DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT IN DATA COLLECTION FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

WHY PROFILE, QUANTIFY AND LOCALISE MIGRANTS?

COMMUNITY PROFILING

Detailed information on the presence of migrants in a given location facilitates planning for and responding to emergencies through more targeted efforts.

- Migrant-inclusive emergency management
- Migrant recruitment in preparedness / emergency response mechanisms
- Culture and language-sensitive preparedness systems
- Outreach and communication from pre to post-emergency mechanisms
- Post-crisis impact & needs assessment
- Stockpile relief goods and other emergency needs
- Informs timely rescue & delivery of relief
- Plan possible evacuation/ repatriation

CHALLENGES OF GATHERING DATA ON MIGRANT COMMUNITIES

MIGRATION STATUS
- Undocumented migrants
- Over-stayers

HIGHLY MOBILE
- New comers
- In transit/circular migrants
- Moving in/out of the host country

UNREGISTERED
- Mutual trust
- Fear of deportation
- Lack of incentives

ISOLATED
- Migrant domestic workers
- Victims of trafficking, smuggling and other abuses

DATA EXCHANGE
- Political will
- Lack of coordination schemes
- Data protection

DATA COLLECTION PROCESS
- Costly
- Difficulties in maintaining up-to-date aggregated data on migrants

WHY INVOLVE DIASPORA?

- First-hand knowledge of migrant communities
- Share culture and language
- Access to migrants, networks, less visible and vulnerable groups
- Transfer knowledge, skills, funds and assets along migrant networks
- Kinship, solidarity and trust
- Knowledge of the host country

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HOW DIASPORA COLLECTS DATA?

Grassroots outreach

Community consultations

Community/religious events

Diaspora social media

Interviews with migrant leaders, representatives and key informants

DATA

Non-intrusive to privacy

- Geographic distribution
- Nationality, ethnicity, language
- Vulnerabilities (e.g. gender, disabilities, immigration status, working conditions)
- Formal/informal networks, focal points and community leaders
- Skills, competencies and assets

KEY STEPS TO ENGAGE DIASPORA IN THE COLLECTION AND SHARING OF INFORMATION ON MIGRANTS

STATES (ORIGIN/HOST) & NON-STATE ACTORS

1. Develop an effective and holistic diaspora mobilisation strategy
2. Set up networks/platforms to foster partnerships and dialogue with/and among diaspora
3. Establish user-friendly registration systems and encourage diaspora community leaders to promote the benefits/services that become available through registration

4. Include diaspora in national and subnational frameworks for prevention; preparedness and emergency response (i.e. engage diaspora in needs, impact and capacity assessments; contingency and recovery planning, etc.)
5. Improve consular capacity to simplify and expedite administrative procedures and enhance their outreach to diaspora
6. Train diaspora organisations on data collection

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