

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AND ASYLUM POLICY/RETURN AND REINTEGRATION/TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Understanding profiles and experiences of refugees and migrants in North Africa for sustainable responses - MASARAT

About the Project

The project's overriding aim is to inform policy and programmatic response to mixed migration to and through Tunisia, Morocco¹ and Egypt. By offering reliable data and targeted analysis of mixed migration dynamics, including profiles, drivers, journeys, protection needs, aspirations and intentions, the project seeks to support policymakers and practitioners to make well-informed decisions, thereby fostering more effective and sustainable support for refugees, migrants and returnees in the region. Further, the project seeks to reduce the protection risks of migrants in Tunisia as well as the sustainable reintegration of returned Tunisian migrants.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Mixed Migration Centre (MMC). In particular, it is led by DRC Italy in collaboration with DRC Tunisia, MMC West and North Africa and MMC East and Southern Africa | Egypt and Yemen.



Countries

Italy, Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco²



Time frame

June 2023 – May 2025 (24 months)



Budget

EUR 2,100,000.00 (95% from AMIF)

¹ The Morocco project component is still pending approval from official authorities.

² Same as above

Activities



Data Collection and Partnerships

To support research and analysis, the project will engage in data collection and establish strategic partnerships. Various data collection tools will be employed, including MMC's flagship 4Mi data collection tool and methodology. In keeping with the overall objective of the project, key stakeholders including policymakers and programmatic actors will be engaged in the inception phase of the project to ensure data collection meets research needs and fills knowledge gaps. Furthermore, collaborations will be forged with academic and research organisations, and local entities within each target country to gather reliable and accurate data while expanding the scope and reach of data collection efforts. By collecting, analysing and sharing robust data, the project will contribute to informed decision-making and foster a deeper understanding of mixed migration dynamics in each country.



Reintegration and Inclusion Support Through piloting and Capacity Building

The capacity of local authorities and civil society organisations will be strengthened to support the sustainable reintegration of migrants who have returned to Tunisia and a better inclusion of non-Tunisian migrants currently residing in the country. This component involves developing and piloting projects that promote socioeconomic integration, community-led initiatives, and youth inclusion in Tunisia. Efforts will be made to leverage diaspora engagement and financial transfers for better integration outcomes. Capacity-building activities will enhance the ability of stakeholders in the country to provide services to returnees, ensuring their successful reintegration into the community.



Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement

The dissemination of research findings, knowledge exchange and stakeholder engagement are key features of this project. Component 3 entails actively sharing research outcomes with policymakers, local authorities, international stakeholders and programmatic partners through various channels such as learning events, webinars and closed-door briefings. The aim is to promote evidence-based policies and programming, encourage dialogue and explore potential collaborations and programming options based on the research conducted by the project in the three target locations.

Implemented by



The Migration Partnership Facility



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