

Centres for Migration and Development

Working together to shape migration for the benefit of all

Background

There are more than 281 million people across the world who are living in a different country to the one in which they were born. Most of them (some 169 million) leave their country to secure a livelihood elsewhere (IOM, World Migration Report 2022). These migration flows are linked with major development potential for the countries of origin and destination countries, as well as for the migrants themselves. Safe, orderly, and regular migration can help realise these potentials and therefore make a valuable contribution to sustainable development.

Supporting people throughout the migration cycle

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH implements the Centres for Migration and Development (ZME) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to support people throughout the entire migration cycle. This includes supporting regular migration for work and education, regional migration, and socioeconomic reintegration.

The implementation of the Centres for Migration and Development has initially started in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, Ghana, and Nigeria. In these countries, GIZ has already operated Centres for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration on behalf of the BMZ. The centres have been further developed and expanded to become Centres for Migration and Development with a focus on regular migration for work and educational purposes. A new Centre for Migration and Development has been opened in Jordan in 2023, another centre will soon be established in Indonesia.

Other centres that are already in operation in Albania, The Gambia, Kosovo, Senegal, and Serbia will be integrated into the partner structures after a transition period.

Enabling conscious migration decisions

The Centres for Migration and Development serve as advisory centres for people who want to migrate regularly to Germany, Europe or within their region to work or take part in professional development. The advice they receive is intended to enable them to make informed and conscious decisions about migration.

The centres will conversely continue to advise people who have returned from Germany, Europe, or other countries, and who need local support with social and economic reintegration. The advisory centres will place a particular emphasis on assisting women.



The opening of an advisory centre in Accra, Ghana that has been expanded to become a full Centre for Migration and Development.

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With concrete measures to new perspectives

In addition to general advice, these centres direct people interested in migration to specific activities that prepare them for regular migration relating to work and professional development. These activities differ in each of the respective countries to take the varying requirements and local conditions into account.

The courses and other measures cover areas such as:

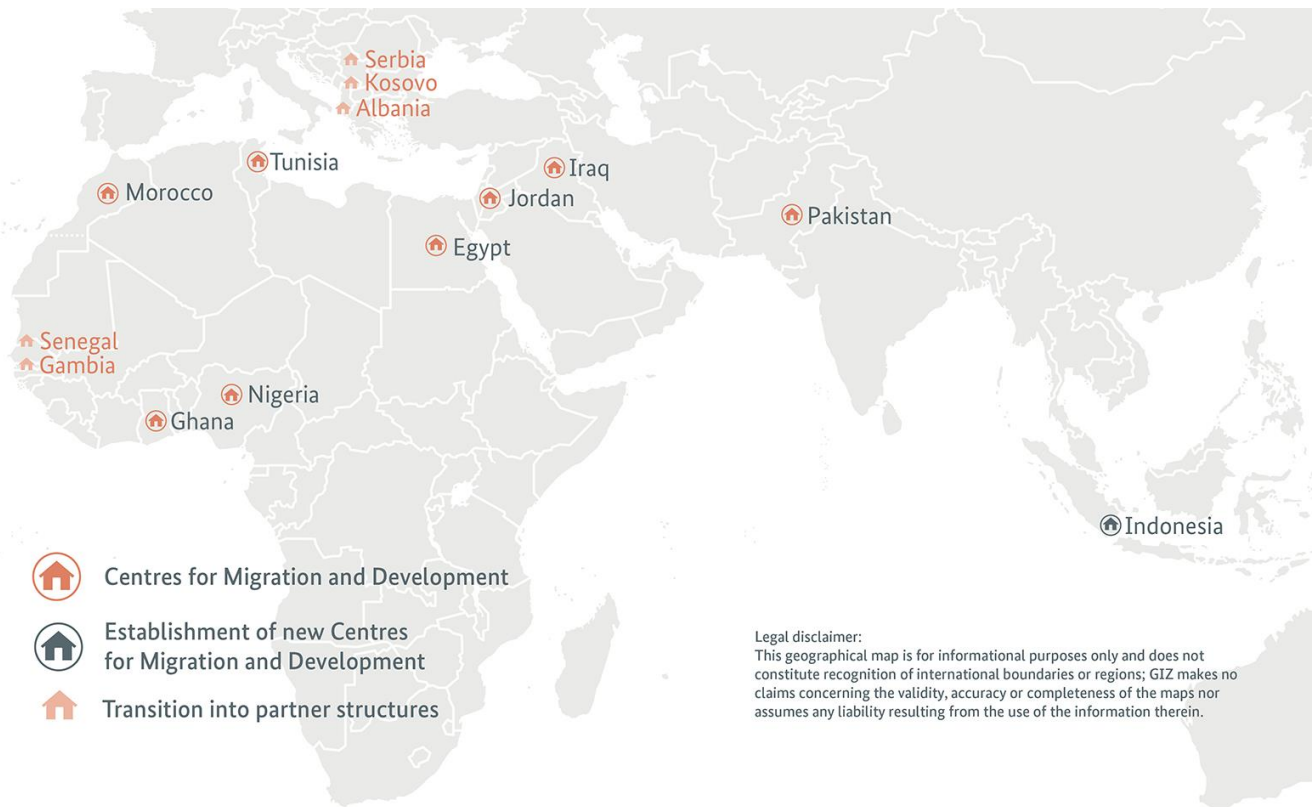
- vocational training or qualification to enable people to benefit from the existing opportunities for regular migration to Germany, Europe or within their region;
- pre-integration, for instance via language courses provided by third party organisations;
- support for returnees with finding a job or starting a business;
- psychosocial support.

Empowering partners, realising potentials

The centres play an important role in promoting partnerships among state and civil protagonists in the countries: establishing the centres will strengthen partner

structures at a local level (with the Ministries of Employment, for example) and enhance civil society. This will support the partners in governing migration in an independent and development-oriented manner.

Given that the centres bring different partners together – both private businesses and multilateral organisations or the European Union (EU) in addition to organisations from civil society – they will also contribute to improved linkage to existing services and initiatives. This will enable the potentials created by migration to be strategically exploited in favour of the migrants, the countries of origin and the destination countries.



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