Migration Partnership Facility

MIGRATION GOOD GOVERNANCE

Enhancing Safe, Regular, and Integrated Migration in Cabo Verde (SIM-CV)

Project completed

About the Project

This project contributed to safe, regular and integrated migration in Cabo Verde by strengthening institutional coordination, expanding local migration services, and improving public access to accurate migration-related information. It strengthened the institutional capacity of key migration stakeholders to support coordinated, coherent, inclusive, and rights-based migration governance. In addition, the project improved access to timely, accurate, and actionable information on migration-related issues, including on trafficking in human beings (THB), Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) and legal migration pathways. It also ensured continuity with two significant projects on migrant integration and anti-trafficking, notably, OBSERVE-CV and Coop4Int, which ended in early and mid-2025, respectively.

Partners

This European Union-funded project was implemented by the ICMPD office in Praia, in close collaboration with Cabo Verde's High Authority for Immigration (HAI) and National Observatory on Trafficking in Persons (NOTP), under the Technical Assistance and Support Component of MPF.

Countries

Cabo Verde

Time frame

October 2025 – April 2026 (7 months)

Budget

EUR 312,061.34 (100% from AMIF)

Activities

Enhanced capacity development for migration governance and service delivery

Under Component 1, the project contributed to strengthened migration governance in Cabo Verde by **enhancing the institutional capacity of key migration actors to fulfil their mandates at both policy and operational levels**. Activities under this output built on the Local Immigration Units (LIUs) established under the Coop4Int project and overseen by the HAI. These units were designed to promote the effective integration of migrants into Cabo Verdean society.

The project also supported the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the LIUs and Service Centres and provided office equipment and materials to both the LIUs and the Migration Observatory (MO). Another key area of support was the provision of technical and logistical assistance to the MO, an important platform established under the Coop4Int project to collect, monitor, analyse and disseminate migration data and information on trends across the country. The project supported its operationalisation by developing methodological guidelines for the collection, analysis and dissemination of migration-related data and knowledge. This methodology, together with strengthened national capacity to generate robust data, provides an important foundation for policy processes scheduled to begin in 2026. The project also enhanced the institutional capacity of migration actors on THB through basic training for frontline officials, including 15 police officers and 12 labour inspectors, as well as 40 staff and local representatives of the HAI and 26 of the NOTP. These activities substantially contributed to the sustainability and operationalisation of Cabo Verde's migration governance structure. These include the development of an action plan on immigration, a strategic plan for diaspora communities and an action plan against trafficking in persons.



Joint Migration Delegation of Cabo Verde visiting a Migrant Resource Centre, Nigeria, January 2026



Training on THB for police officers and labour inspectors, Praia, November 2025

Regional cooperation was enhanced through a study visit to Nigeria, which enabled stakeholders to exchange experiences and initiate a formal cooperation process. An MoU between the Nigerian and Cabo Verdean anti-trafficking agencies is currently being prepared for signature. The visit also strengthened coordination among Cabo Verdean migration actors, while training for police officers, labour inspectors, and HAI and NOTP representatives enhanced national capacity to address trafficking in human beings.

Finally, **cooperation between the HAI and the NOTP was formalised through a cooperation protocol signed** at the project's closing workshop on 28 April 2026. This reflected the project's co-implementation approach, which promoted institutional ownership, continuity with previous initiatives and the sustainability of project results.

Public awareness and access to migration-relevant information

Under Component 2, SIM-CV improved access to timely, accurate and actionable information on migration-related issues, including THB, SOM and legal migration pathways, for migrants and the general public. Based on an overarching communication strategy developed and validated with project support, the NOTP and the HAI implemented awareness-raising campaigns and disseminated information materials across four priority islands: Santiago, Sal, Boa Vista and São Vicente. The NOTP's "Together against Trafficking in Persons" campaign and the HAI's "Inform to Integrate" campaign were implemented in schools and migrant community settings, reaching 1,000 students and 140 migrants nationwide. The information and visibility materials produced and disseminated included T-shirts, flyers, information cards, posters, and radio and television spots. These formats were selected to effectively reach and engage the campaigns' target audiences, particularly younger people. Pre- and post-session surveys conducted as part of the NOTP's campaign in schools on the islands of Sal, Boa Vista and São Vicente demonstrated the campaign's strong impact. The findings showed an average increase of 36% in beneficiaries' knowledge of migration-related issues.



Joint HAI/NOTP awareness-raising session on migrant integration and THB for migrants, Boa Vista, April 2026



SIM-CV's key partners at the closing ceremony, with the Minister of Justice and EU Ambassador at the centre, April 2026

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