

Children Left Behind by Labour Migration: Supporting Moldovan and Ukrainian Transnational Families in the EU

About the Project

'Children Left Behind by Labour Migration' is a 30-month action that aims to support the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in improving their child protection frameworks and migration and mobility policies, with a focus on the social and legal impacts of labour migration on transnational families. While circular and temporary labour schemes have often proven beneficial to the economies and cooperation dialogues of both countries of origin and destination, these programmes can exacerbate the vulnerabilities of the children left in the country of origin in comparison with their peers.



Partners

This MPF project is being implemented by Babeş-Bolyai University, in collaboration with Terre des Hommes Elveția, Terre des Hommes Moldova, Terre des Hommes Ukraine, the Ukrainian Institute for Social Research after Oleksandr Yaremko and the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova).



Countries

Moldova, Romania and Ukraine



Time frame

June 2021 - December 2023



Budget

EUR 964,720.65 (94.88% from AMIF)

Activities



In-depth qualitative research

In the context of this action, a Research Centre (aimed at obtaining the status of Centre of Excellence) for the study of transnational families will be established within the Babeş-Bolyai University of Romania. The Research Centre will seek to advance research on dimensions of social inclusion, including the risks, needs and opportunities encountered by children, and to develop an intersectional qualitative analysis of children's rights in transnational family contexts.



Awareness raising

The knowledge generated by the Research Centre will serve to identify policy and capacity gaps in the Migration and Mobility frameworks and practices of the governments of Moldova and Ukraine, as well as EU Member States. The results of the studies on transnational families will be translated into operational interventions combining training and awareness-raising activities, with the aim of better informing the design of appropriate protection frameworks and safeguarding the rights of children left behind and their families.



Capacity building and support to transnational cooperation

Upon returning to Morocco, women migrant workers participating in the project will receive follow up support through the formation of small training groups and coaching sessions with various ILO-certified trainers and national partners to fine-tune their business plans and launch their respective IGAs in the form of cooperatives or MSMEs. National training partners (ANAPEC, OFPPT, others) will also provide vocational training on the basis of demand. During this phase, it is also envisaged that a funding mechanism will be established to support the launch of the women-led cooperatives and/or MSMEs.

Implemented by



The Migration Partnership Facility



This project is awarded and contracted in the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an EU-funded initiative implemented by ICMPD in support of the external dimension of the EU migration policy. Through its grants, the MPF allows the execution of projects aimed to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility between Member States and partner countries outside the EU.

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