Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD)

Thematic Working Group 8 on Return and Reintegration

Terms of Reference

Short-Term Consultancy
Methodology for a longitudinal study on reintegration outcomes of returnees

1) PROJECT BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Sound return and reintegration policies can contribute to positive development outcomes for returning migrants, their communities and governments of origin, and to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This notion is firmly grounded in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Global Compact on Migration (GCM)and other international and regional frameworks which call on States to collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies on migration. Target 17.18 of the SDGs highlights the need to enhance capacities of countries, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts. To measure progress, target 17.19 points to the need to build on existing initiatives to measure progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries.

In objective 1 of the GCM, states committed to strengthen the global evidence base on international migration by improving and investing in the collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data, disaggregated by sex, age, migration status and other characteristics relevant in national contexts. States also committed to ensuring that data fosters research, guides coherent and evidence-based policymaking and well-informed public discourse, and allows for effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of commitments over time.

However, the challenges to achieving these objectives and commitments is the significant gaps in the quantity, accuracy, timeliness, reliability, comparability (over time and across countries) and accessibility of migration data, including on return and reintegration. Data on return and reintegration are often poor, difficult to access and understand, thus making it challenging for decision-makers around the world to determine evidence-based migration policies.

Understanding reintegration outcomes of returnees is indeed important to inform return and reintegration policies and programme action. However, monitoring of return and reintegration is not always systematically carried out, creating a gap in terms of data and evidence needed to inform policies. Often monitoring is typically conducted in the short term (i.e. within a period of 6 to 12 months from the return to the countries of origin). Research focusing on the outcomes of returnees in the mid to long-term is lacking.

As part of its efforts to assist countries measure reintegration sustainability, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has developed indicators- IOM Reintegration Sustainability Survey to measure individual economic, social and psychosocial reintegration[1].

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[1] IOM Reintegration Handbook - Practical guidance on the design, implementation and monitoring of reintegration assistance, 2019. Available at: https://publications.iom.int/books/reintegration-handbook-practical-guidance-design-implementation-and-monitoring-reintegration

KNOMAD, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development, is a brain trust for the global migration community that aims to generate a menu of policy choices, based on analytical evidence, evaluation of policies, data collection, and quality control through peer-review. It provides technical assistance and undertakes pilot projects in close coordination with the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and the U.N. agencies working on migration. Through its Return Migration and Reintegration thematic working group, KNOMAD aims to contribute to evidence-based policy choices including by generating data for policies to improve return and reintegration outcomes.

2) SCOPE OF THE STUDY

KNOMAD is seeking a consultant team to elaborate a methodology for a comprehensive longitudinal study on reintegration outcomes of returnees in selected regions and countries. This methodology will be made available for stakeholders interested in carrying out or funding this comprehensive study.

The methodology will be developed through:

a) **Desk review** of documents on return and reintegration, including those developed by IOM, governments, civil society and academic institutions.
b) **Field visits**. The consultant will travel to two countries[2] in two different regions to better understand return and reintegration modalities and carry out key informant interviews with IOM staff, government officials, community leaders, among others.
c) **Other key informant interviews** via telephone/skype in other countries as needed.

3) DELIVERABLES, TIMELINE AND REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The consultant will work under the supervision of the TWG chair, co-chair and focal point to deliver:

a) A final report (between 15 and 20 pages) in English, with a methodology for a longitudinal study on reintegration outcomes of returnees. The methodology will define the different types of returnees and the specific countries and communities of origin that should be analysed in order to be representative of diverse return and reintegration patterns. The methodology will also stipulate a significant sample size as well as the frequency of data collection. Furthermore, it will contain the necessary data collection mechanisms, outline the human resources necessary to carry out the study and provide an estimate timeline and budget.
b) A short policy paper in English (between 5 and 10 pages), providing an overview of the current status of play of return and reintegration monitoring and highlighting the need for the longitudinal study.
c) A webinar, to be organised in coordination with IOM, to raise awareness among interested stakeholders.
d) End of assignment report, in English (3 pages maximum)

The consultant will report to the KNOMAD Secretariat and will deliver the outputs to the Head of KNOMAD, Dr. Dilip Ratha / The World Bank , the TWG Co-chair, Nicola Graviano/IOM, and the TWG focal point Supriyo De, KNOMAD Secretariat/ The World Bank. Approval of deliverables and payments for will be made by the Head of KNOMAD, Dr. Dilip Ratha.

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[2] The countries to be analyzed will be defined in the consultant's inception report. In the choice of the countries, due consideration shall be given to possible travel restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The contract will cover work for approximately 60 working days. Payments will be made upon satisfactory completion of each task including revision or modification of methodology as appropriate and revision of the working paper based on peer reviews and other comments.

4) TASK ASSIGNMENTS

The consultant will be responsible for:
- Maintain relations with TWG Chair and co-chair
- Coordinate of all project related aspects
- Design the overall project implementation plan
- Develop the methodology for the longitudinal study
- Carry out desk review
- Write the policy paper
- Lead the webinar
- Prepare and manage fieldwork, participate in field visit and analyze collected information
  Write final assignment report

5) REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. At least 7 years of professional experience on migration issues.
2. Understanding of the current legal and normative frameworks, policies and practices related to migration, in particular return migration and reintegration, demographic analysis and population projections.
3. Knowledge of how to develop formulate and implement analytical models, qualitative and quantitative studies.
4. Ability to coordinate work in teams.
5. Good knowledge of French and English (written and spoken).
6. At least Master's Degree with a relevant specialization, Ph.D. preferable.

6) HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are requested to send their submissions to the TWG Chair and Co-chairs dratha@worldbank.org, ngraviano@iom.int, sde@worldbank.org, by June 30, 2020 11:55pm USEST.

Applications must include:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Cover letter, outlining their experience on migration related research (preferably on return and reintegration)
- An indicative workplan
- Daily/monthly rate (in US$) to undertake the terms of reference above.

Due weightage will be given to prior work or consulting experience with international organizations. Candidates with work or research experience in low- and middle-income countries would be preferred.