

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES OF MIGRANTS



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A POPULATION WITH NO SOCIAL PROTECTION

Today, an estimated 232 million people live outside their country of origin, representing 3 per cent of the world population. There are myriad reasons for migrating ranging from a lack of economic opportunity to escaping conflicts and consequences of climate change. Migrants include documented migrant workers, seasonal workers, students, seafarers, refugees, domestic workers, and workers in the informal economy and irregular situations.

Increasingly, people are moving across borders through more diverse forms of migration, including from North to South, South to South, or moving in circular, seasonal, or more complex patterns. Migrants may face multiple disadvantages in working conditions, including limited legal rights, discrimination, and social exclusion.

One of the major challenges migrants face is a lack of social protection coverage. They may not be entitled to social protection in their host countries or, when they return home, may not be eligible to claim benefits.

The ILO is mandated to extend social security to all in need of such protection. This mandate was recently reaffirmed in the Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), which reiterated the need for social protection and made a strong statement that closing coverage gaps is of the highest priority for equitable growth, social cohesion, and decent work for all.

SOCIAL PROTECTION IS A HUMAN RIGHT FOR ALL

An international legal framework composed of ILO Conventions and Recommendations helps safeguard the rights of migrants to social protection:

- Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102);
- Migration for Employment Convention, 1949 (No. 97);



- Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118);
- Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143);
- Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157) and Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167); and
- Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202).

MOLDOVAN MIGRANT WORKERS RECEIVE PENSIONS AT HOME

Veaceslav Bicbaev is a Moldovan 65 year-old pensioner who worked in the Czech Republic for a number of years.

I am now retired in Moldova. First, I enquired if I could receive my pension from the Czech Republic. But things seemed not so easy, so I abandoned that idea. One day, a colleague told me that Moldova signed an agreement with the Czech Republic in the field of social security. I prepared the necessary documents and now I receive my pension from the Czech Republic. It is a significant amount of money for me, as my pension here is not sufficient.



The ILO with financial support from the EU (2011-2014) and previously from Romania (2009-2011), supported a major information campaign and enhanced the capacity of the Moldovan Government in negotiating and implementing bilateral social security agreements with a number of destination countries.

FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO and its UN partners have extensive experience working as One to help countries extend social protection to migrants. With your support, we can ensure that more women, men, and children across the world are adequately protected.

You can support us to:

- Build capacities to negotiate and implement bilateral social security agreements between sending and destination countries.

US\$ 200,000 per year

- Facilitate South-South cooperation and exchanges between countries that have faced similar challenges in extending social protection to migrants.

US\$ 100,000 per year

- Set up and strengthen policies and programmes to build resilience of populations at risk of natural disasters, to improve livelihoods and prevent migrations of necessity.

US\$ 300,000 per year

- Support legal reforms to extend social protection for migrants and ratification of ILO Conventions.

US\$ 200,000 per year

- Develop a practical multilingual how-to guide in partnership with on-going initiatives in countries.

US\$ 150,000 per year

- Support the practical application of ILO Conventions to improve pre-departure and arrival services and tools for migrants including information campaigns.

US\$ 200,000 per year

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