



Leave No One Behind – SDGs, migration and refugees in the COVID-19 response

Wednesday, 10 March 2021, 12:15-14:15 (CET)

Virtual event – [REGISTER HERE](#)

BACKGROUND

The Issue Based Coalition for Large Movements of People, Displacement and Resilience (IBC LMPDR), bringing together 14 UN entities, namely FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDP, UN Habitat, UNHCR, UN Women, UNEP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, WFP and WHO, together with the support of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), will showcase positive practices, lesson learned and results of monitoring reports regarding efforts to ensure a resilient response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic that is inclusive of refugees and migrants.

Initiatives include bolstering frontline testing and healthcare to vulnerable groups; improving access to essential services for marginalised groups; and mitigating the socio-economic impact of the pandemic to help build sustainable livelihoods. Throughout, the emphasis will be on the long-term benefits of a migrant- and refugee-inclusive approach for accomplishing states' Sustainable Development Goals.

PARTICIPANTS

Faces and voices of migrants and refugees will be incorporated throughout the event to show the situation from the perspective of Leave No One Behind. Government, UN and civil society will share their knowledge to foster collaboration, partnership, and explore how the 2030 Agenda can support migrants and refugees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

AGENDA (draft)

12:15 – Opening

12:25 – Case studies from projects in the UNECE region

- Addressing COVID-19 challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans
- Support to Early Recovery and Inclusive Service Delivery for the Vulnerable Groups Heavily Affected by the COVID-19 crisis in Uzbekistan
- Faces of Migration project: Changing the dialogue on migration through the perspective of the SDGs by informing and raising the awareness of decision makers, journalists and the public across Europe
- Community mobilisation and engagement in response to COVID-19

13:25 – Moderated discussion on partnerships, inclusion and leveraging the SDGs to support migrants and refugees

14:00 – Lessons learned

14:15 – End of side-event

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