



Strengthening the intervention capacities of diaspora networks

ACTION BASICS

Beneficiary	<p>FORIM Réseau des diasporas solidaires</p> <p>The Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations (FORIM) is a national platform that brings together diaspora-led international solidarity networks, federations and groups (<i>Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues de l'Immigration - OSIM</i>) engaged in integration actions in France and in development actions in the countries of origin. FORIM, which was created in March 2002 with the support of the French public authorities, represents about 1000 associations working in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Maghreb, South East Asia, the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean.</p>
Duration	12 months
Sustainable Development Goals	

MAIN FEATURES

Context & needs	<p>FORIM offers several services to diaspora organisations, including the <i>Programme d'Appui aux projets des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues de l'Immigration</i> (PRA/OSIM), which is a training, support and funding scheme for diaspora-led development projects in the country of origin. Since 2003, FORIM has been coordinating an annual call for diaspora organisations to submit applications proposing development projects in their countries of origin. Selected applications can receive €15,000 in co-financing.</p> <p>FORIM has accredited 24 'support operators' (<i>Opérateurs d'Appui Labellisés - OPAP</i>) to accompany diaspora organisations through the conceptualisation - and subsequent implementation - process, regardless of the organisation's level of experience. The support operators are collectives of FORIM's member organisations skilled in project design and management. The support they provide on over 200 aspiring projects includes technical and intercultural expertise, and familiarity with project implementation in territories of origin. This unique scheme facilitates cascade learning among peers and has proven successful in upskilling diaspora organisations in France, as demonstrated by the ever-improving quality of applications.</p> <p>FORIM has requested EUDiF's support to strengthen the capacities of FORIM's staff and the 24 accredited support operators in project design and implementation. Their objective is to become better equipped in strengthening the capacities of project leaders in the PRA/OSIM scheme.</p>
Objectives	<p>General objective</p> <p>Develop the capacities of accredited support operators and FORIM's staff to support diaspora organisations in setting up and implementing development projects in their country of origin through cascade learning.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the individual and organisational capacities of FORIM's staff to train, support and continuously strengthen the network of the accredited support operators. • Develop the individual and organisational capacities of the support operators in order for them to eventually strengthen the capacities of diaspora organisations in the setting up and implementation of development projects. • Develop thematic training programmes to support the development of green growth projects, such as waste management, renewable energy, and environmental sustainability.



ACTION PLAN

EUDiF areas of intervention

- Empowering diaspora organisations based in Europe
- Supporting partner countries in enabling diaspora engagement for development
- Fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships

Capacity development support

- Conducting analysis, research and/or evaluation**
 - **Review existing training courses** organised by FORIM to ensure complementarity with existing tools.
 - **Rapid assessment of** participants' **skills** to adapt the training tools to their needs.
- Organisation of knowledge transfer events**
 - **Training of trainers** of FORIM's staff and the accredited support operators in the organisation of thematic trainings, both on the technical level (gender mainstreaming, waste management, renewable energies, environmental sustainability, communication, management of public funds) and on the non-technical level (soft skills and adult learning)
 - **Feedback session** so that each OPAP can share good practices and difficulties encountered if they have had the chance to accompany diaspora organisations after the training.
- Development of strategic documents and/or training tools**
 - **Develop seven training programmes:** (1) gender mainstreaming, (2) waste management, (3) renewable energy, (4) environmental sustainability, (5) communication, (6) management of public funds and (7) soft skills and adult learning.
- Visibility and communication activities**
- Facilitating networking and partnerships**

Outputs

- Seven **training booklets**
- A **catalogue** of training sessions

Expected results

- FORIM acquires seven training curricula on predefined themes adapted to the needs of its members and forming part of their institutional database.
- FORIM's staff and support operators are trained on the seven themes.
- Support operators are able to conduct training courses in order to pass on the skills acquired.
- Support operators and FORIM share lessons and improve their capacities to conduct this type of approach in the future.

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