

DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES: EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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Practice	Country	Implementation Period	Description
Lebanese Diaspora Village	Lebanon	Ongoing	Diaspora Village DV is a project initiated by Lebanese Diaspora Energy with the aim to create a hub for the Lebanese Diaspora in their homeland in order to build and support a cohesive and dynamic community. Diaspora Village’s members will interact culturally, socially, educationally and economically. It will be a point of reference for any information and research on the respective Diaspora and a unique place, combining activities of a museum and its library, a guest house, an indoor multipurpose hall, an outdoor square for special events, a café, a gift shop, a bakery, a studio and several houses for Diaspora of Lebanese origin around the world.
Danish Refugee Council’s Diaspora Programme	Afghanistan	2018	Since 2018, the Danish Refugee Council has been engaging the Afghan diaspora in Europe to promote local humanitarian assistance, contribute to development through skills training, vocational training, and market development and improve coordination. It also commissioned the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance/United Nations University, MERIT, to conduct a study of the Afghan diaspora and diaspora organisations in Denmark, Germany, Sweden and the UK to support an improved coordination and collaboration with the Afghan diaspora.
Summer Universities for Algerians Abroad	Algeria		Algerian diplomatic missions have organised a number of events targeting Algerian diaspora professionals in Europe, the US and Canada, and regularly hold ‘summer university’ courses and events in Algeria involving guest lecturers and experts from the Algerian diaspora. The aim of the scheme is to promote skills transfer and build the connections of young Algerians in the diaspora with their country of origin.
Support for Rural Women Entrepreneurs in Algeria	Algeria	1998-ongoing	The Association Migration Solidarité et Échanges pour le Développement (AMSED) works to improve the economic situation of women in rural communities in Tizi-Ouzou in the Kabylie region of Algeria through diaspora skills transfer to develop agricultural and apiculture skills, and provide them with the tools required to develop and maintain their livelihoods. It encourages ecological projects, in particular recycling of clothing and beekeeping, in order to preserve the environment.





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Financial inclusion of remittance recipients	Nicaragua	2014	In partnership with the International Organization for Migration and a consortium of foundations, Central America and Mexico Alliance for Migration (CAMMINA), a financial inclusion project for remittance recipients was developed with the private bank BANPRO. The purpose was to increase rates of savings for Nicaraguans receiving remittances. This project aimed to enhance financial literacy and practices, as well as provide information on financial products. More than 10,000 clients were beneficiaries and savings through the scheme totalled US\$ 960,000.
Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS)	Niue	Ongoing	The Australia Awards Scholarships offer international scholarships and fellowships funded by the Australian Government. The awards provide citizens of Niue with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution. Scholarships are available from bachelor's degree level to PHD.
RAICES, Red de Argentinos Investigadores y Científicos en el Exterior/Network of Argentine Researchers and Scientists Abroad	Argentina	2019-Ongoing	The main objective of this programme, created by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation, is to develop networks with Argentine researchers and scientists living abroad and increasing the links with researchers living in Argentina. RAICES seeks to disseminate the country's scientific and technological activities abroad. Likewise, the programme seeks to encourage the return of scientists and researchers from the Argentinean diaspora and facilitate their integration to continue their professional activity in Argentinean institutions.
Repatriation and Integration Centre	Armenia	2020-Ongoing	The Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs has established a Repatriation and Integration Centre, which serves as a comprehensive resource center offering essential assistance to potential repatriates during their relocation process to Armenia. The goals are to promote repatriation, ease the repatriation process, and ensure a smoother integration process for Diaspora Armenians moving to the homeland. It offers individualised support on citizenship and residency permits, moving personal belongings and business equipment, healthcare, education and culture, social services, employment and work permits, military conscription and service, taxes, registration, licensing, banking and finance, and housing.
Azerbaijani Diaspora Youth Summer Camp	Azerbaijan	2018-2021	Organized in cooperation with the Fund for Support to Azerbaijani Diaspora . This initiative is designed for young people aged between 18 and 29 who are able to communicate in Azerbaijani language and are interested in the history and culture of Azerbaijan. The First Summer Camp dedicated to the "100th Anniversary of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan" took place in 2018 in Shaki.



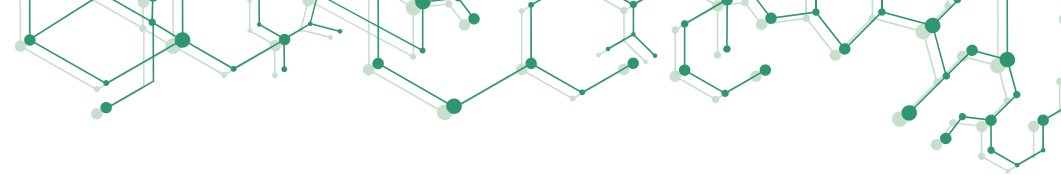
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MOBILAZE Migration studies weekends	Azerbaijan	2018	In Baku were organised by the State Committee on Work with Diaspora focusing on various topics related to migration challenges, including the 'introduction to migration and development'. The weekends targeted young professionals working in a migration related field and aimed to raise awareness on opportunities for development offered by migration in the context of Azerbaijan
Empowering Libyan women in diaspora	Libya	2017	In April 2017, the Hague Academy for Local Governance organised a tailor-made training and training of trainers for 17 Libyan women living abroad, financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in cooperation with CILG-VNG International. It aimed to connect Libyan women and support them in developing advocacy strategies to drive change. Three major topics were addressed: awareness raising of participants' own (potential) sources of power and existent power structures; secondly, exchanging different perspectives on the role of Libyan women in the diaspora, their challenges as well as new opportunities; and thirdly developing (collective) action plans and an advocacy strategy linked to these plans.
TOKTEN	Mali	1998-Ongoing	The TOKTEN programme was established in Mali in 1998 to enable the Malian diaspora to contribute with their skills to the economic and social development of the country in key areas such as education, technical and vocational training in health, agriculture and SMEs. TOKTEN allows the temporary return of the scientific and technical diaspora with the aim of contributing to compensate for the lack of qualified teaching staff to improve the quality of tertiary teaching and training. The programme is under the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Malians Abroad and African Integration for its daily administrative management with the support of UNDP and the EU.
Upgrading the Rungika domestic money transfer system	Burundi	2017-Ongoing	Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the Burundi National Postal Service (RNP) worked in partnership with IOM and RIA Money Transfer to upgrade the Rungika domestic money transfer system, allowing remittances to be collected via the national postal service network of 144 offices. Its international corridor, run in partnership with RIA Money Transfer was launched in 2017 and aims to leverage existing domestic money transfer services. The Rungika project aims to support financial education, inclusion, and communication among rural communities in Burundi via a network of 144 national Rungika agencies. As of November 2018, RNP has received nearly 20,000 deposits, amounting to a total of 1,238,284,150 Burundian Francs (approximately \$695,400 USD).



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Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA)	Burundi	2001-Ongoing	The MIDA programme run by the IOM has been active within Burundi since 2001, and has the primary objective of engaging highly skilled members of the diaspora in periods of short-term return for capacity building. The programme is focused on the diaspora in Europe and particularly in Belgium, with active projects in the areas of education, health, and rural development.
Diaspora For Development of Cape Verde (DIAS de Cabo Verde)	Cape Verde	2013-Ongoing	Dias de Cabo Verde, initiated by the Cape Verdean Institute of Communities in partnership with the IOM and the EC, mobilised the human, social and professional resources of the country's diaspora for capacity- building of key development sectors such as health, education, infrastructure and tourism. It has strengthened the ties between the diaspora and the public and private sectors in both Cabo Verde and Portugal, Italy, and the Netherlands. The project was funded by the European Commission and co-funded by the Portuguese Cooperation.
Casa do Cidadão	Cape Verde		The Casa do Cidadão was established by the Cabo Verdean Government to provide a 'one-stop-shop' for the Cabo Verdean diaspora, via the online web-portal or physical Service Centres. In order to bring citizens closer together and ensure access by emigrant communities to Casa do Cidadão services, a COL - Online certificates counter - was created for the diaspora. A mobile customer service was launched to facilitate remote population's access to these services. Other services include: an integrated management system for documents; services related to citizenship, customs declarations, and tax; information on setting up business and investing in Cabo Verde; and tools to monitor the progress of children in education.
International Conference of the Mauritian Academic Diaspora 2018	Mauritus	2018	The University of Mauritius organised a conference on the topic of 'Mauritian diaspora: Showcasing international success' in 2018. Government ministers joined over 30 members of the Mauritian academic diaspora to discuss topics such as artificial intelligence and robotics, econometrics, ICT, medicine, nanotechnology, social sciences and humanities, law, marketing, education, and international relations. Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth said "the academic excellence that the diaspora can bring to the local universities will be instrumental in boosting their competitive edge, resulting in job and wealth creation."
Financial Education Week	Mexico	2012-Ongoing	A campaign promoted by the Mexican government, offers Mexicans in the US information and services to strengthen their education and financial inclusion, through strategic alliances with actors in Mexico and the United States. In 2017, attention was given to more than 70,000 people. It offers orientation workshops on access to financial



			services, business development and basic skills for personal and family finance management.
Programa de Educación Financiera para Migrantes Mexicanos	Mexico	2006-Ongoing	The Institute of Mexicans Abroad has developed a program which is promoted through the Consular Network with the collaboration of various financial actors that offers financial education programs aimed at the Mexican community. They promote financial education of Mexican migrants through courses, workshops and distribution of information in Spanish. They also promote programs and resources offered by other organizations in the United States and Mexico, including an annual event.
Ventanilla de Salud	Mexico	2002-Ongoing	The Mexican consulates offer information health services through 51 outlets that are based at the consular offices to provide information and education related health services.
The Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development (IPPM) project	Cambodia	2013-2017	The team worked with the Ministry of Interior - who provided information on country goals, data and policies - to implement a project on understanding the link between migration and remittances and sectors such as agriculture and education. The post-project report argued that while the whole migration process (emigration, remittances, return migration) could contribute to Cambodia's development, it was not being fully optimised and therefore suggested a range of recommendations, such as the implementation of a national financial education programme to boost the financial literacy of Cambodians so that more remittances could be channelled towards productive investments.
Soyol School	Mongolia	2014-Ongoing	The school was founded in 2014 in Germany by members of the Deutsch-Mongolisches Tor in NRW e.V. 'Soyol' means culture in Mongolian, and the school aims to teach children and youth from the Mongolian diaspora in Germany the language and origins of Mongolian culture, as a defining part of their cultural identity. In the academic year of 2018-19, the school had four teachers and 29 students with Mongolian classes taking place on Saturdays twice a month.
Guide for Moroccans Living Abroad	Morocco	2015	In 2015, the Moroccan government issued a guide for Moroccans living abroad. This guide explains the priorities of the Moroccan government towards the diaspora. It includes social programmes for Moroccans abroad such as professional training as well as financial help for Moroccan children living in Côte d'Ivoire or Algeria to attend school, for university bursaries and for the repatriation of corpses.
Deutsch-Marokkanische Kompetenznetzwerk e.V.	Morocco	2016	The German-Moroccan Competence Network (DMK eV) and the Medical Competencies of Moroccans Abroad (C3M) organized medical campaigns in 2016 in southeast



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(DMK) Medical Missions to Morocco			Morocco. These included ongoing professional training in gynaecology and other capacity building activities targeted at local medical professionals.
Empowerment Trainings		2016	Conducted since 2016, the Empowerment Trainings include a number of local CSOs training local community leaders to provide information, training and support to potential migrant workers. The CSOs include the Rakhine Womens' Union, Tavoyan Womens' Union, Women's Department of the Northern Shan State Baptist Convention and Mawk Kon Local Development Organisation. CSOs disseminate safe migration information and organise trainings for potential migrant workers and their families. They also train local community leaders to empower them to provide safe migration information and trainings, as well as support services to potential migrant workers. This has improved migrant workers' access to information, as workers can receive immediate responses from their community leaders, rather than travelling to the nearest migrant worker resource centre.
Twe Let – Increasing the Development Impact of Labour Migration Through Strengthened Governance and partnership		2017	The project was launched in 2017 and is led by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, with support from the Livelihoods and Food Security Fund (LIFT) Consortium, and aims to strengthen skills development training, safe migration practices and financial management. The project aims to increase the positive role of migration. It provides financial literacy training to households receiving remittances from migrants, provides skills training to migrants to improve their chances of accessing good jobs and provides job-matching support. It aims to reach 50,000 people in Mon, Kayin, Thanintharyi, Shan, Chin states and the Dry Zone by 2020.
Happy Return Programme	Myanmar	2009	As the return-reintegration component of South Korea's Employment Permit System (EPS), the programme matches returned Myanmar migrant workers from the Republic of Korea with Korean factories in Myanmar. The programme, instituted by the Republic of Korea in 2009, consists of pre-departure seminars, and skills and business training to prepare the participating workers for their return. Migrant workers can participate in vocational training; pre-return recruitment services (assistance in applying for jobs in Korean companies located in Myanmar); and administrative support for insurance benefit claims. It aims to help workers reintegrate into their home country and continue using their newly acquired skills.
Diaspora Health Initiatives	Cameroon	1994-Ongoing	Cameroonian medical, pharmacy and dentistry students in Germany founded the Cameroonian diaspora association Camfomedics. It runs many projects in Cameroon such as PINK. PINK includes a portal for information on internship, clinical traineeship



			and practical placement opportunities for medical and nursing careers in Cameroon. The focus of the iMED programme (Improving Medical Education and Health Care Delivery through Diaspora Engagement) is to train Cameroonian doctors in the use of simple, modern, ‘minimally invasive’ diagnostic and therapeutic instruments. Cameroonian doctors from abroad work or teach within the framework of the programme.
Diaspora Supported Education, Knowledge, Technology and Entrepreneurship in Africa (DISEKTEA) 2.0	Cameroon		DISEKTEA 1.0 was a skills and technology transfer initiative set up by a The Association of Cameroonian Engineers and Computer Scientists (VKII) and DÄSAV (the German-Ethiopian students and academics Association) with the support of GIZ.19 The programme included practically oriented training for students in actual relevant technological areas, such as Bio Energy and Mobile Apps Programming.
Developing a diaspora mobilisation strategy	Cameroon	2018-Ongoing	In 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with the IOM MIDA programme, was working to develop a diaspora mobilisation strategy specifically focused on the return of qualified nationals. During its pilot phase the project facilitated Cameroonian specialists in the health and education sectors to return to Cameroon and help build up the human capital much needed by the country. ²³ Its current status is unclear.
Diaspora support for healthcare, TOKTEN/MIDA 2013-2014	Chad	2013-2014	In 2013, The UNDP Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN) and IOM Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) programmes delivered a joint TOKTEN/MIDA project in Chad, implemented by the IOM. The project deployed 19 members of the Chadian diaspora residing in France in partnership with the diaspora-led Group for Higher Education and Health in Chad Groupe d’entraide à l’Enseignement Supérieur et à la Santé au Tchad (GESST) to strengthen the capacities of institutions and actors in the health and higher education sectors in the country.
Colombia Unites Us	Colombia		Colombia Unites Us is run by the Directorate for Immigration, Consular Affairs and Citizen Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As of this writing, Colombia Nos Une had two “investment projects” which provide a total of \$2.5 million in general programme support and intend to strengthen and provide support to the Colombian community abroad. Colombia Nos Une offers a housing programme for emigrants who are interested in buying a home in Colombia but require financial support. The initiative runs the program Mi Casa con Remesas together with the National Bank of Colombia and IDB. Colombia Nos Une has also partnered with the Colombian Foreign Trade Bank (BANCOLDEX) to offer lines of credit to diaspora entrepreneurs. In addition, it offers nonfinancial support to entrepreneurs such as working with local universities to train



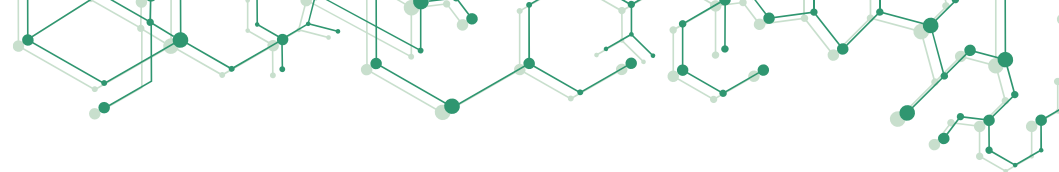
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			individuals on business management. It also has a virtual portal, Portal RedEsColombia to increase interaction among members of the diaspora and promote new ideas for development. The Colombian government considers the website to be one of its most successful initiatives.
Conexion Colombia	Colombia		Provides useful information for Colombians abroad via a website that allows exchange on academic and sport related information, look for jobs abroad, and search for financial sponsors.
DiasporaEngager Platform	Republic of the Congo	2013-2024	Funded by French government, the FCCP aimed to support Comorian migrants in their commitment to the country's development. The FCCP made the first selection of grant applications from the call for projects during its selection committee meeting in Moroni in 2013, with a subsequent round in 2014. Projects funded included education, health, and enterprise initiatives. Priority was given to joint projects of local authorities and diaspora groups in order to enable the involvement of beneficiaries and greater capacity-building. This approach sought to capitalise on the decentralisation process initiated by the Union of Comoros. Results of this programme are however unclear.
MIDA Congo-Brazzaville			The main objective of the Migration for Development in Africa programme was to strengthen the capacity of the Government of the Republic of the Congo to mobilise the Congolese diaspora's skills for a beneficial contribution to the development of the country. MIDA aimed to respond to the challenges of human resource shortages facing Congo-Brazzaville in two priority sectors: health and higher education. In order to achieve this objective, IOM undertook two parallel processes: - Strengthening the capacity of the government in the mobilisation and management of the Congolese diaspora through its Cellule de Mobilisation de la Diaspora (Diaspora Mobilisation Unit) based at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Congolese Abroad. - Implementation of an effective mobilisation of the Congolese diaspora in France, in close collaboration with the Forum of International Solidarity Organisations for Migration (FORIM), to contribute to the development of health and higher education sectors in Congo-Brazzaville.
Transfer of diaspora competencies	Niger	2007	In 2007, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) established a Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN) programme in Niger as part of a long-running global United Nations programme established in many countries since the 1970s. As in other countries, TOKTEN Niger identified diaspora talent and attempted to



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			engage them in their country of origin. As part of the programme, Nigerian institutions selected diaspora experts whom they wished to work with. The programme then covered the experts' travel expenses and living costs for short missions. TOKTEN Niger began with a focus on the education sector.
Nigerian National Volunteer Service (NNVS)	Nigeria	2003	Since 2003, the NNVS has been mandated to provide information on volunteering opportunities that enable the diaspora to support development initiatives in Nigeria. The NNVS also arranges educational and scientific conferences, as well as developing partnerships with medical diaspora associations, with the aim of harnessing diaspora expertise for national development.
Academic Scholarships	Peru	Ongoing	The President Scholarship is awarded to Peruvian citizens, with excellent academic performance, who wish to study abroad. The award covers the cost of tuition, transportation, food, accommodation, medical insurance, class materials, and a living stipend. This scholarship allows many students the ability to travel abroad, who otherwise would possibly not be able to do so for financial reasons, and represent Peru internationally.
LINKAPIL	Philippines	1989-Ongoing	Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (Service to Fellow Filipinos) or LINKAPIL is a programme initiated by the Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO) in 1989 to systematically manage donations from Filipinos based overseas and direct them towards enhancing local development initiatives. It provides a means for the transfer of various forms of resources from overseas Filipinos to support small scale, high impact projects to address the country's needs. The programme was designed for overseas Filipinos to support projects in livelihood development, education, health related activities and small-scale infrastructure. Through the programme, the CFO will act as the intermediary between the overseas Filipinos and the local beneficiaries. Between 1990 and 2017, LINKAPIL has facilitated around Php3.3 billion (USD68.1 million) worth of assistance from overseas Filipinos and organisations, benefitting around 15.7 million Filipinos across the 81 provinces of the Philippines. The bulk of this assistance went into health and welfare, followed by education and small-scale infrastructure.
Itorero Urunana rw'Urungano / Kwibuka ('Remembrance') / Rwanda Day	Rwanda		Itorero is a youth training programme and is regarded mainly as a cultural-centred programme. It is a holistic training system attended by Rwandan youth from around the world that includes civic education exercises, cultural values, patriotism, and social political development of Rwandans. Kwibuka means 'to remember' in Kinyarwanda and describes the annual



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			commemoration of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The Rwandan diaspora are involved in organising Kwibuka commemorations around the world each year with the support of MINAFFET. Rwanda Day is a series of annual gatherings where the Rwandan community abroad has an opportunity to discuss its role in shaping the country's future. Rwanda Day brings together Rwandans living abroad, friends of Rwanda, the President of Rwanda, and other senior leaders from the public and private sectors.
Sudanese Partnership for Knowledge Transfer by Expatriate Nationals (SPaKTEN)	Sudan		To address the problem of brain drain in the country, SSWA launched the SPaKTEN initiative to recruit Sudanese diaspora experts for short-term consultancy assignments in Sudan in different sectors, including specialists in medicine, education, agriculture and livestock management, engineering, environment, and energy, IT, finance, and other sectors of strategic importance to Sudan's development. The SPaKTEN network is comprised of 215 experts based in 34 different countries. Experts typically undertake assignments of 2-3 weeks and are paid travel, expenses, and a small stipend.
TajRupt	Tajikistan	2019-Ongoing	TajRupt is the first IT- incubator and AI centre with a mission of empowering the youth in Tajikistan. TajRupt is aimed to transform Tajikistan into a regional hub of artificial intelligence research and entrepreneurship by 2025. TajRupt is a startup with a mission of transforming the youth into engaged critical thinkers through extracurricular education. There are three areas of focus at TajRupt: machine learning education, applied research, and venture incubator for youth in Tajikistan.
Mobilisation of Diaspora Scientific Expertise -to strengthen infectious disease surveillance in Southern Africa - Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals in Eastern and Southern Africa (SACIDS-ACE)	Tanzania		SACIDS-ACE works to harness innovation in science and technology in order to improve sub-Saharan Africa's capacity to detect, identify and monitor infectious diseases of humans, animals, and their interactions in order to better manage the risks posed by them. SACIDS-ACE has mobilised diaspora medics and scientists to respond to infectious disease outbreaks, such as Ebolavirus and COVID-19, across Africa. SACIDS-ACE is based at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), which also established a diaspora academic facility that allowed Tanzanian diaspora to establish academic and scientific associations with the university as part of a capacity building initiative.
Seasonal Worker Programs (SWP)		2009	Timor-Leste has entered into agreements with the Australian and South Korean seasonal worker programs. Under the South Korean Employment Permit Scheme (2009), Timor-Leste workers sent to South Korea are eligible to work in three areas:



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			agriculture, manufacturing related industries, and fisheries. Timor-Leste, in partnership with Australia, is also part of the Seasonal Worker Programme (2012) and Pacific Labour Scheme (2019). Since joining the programme in 2012, almost 3,000 Timor-Leste workers have helped to fill labour shortages in rural and regional Australia while gaining skills and supporting their families back home.
Dominican sisters	Dominican Republic		The Dominican Sisters women's network is an INDEX initiative designed to promote the development and projection of Dominican women abroad. This network is made up of professional Dominican women with leadership skills and the ability to influence other women. It seeks to empower and unite successful women of the diaspora through training programmes on topics of interest to them and networking spaces.
Government diaspora conferences	Egypt	2022-Ongoing	The Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriate Affairs launched its third edition of the Conference of Egyptian Entities Abroad in August 2022 to foster communication with Egyptian residents abroad. The aim of the conference is to update Egyptian expatriates on the development efforts carried out in Egypt and find ways to enhance diaspora engagement for development. In the latest edition, the areas of cooperation included investment in national projects and real estate, civil services, education and insurance for Egyptians residing abroad. The recommendations of this conference are now under development between different national institutions and diaspora groups. For example, a proposal resulting from the conference to create investment instruments such as joint stock companies to capitalise on the diaspora's economic capital and facilitate investment was approved by the prime minister and is being put together by the ministry and the national authority for investment in Egypt.
Manos Unidas por El Salvador	El Salvador	2018-Ongoing	Since 2004, Banco Agrícola and the Pan American Development Foundation have been working with the Salvadoran diaspora with the purpose of social and educational development in the country. As of September 2019, 11,2018,275 school infrastructure programmes had been executed in 140 communities and 86 municipalities. The project has had over USD \$6 million in funding with more than USD \$750k contributions originating from Salvadorans in the US.
EUTF / IOM Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) for Eritrea	Eritrea		This three-year IOM Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) programme seeks to facilitate the voluntary participation of Eritrean Diaspora to support institutional strengthening in key socio-economic sectors agreed with the Eritrean government, including, education, health, water and sanitation, agriculture, energy, infrastructure, civil engineering, financial systems, and information technology. In addition, the



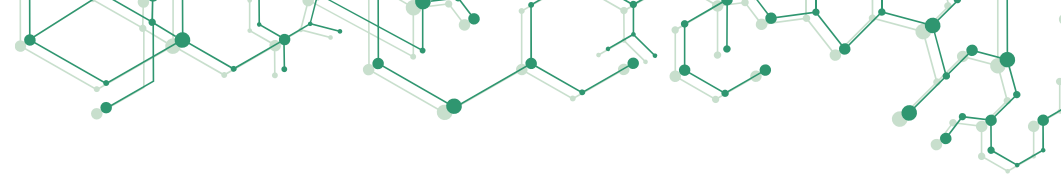
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			programme will support the Department of Eritreans Abroad in playing a coordinating role for the diaspora engagement, through skills transfer, and strategy development.
EriReader project	Eritrea		A group of young diaspora Eritreans from the United States started the EriReader Project, with the aim of providing one tablet for each Eritrean student, as inspired by the demonstrated need and policies of the Commission of Higher Education of Eritrea. Eri-Reader works in collaboration with the Eritrean Development Fund (EDF) in Washington, DC. and the Eritrean Relief Association (ERA-UK), in London, UK. So far, Eri-Reader has sent over 200 tablets and is in the process of sending 60 more in the near future.
Ethiopian Diaspora Fellowship Leadership and Public Service Programme	Ethiopia	2014-Ongoing	The Ethiopian Diaspora Fellowship (EDF) program is designed to promote leadership development, public service and creative storytelling. Through training, service in an organization in Ethiopia, peer-to-peer mentorship, and storytelling, fellows will have an opportunity to increase their own cultural identity and be a catalyst for growth and change in Ethiopia. Once in Ethiopia, fellows participate in peer-to-peer mentorship to increase cultural identity and promote a knowledge sharing opportunity. Fellows are also encouraged to document their experience thoroughly through different mediums, in order to define and redefine what it means for them to be an Ethiopian.
Global Ukraine Business Hub	Ukraine	Ongoing	The Global Ukraine Business Hub is a new social project aiming at promoting unique creative Ukrainian modern brands. The project includes the creation of an innovative on-line promotion and communication platform connecting Ukrainian businesses with you Ukrainian diaspora members. Through this project, the Ukrainian diaspora can buy Ukrainian goods and popularize new Ukrainian products as business ambassadors. Other key activities include organising meetings, trainings and workshops.
Step to Ukraine	Ukraine	2005-Ongoing	This educational portal supports teaching Ukrainian with modern interactive materials and methodologies. There are summer schools for foreign students, scientists and researchers also form part of the project; these focus on the study of the Ukrainian language and culture. Ten summer schools have been organised and held in Ukraine, Argentina and Kazakhstan.
“El-yurt umidi” Foundation online platform	Uzbekistan	2020	Literally “the Hope of the Nation”. Since June 2020, the “El-yurt umidi” Foundation launched on its website an online platform for higher education institutions, research centres and other organisations in need of international scientific and practical cooperation with compatriot-fellow scientists, experienced experts and researchers living abroad.



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Building the capacity of migrant workers and government to harness the potential of remittances	Vanuatu, Tuvalu	2020	Implemented by IOM, this project aims to increase understanding of remittances flows and practices in Vanuatu 2020–2021. Planned activities include developing training for migrants on remittances and financial literacy.
iVolavosa mobile application and the Fijian Cultural Programme	Fiji	2017	The iVolavosa mobile application is an online dictionary for iTaukei language, which is one of Fiji’s official languages. The mobile application was launched by the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs and the iTaukei Trust Fund Board as a tool for the preservation of iTaukei culture. The Fijian diaspora is a key target audience for this service, as it allows to learn the iTaukei language from abroad. In addition, in 2019 the iTaukei Trust Fund Board initiated a pilot project in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the University of East Anglia and Fijian communities in the UK to revitalise cultural diplomacy and develop a sustainable Fijian cultural programme in the UK. In the framework of this project, the iTaukei Trust Fund Board is developing an educational resource kit to promote Fijian language and culture.
Diaspora Forums	Georgia	Ongoing	The Georgian Diaspora Forum is organised once a year in Tbilisi, Georgia. It brings together prominent Georgian diaspora members, government officials, academia, civil society, private entities and international organisations, with the aim of networking, organising workshops and thematic discussions and establishing cooperation opportunities in the fields of economics, business, education and science, philanthropy, public diplomacy as well as youth engagement, athletics and culture.
Young Ambassadors Programme	Georgia	Ongoing	This annual programme is designed for Georgian youth living abroad to represent Georgia in their respective countries of residence through cultural and educational events; the objective of the programme is to increase awareness on ongoing political-economic or social issues in Georgia, to promote tourism, to encourage investment and to engage other youth and local residents in networking activities. The programme is implemented in cooperation with the EU-funded ICMPD ENIGMMA 2 project.
Opportunities for My Community Project	Guatemala	2016-2019	The project, implemented by USAID and the Inter-American Dialogue, links remittances, education and savings to promote economic and human development in Guatemala. It works to engage the Guatemalan government and the diaspora with the country’s development through resource mobilisation directed toward educational programs within Guatemala. The project has supported diaspora engagement through partnerships with Guatemalan Hometown Associations (HTAs), for example HTAs



			<p>contacted teachers to teach and then the project trained them, monitored the classes, and provided educational materials. The Project has also collaborated with remittance companies to engage the Guatemalan diaspora in addressing development obstacles. For example, it collaborated with the companies Dolex and Viamericas and delivered about 20,000 informational brochures to Guatemalan remittance senders, raising awareness about the importance of financial literacy in Guatemala. The Ministry of Education works with local schools and diaspora organizations to implement after school education programs funded by the diaspora.</p>
First Kiribati Language Week in New Zealand	Kiribati	2020	<p>I-Kiribati diaspora communities in New Zealand collaborated with the New Zealand Ministry for Pacific Peoples in the framework of the first Kiribati Language Week, which was launched on Kiribati Independence Day in 2020 under the theme ‘Ribanan te Taetae ni Kiribati e Kateimatoa ara Katei ao Kinakira’, meaning ‘Nurturing Kiribati language promotes our Cultural Identity and Heritage’. The event was accompanied by the publication of Kiribati language cards, animated videos and a bilingual children’s book</p>
Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals	Iraq		<p>The Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals programme has facilitated 48 assignments in Iraq in the areas of education, health, engineering and humanitarian assistance. A second phase of the project is currently ongoing within which members of the Iraqi diaspora in the Netherlands could contribute to the development of Iraq through their expertise, knowledge and entrepreneurship by participating to the IOM’s Connecting Diaspora for Development (CD4D) project. Through temporary assignments, professional diaspora members were linked to the selected institutions in Iraq to share knowledge and expertise. Through this project, IOM also enabled diaspora entrepreneurs to start or expand a business in Iraq. Selected candidates could participate in go-and-see missions in Iraq to scan the business climate to decide if their business idea is viable.</p>
Germany-Iraqi Management Training Academy (AGI)	Iraq	2005-Ongoing	<p>The AGI is a German consultancy company. Since 2005, hundreds of Iraqi scientists, medical doctors and company leaders gained expertise through qualification programmes arranged by AGI. AGI builds a human bridge between Germany and Iraq that brings knowledge, understanding and development from both sides</p>
Solidarity and Productive Remittances Programme 2010	Honduras	2010-2017	<p>The Programme, launched in 2010 and resumed in 2015 until end of 2017 was an initiative supported by the United Nations Development Programme to support 17 community development projects. These projects included diaspora cash donations to</p>



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			schools and community centres in the cities of Comayagua, La Paz e Intibucá that were matched by the government.
HONDUFUTURO Labor Intermediation Program	Honduras		The objective is to be the bridge between beneficiaries and companies and governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as to provide our beneficiaries with the tools that will enable them to find the best job options in the country. The PIL seeks to support beneficiaries in their individual labor transition strategy that involves returning to the country after completing their graduate studies. The Credit-Scholarship Program also offers financing of up to \$50,000 over two years and a scholarship of up to 50% to students pursuing graduate studies abroad.
Programme Becas 20/20 2017	Honduras	2017	It encourages Honduran students to continue their studies abroad under the condition of returning to the country. In 2021 the programme was only supporting health students as a response to the COVID 19 pandemic.
The Centros de Atención al Migrante Retornado (CAMR) 2000	Honduras	2000-Ongoing	The Centros de Atención al Migrante Retornado (CAMR) is an entity operating on the basis from an agreement between the Scalabrinian Sisters Association/Catholic Church, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Secretariat of Foreign Relations and International Cooperation of Honduras. Their main goal is to provide immediate assistance (food, lodging, transportation, and health) to returned migrants from the United States and also to promote their full reintegration through technical training and relocation on new jobs. In 2019, more than 60,000 Hondurans have benefited from this initiative, 14,000 of them were minors.
Know India Programme (KIP)	India	2004-Ongoing	KIP is a programme run by the Ministry of External Affairs. It consists of a three-week orientation programme for diaspora youth conducted with a view to promote awareness on different facets of life in India and the progress made by the country in various fields e.g. economic, industrial, education.
Trip to Truong Sa (Spratly) archipelago	Vietnam	2008-Ongoing	Brings Vietnamese diaspora to the archipelago in the East Sea, which is also the nation's sacred territory. In 2019, the eighth such trip, saw 50 diaspora members from 19 countries. The visitors attended commemorations events of martyrs and also donated gifts of essential food, equipment and cash to the soldiers and people in Truong Sa. Implemented by SCOV, it saw the publication of 5,000 calendars with images of Truong Sa. The annual project has received support from diaspora across five continents, and the proceeds from the sale of calendars are usually donated to purchase equipment for the islands and 32 scholarships for the children of naval soldiers.



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Temporary Return of Health Workers and Academics, IOM/ Government of Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	2009	In 2007/2008, the Government of Zimbabwe in collaboration with IOM implemented a programme that facilitated the temporary return of qualified professionals who returned on a short-term basis to offer their expertise at the University Teaching Hospital and other tertiary training and learning institutions.
Migrant Support Measures from an Employment and Skills Perspective (MISMES)	Jordan	2017-Ongoing	The interventions supported by the Ministry of Labor include supporting and regulating the emigration of Jordanians abroad by providing an online portal that allows Jordanians to search for employment opportunities in Jordan and abroad. In addition, due to rising unemployment rates, the Ministry promotes emigration by tracking job opportunities in Gulf countries and supervising the activities of private recruitment agencies. There are 73 private recruitment agencies currently supporting potential emigrants in finding employment abroad. Moreover, MISMES verifies emigrants' level of education and work experience by approving the diplomas and certificates received from all public and private training and educational institutions, as well as from official employers in specific sectors.
Qazaq House	Kazakhstan		Launched by the Otandastar Foundation, this Kazakh cultural project consists of two branches: "Abay" Cultural Center and "Atameken" Business House. The Qazaq House organises several events (e.g. training courses and competitions in Kazakh language and Kazakh literature, culture and history; educational camps for children of ethnic Kazakhs; celebration of the Kazakhstan's state and national holidays).
Diaspora skills exchange	Burkina Faso	2021	Stars Group Consulting, a private consulting firm, has, since 2021, organised workshops that bring senior professionals from Burkina Faso to Paris for specialised skills exchange sessions with diaspora experts. This initiative has focused on fields such as public accounting, allowing Burkinabé professionals to learn directly from their compatriots abroad. Diaspora organisations were engaged to identify diaspora talent.
Diaspora Tackles Youth Unemployment	Burundi	2023	Through its vocational education and mentorship programme, IOM connected young participants with members of the diaspora through an online platform, via which diaspora mentors offered advice, feedback, guidance, and opportunities to over 200 young people. Some diaspora mentors also physically travelled to Burundi to support their mentees.
Vocational and Technical Training Programme for	Cambodia	2024	The programme aims to enhance skills in 10 priority sectors for youth from poor and vulnerable families, as well as those vulnerable to unemployment and poverty,



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Youth from Poor and Vulnerable Families 2024			including returned migrant workers. This programme is a part of Cambodia's Strategic Plan for Employment Development, Social Security and Vocational Training 2024-2028.
Training courses for the diaspora of Hondurans in Spain and the United States	Honduras	2024	The courses 'Cuidado del adulto mayor y niñez en el hogar' and 'Curso universitario de informática para hondureños globales' were launched by the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support the Honduran diaspora living in Spain and the United States.
Diaspora technical training	Dominican Republic	2023-Ongoing	Launch of the diaspora technical training initiative by INFOTEP and INDEX (July 2023). Dominican authorities expanded free virtual courses for diaspora members worldwide. The Dominican government launched programmes to build diaspora capacity. In August 2022, INDEX and the National Institute of Technical Training (INFOTEP) rolled out a "Programa de Capacitación Técnica" for the Dominican diaspora, initially spanning 12 countries in the Americas and the Caribbean. By July 2023, this programme was expanded to Europe: a total of 42 free technical courses and diplomas became available online to Dominicans abroad, regardless of location.
Lleva un Libro en la Maleta	Dominican Republic		This project, led by Dominican-Spanish educator Virginia Read, encourages diaspora travellers to carry children's books to the Dominican Republic and donate them to rural libraries and schools.
Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) FINNSOM Health and Education Project	Somalia	2023-2025	Building on the success of MIDA programme implementation since 2008, the IOM has launched Phase 3 of the MIDA FINNSOM project, covering the period between 2023 and 2025, to harness the expertise and knowledge of the Somali diaspora to enhance the capacity of Somalia's health and education systems. Under this phase, 40 highly qualified Somali diaspora experts will be assigned to the short-term assignments to mentor and train at least 40 local Somali professionals and 40 recent graduates. This phase of the MIDA FINNSOM project is funded by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Human Services and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education of the Federal Government of Somalia.
Invest4Good 2024	Malaysia	2024	Through the MyHeart initiative, TalentCorp partners with Social Value Malaysia (SVM) to implement the Invest4Good project, aiming to tackle gaps in STEM education for school pupils in Lahad Datu, Sabah from August 2024 onwards. It plans to equip 60 school teachers with the skills to train more than 120 primary and secondary school students in fundamental Robotics and AI, which will be integrated into their classrooms.