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AFD and
migration



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More than
100 projects
implemented since 2016

More than
€550 M
committed since 2016

Around
40
partner countries

In 2023, the number of international migrants reached more than 280 million, representing 3.6% of the world's population. There are many drivers of migration (economic, social, political, cultural, climatic, environmental), and it interacts with the development process as a source of both wealth and vulnerabilities. AFD Group invests in the governance of migration in an effort to give a greater understanding of migration and improve the management of migration issues at all levels. It thus supports stakeholders from institutions, civil society and the private sector.

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Migration, a development issue

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Capitalizing on the gains of migration

AFD seeks to capitalize on the development gains of migration for the countries of departure, transit and destination (including financial flows, economic activity, technical expertise, solidarity-based investments, cultural and artistic contributions, etc.). Its objectives are as follows:

- **Take account of issues relating to human mobility in national and local public policies** (including health, education, vocational training, employment, spatial planning, adaptation to climate change, justice, civil status, etc.) to draw on all the benefits of migration for sustainable development.
- **Maximize diaspora contributions to development**, by supporting their solidarity activities, helping to reduce the cost of remittances and create new savings products, assisting entrepreneurial projects and local business-support ecosystems, and mobilizing diaspora expertise within their two living environments (host country and country of origin).
- **Support a responsible discourse on migration**, by collecting, producing and disseminating reliable data, strengthening the media's ability to produce quality content, and backing an open, peaceful and non-stigmatizing public debate with regard to migrants.

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Promoting safe, orderly and regular migration, ensuring respect for fundamental rights

AFD supports institutional actors at all levels (local, national and regional) to help them gain a better understanding of migration issues in their respective communities. It also helps them develop, strengthen and implement their public policies on migration. Its approach is based on four areas:

- **Ensure the rights of migrants**, by taking account of their specific vulnerabilities, especially those of women and children, developing essential services in communities, and strengthening the drivers of inclusion and social cohesion.

- **Facilitate the legal and circular mobility** of workers, students and academic researchers, including South-South mobility, and thus strengthen exchanges of knowledge and expertise.
- **Prevent migrant smuggling and human trafficking**, by supporting regional cooperation mechanisms, developing appropriate normative and institutional frameworks, and strengthening the penal process and judicial authorities, as well as specialized services for the protection, assistance and reintegration of victims.
- **Support a sustainable socio-economic reintegration for returning migrants**, by improving access to essential services, skills training, decent work, and adequate financial services.

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Addressing and reducing the vulnerabilities caused by forced migration

More than 117 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide in 2023 (source: UNHCR). 75% of them live in low- and middle-income countries, where the reception of migrants needs to be improved. In these fragile, crisis and conflict situations, AFD supports both displaced populations and host communities to:

- **Ensure the protection, rights and dignity of refugees and internally displaced persons**, by addressing their immediate needs, improving the provision of basic services, providing legal assistance, supporting economic security, and fighting against discrimination, while taking account of the specific vulnerabilities of women and children.
- **Increase the resilience of countries and communities affected by forced displacements**, by addressing the needs of host communities and supporting inclusive local governance models: equitable management of spaces and natural resources, conflict prevention, economic development, confidence building.
- **Strengthen protection and asylum systems** in the countries of transit and destination to improve the reception and admission of refugees, give them access to basic services, and empower them economically, by developing sustainable solutions with administrations responsible for asylum matters and with civil society.