

# Migration

## *Maximising the value of migration to development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: promoting social inclusion and integration of migrants*

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# *Migration & the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*



- **Reach:** 187 National Societies
- **Experience:** long history of providing assistance to migrants
- **Humanitarian focus:** work is guided by the seven Fundamental Principles

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# Migration & the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



IFRC objective: *based on the principles of humanity and impartiality and in consultation with public authorities, providing humanitarian assistance to vulnerable migrants irrespective of their legal status.*

### Migration activities:

- Humanitarian assistance
- Protection
- Humanitarian Diplomacy and Advocacy
- Integration and Reintegration
- Health & Social Services

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## *Framework for IFRC's work on Migration*

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- **The “Together for Humanity” Declaration (2007):** 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the RCRC reaffirmed the role of National Societies in providing humanitarian assistance to vulnerable migrants.
- **IFRC Policy on Migration (2009):** guides National Societies in their direct assistance to migrants and improves the consistency of IFRC's response and cooperation with other actors.

## ***Framework for IFRC's work on Migration***

***“Migration: Ensuring Access, Dignity, Respect for Diversity and Social Inclusion” Resolution*** (2011): 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference of RCRC confirms the focus of future IFRC migration activities to be:

1. Access to all migrants
2. Better border procedures
3. Fighting xenophobia through social inclusion
4. Enhanced global partnerships

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# Features of IFRC's focus on social inclusion



- **Fight against xenophobia:** practical actions to promote diversity and non-violence
- **Migrant-centred approach:** focus on the needs and aspirations of migrants in all humanitarian programming
- **Coordination:** National Societies working together to assist migrants along the migratory trail
- **Advocacy:** using international and regional platforms to promote the importance of social inclusion

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# Examples of Red Cross Red Crescent National Society initiatives



*Don't Judge a Book by its Cover* – Armenia: focus on awareness raising to challenge public perceptions about migrants.



*Harmony Awards* – Australia: competition with projects aiming at promoting tolerance.



*First Contact Programme* – Canada: information for migrants on housing, employment, legal aid and social assistance.

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*Comic books* - Democratic Republic of the Congo & Belgium: using comic books to highlight the realities of migration to Europe



*Campaign "Act! Reject discrimination and celebrate diversity"* – Ecuador: promotion of a culture of non-violence and respect for diversity



*Positive Images Campaign* – EU: operates in 14 EU countries and aims to reach 3,000,000 young people between 2009-2012.



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**Yes Project – Finland:** focuses on a 4-step programme for better integration and increased employment in rural areas for migrants.



**1001 Strengths – Netherlands:** facilitates social interaction between elderly Dutch individuals and migrant women to promote intercultural dialogue.



**Ubuntu initiative - Southern Africa:** focus is on trying to improve social inclusion of vulnerable migrants in their host communities

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