

APPLYING THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE,
ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION IN
COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

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“The COVID-19 crisis presents us with an opportunity to reimagine human mobility for the benefit of all while advancing our central commitment of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind.”

- UN Secretary General, Policy Brief on COVID-19 and People on the Move





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LEVERAGING THE GCM FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Well governed migration can be a transformative way to:

- **mitigate** negative impacts of COVID-19
- **help** states to build stronger, more inclusive and resilient communities that protect human rights
- **stimulate** strong socioeconomic recovery and accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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RESTORING THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF MIGRATION

Regular Migration, Decent Work and the Positive Development Impact of Human Mobility



GCM Objective 5: Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration

GCM Objective 6: Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work

GCM Objective 18: Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualification, and competences

GCM Objective 19: Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries

GCM Objective 20: Promote faster, safer, and cheaper transfer of remittances, and foster financial inclusion of migrants

GCM Objective 23: Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

Examples of Action:

- Regularization processes for migrants allowing access to services (Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Guyana)
- Outreach and direct support to migrant workers during the COVID-19 crisis through Migrant Worker Resources Centres (Costa Rica)



NO ONE IS SAFE UNTIL EVERYONE IS SAFE

Social Inclusion and Migrant Integration



GCM Objective 4: Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation

GCM Objective 15: Provide access to basic services for migrants

GCM Objective 16: Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion

GCM Objective 22: Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits

GCM Objective 23: Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly, and regular migration

Examples of Action:

- MoH requested all the entities of the health system to coordinate programmes and services for care of migrants, especially those in situations of vulnerability, including irregular migrants. (Colombia)
- National and local govts along with partner organizations provided pre-departure medical screenings to confirm people are fit to travel and provided information to returnees on quarantine requirements upon arrival. (Belize, El Salvador and Mexico)

CONNECTING THE GCM WITH THE UN SOCIOECONOMIC RESPONSE

FIVE PILLARS OF THE UNDS RESPONSE

1  **HEALTH FIRST:**
Protecting health services
and systems during the crisis

2  **PROTECTING PEOPLE:**
Social protection and
basic services

3  **ECONOMIC RESPONSE & RECOVERY:**
Protecting jobs, small and medium-
sized enterprises, and the informal
sector workers

4  **MACROECONOMIC RESPONSE AND
MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION**

5  **SOCIAL COHESION AND
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**



Source:
UN Framework for the
immediate socio-economic
response to COVID-19

POLICY BRIEF



**The Global Compact for Migration (GCM):
Well Governed Migration as an Essential Element
of Effective COVID-19 Response**

For more information, please consult
the **UN Migration Network Policy
Brief** under:

www.migrationnetwork.un.org

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