proposal.

Enabling the exchange of good practices in the field of human rights of migrants

A network of CSOs concerned by human rights of migrants issues will be put in place with a view to enhancing cooperation, knowledge sharing and exchange of good practices between them, as well as the development of partnerships and joint approaches. Enhancing the inter-connectivity of CSOs working on the same issues will allow them to learn directly from each other's accomplishments and put forward joint strategies with an enhanced impact potential.

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RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS IN ACTION



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Brief background

Migrants are people who leave or flee their home to go to a new place, usually abroad, to seek opportunities, international protection or safer and better surroundings. Migration can be voluntary or forced, but for both types, a combination of choices and constraints are involved. Today there are over 232 million migrants worldwide.

IFRC is committed to ensuring access to assistance for vulnerable migrants, preserving their dignity, and upholding respect for diversity and social inclusion, irrespective of their legal status and along the migratory trail – based on the principles of humanity, and impartiality, and guided solely by the needs of the migrants.

Rights of migrants in action is a great opportunity for civil society organizations working in the field of migration, to learn from each other, to reinforce a worldwide network and to strengthen each other through shared experience to achieve a common goal. It is time to act. If you worry about the situation of migrant domestic workers around the world and the situation of the victims of human trafficking, if your organization stand for the protection of human rights of migrants, if you can provide access to social services for migrants through small scale projects, if your organization wants to build your capacities to provide quality services to migrants and is committed to promote the positive contribution of migrants in their respective communities, this is the moment.

“Outside traditional support systems, migrants often are unable to access health, shelter, education and social services that respect their basic needs and dignity. They may be subject to human trafficking, sexual or labour exploitation; they may also be deprived of their liberty, detained or arbitrarily deported. Women and children, especially unaccompanied and separated minors, traumatised persons, migrants in detention, victims of trafficking, irregular migrants, people with physical and mental disabilities and elderly persons are particularly vulnerable. The Red Cross and Red Crescent is committed to addressing the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants and other persons negatively affected by migration regardless of their legal status in order to provide protection and assistance following our fundamental principles of independence and neutrality.”

Walter Cotte Witingan, Under Secretary General
for Programs and Services, IFRC

Objectives of *Rights of migrants in action*

Overall objective: To promote and protect the human rights of migrants in targeted countries, migration corridors and regions through a globally coordinated civil society action, with a specific focus on migrant domestic workers and victims of human trafficking.

Sp. Obj. 1: To foster a harmonized and coordinated approach to civil society organizations toward the protection of human rights of migrants, in particular regarding migrant domestic workers and victims of human trafficking.

Sp. Obj. 2: To enhance migrants’ access to social services of the targeted countries, and provision of services, through small scale Civil Society Organizations’ (CSO) projects.

Sp. Obj. 3: To build and strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations to support the improvements of human rights of migrants, in particular regarding migrant domestic workers and victims of human trafficking.

“The EU is working towards putting in place a comprehensive framework to accompany and protect migrants along their migratory route. This approach includes protecting the human rights of migrants in transit, as well as stepping up efforts to improve integration of migrants in countries of destination. Respecting the dignity and upholding the human rights of migrants should occur regardless of the migrants’ legal status; efforts are still required to better enforce this at national and regional levels. Rights of migrants in action is a strategic initiative contributing to implementing such aspects which are at the core of EU policy for maximising the development impact of migration. It is also an innovative initiative insofar as it is implemented through and with the civil society for the benefit of migrants and in particular the vulnerable groups within.”

Lluís Riera Figueras, Director, Human and Society Development, EuropeAid, European Commission

EXPECTED RESULTS:

1. Coordination

To foster a harmonized and coordinated approach to CSOs toward the protection of human rights of migrants

- Dialogue with public authorities and other stakeholders is supported, in relation to the development of human rights-based and migrant-centred migration, labour and anti-trafficking policies.
- Exchange of good practices and networking between CSOs active in the field of human rights of migrants is enabled.
- Comprehensive baseline study regarding the situation of migrants and their rights in the target countries completed.
- Evidence-based analysis from the implementation of the overall action collected, developed and promoted in order to improve future actions.

2. Access to services

To enhance migrants’ access to social services of the targeted countries is enhanced through small scale CSO projects

- Direct social assistance and protection are provided to migrants and their families, particularly in relation to migrant domestic workers and victims of trafficking.
- Human rights of migrants are promoted and awareness is raised at all levels.
- Human-rights based migration, labour and anti-trafficking policies and legislation are promoted.

3. CSO capacity building

To build and strengthen the capacities of CSOs to support the improvements of human rights of migrants

- CSO capacity in project management and grant applications are improved.
- CSO migration-related expertise is improved.