



Migration, return and development: DEVCO reintegration interventions

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The EU Agenda on Migration

Reducing incentives for irregular migration

[smuggling & trafficking; return & reintegration; partnerships]

Asylum policy

[RDPPs, international protection]

Crisis Response &
Recognition of Root
Causes

Saving lives and securing borders

[Migrant support, border management]

Legal migration

[incl. cheaper, faster and safer remittances transfers, maximise development benefits for countries of origin]

Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration



Sustainable reintegration

Definition IOM:

Reintegration is the re-inclusion or re-incorporation of a person into a group or a process, e.g. of a migrant into the society of his or her country of origin or habitual residence. Reintegration can be considered **sustainable** when returnees have reached levels of economic self-sufficiency, social stability within their communities, and psychosocial well-being that allow them to cope with (re)migration drivers. Having achieved sustainable reintegration, returnees are able to make further migration decisions a matter of choice, rather than necessity.





According to the situation of each migrant, different types of return and reintegration apply

- Forced and voluntary return for migrants without right to stay in destination countries
- Voluntary return for vulnerable/stranded migrants from transit countries
- Skilled labour and students returning under mobility/ labour migration programmes
- Post-conflict repatriation of IDPs and refugees





Why is sustainable reintegration important?

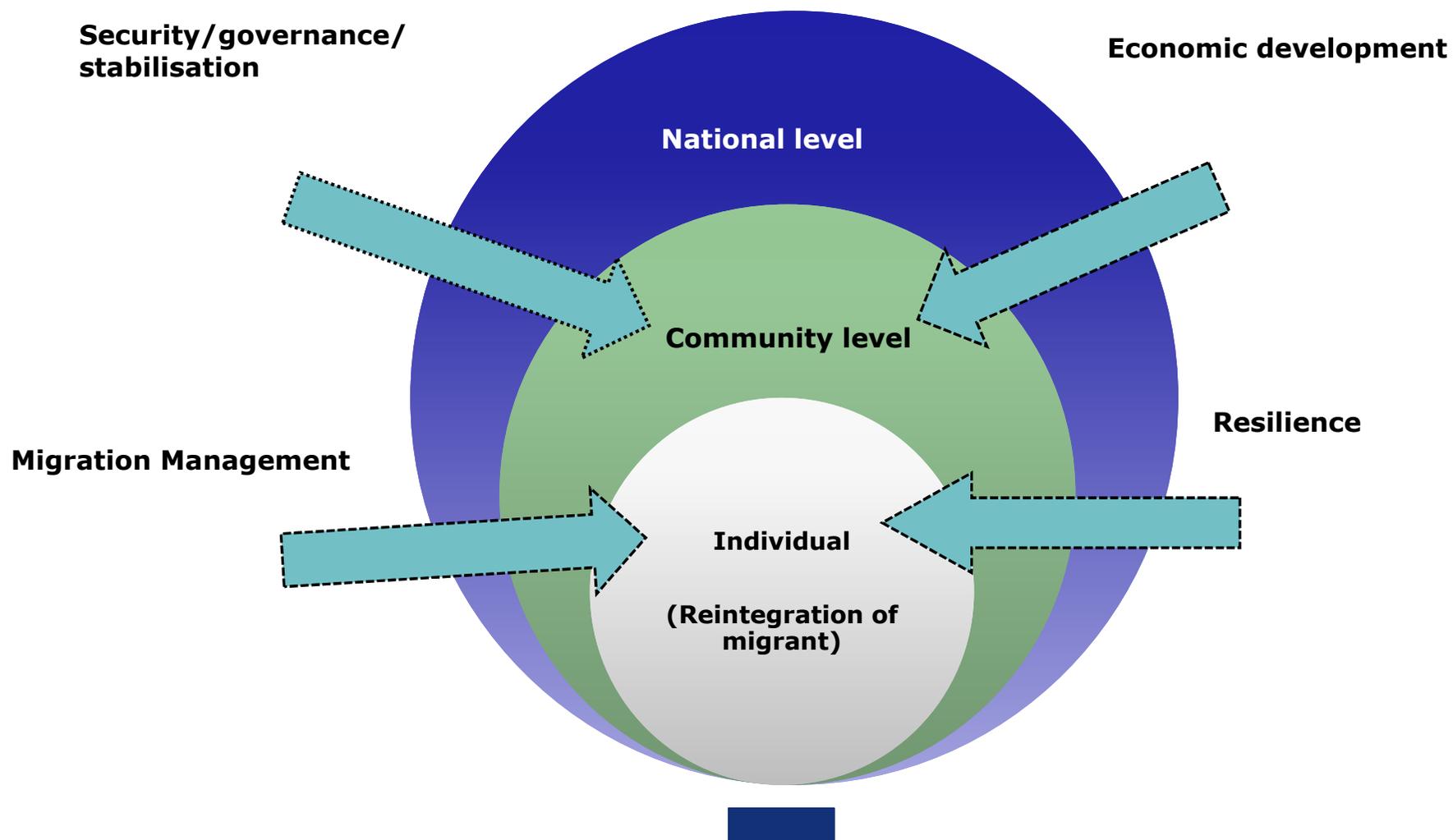
- Improve the situation of returnees in their country of origin
- Further develop and make use of competences and resources gained abroad
- Help communities to integrate returnees and prevent destabilisation
- Prevent stigmatisation of returnees
- Increase capacity of partner governments to deal with return and reintegration process
- Open direct dialogue between migration authorities of third-countries and EU MS on migratory issues





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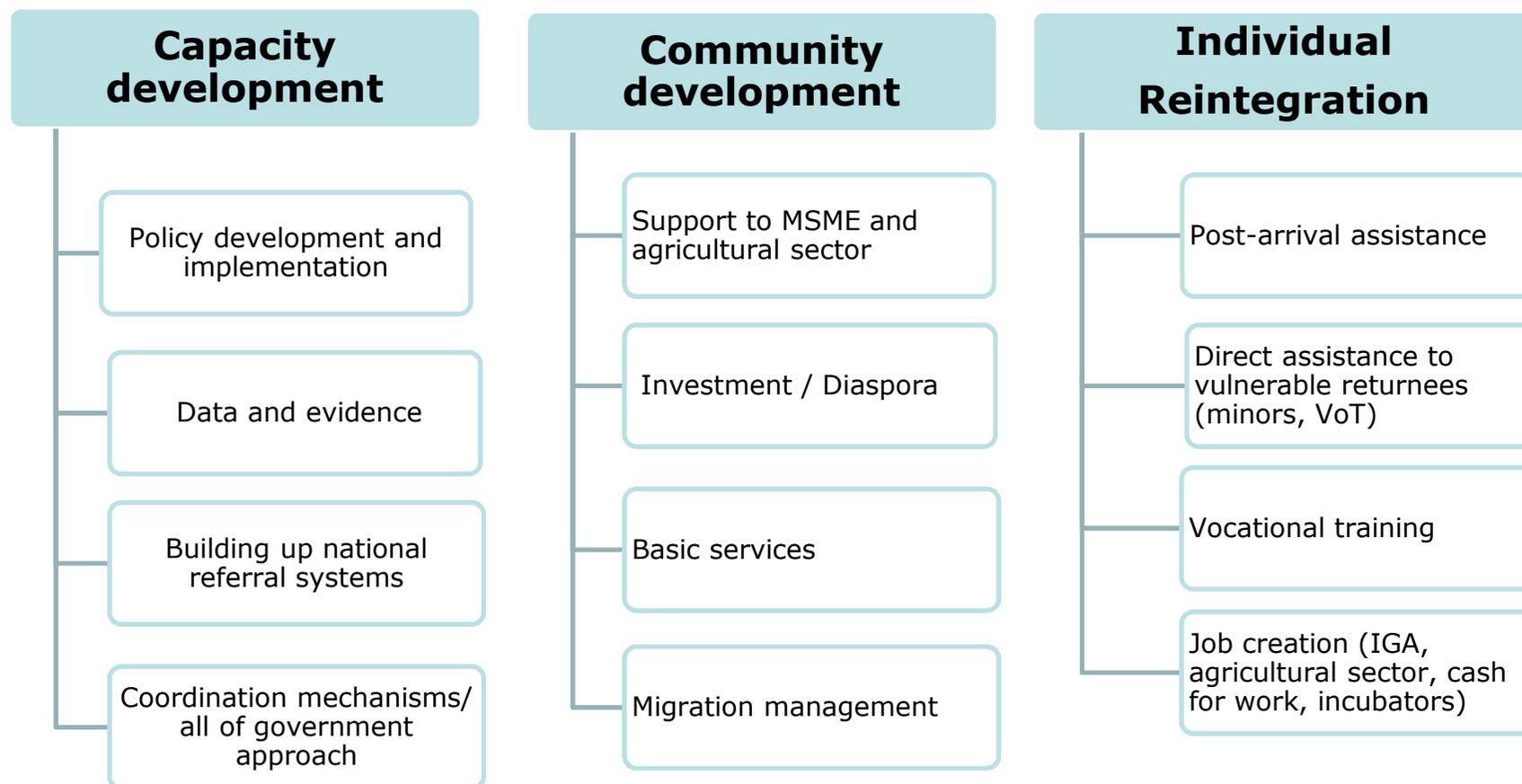
3 Dimensions in promoting a comprehensive approach on reintegration of returning vulnerable migrants





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A possible approach on reintegration





Examples of DEVCO interventions

- IOM Pilot Action on Assisted Voluntary Return and Sustainable Community-Based Reintegration
- EU IOM Joint Initiative
- Reintegration support to Ethiopian returnees
- Reintegration assistance to Afghanistan
- Reintegration assistance to Bangladesh





PILOT ACTION ON VOLUNTARY RETURN AND SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY-BASED REINTEGRATION

Indicative budget: €15 million

Coverage: South Africa, Mozambique, Malawi (Zambia partly for capacity building if confirmed)

Project started 1 March 2017

Establishment of a Knowledge Management Hub and demand-driven research



EU IOM JOINT INITIATIVE FOR MIGRANT PROTECTION AND REINTEGRATION IN AFRICA

Indicative budget: €350 from the EUTF

Coverage: **26** countries in the **Sahel** and **Lake Chad, North Africa** and the **Horn of Africa**

Main activities:

- Enhancing protection and assistance for vulnerable and stranded migrants along migration routes;
- Providing voluntary return and reintegration assistance including economic, social, psycho-social and legal support;
- Migrants and community awareness-raising
- Strengthen migration data and communication on migratory flows, routes and trends;
- Capacity building for state and non-state actors to develop and strengthen return and reintegration policies and processes



SUSTAINABLE REINTEGRATION SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIAN RETURNEES

Budget: € 15,15 million

Coverage: Ethiopian citizens returning from Europe

Main activities:

- Post arrival assistance to returnees
- Social reintegration activities, creation of economic and employment opportunities in the areas and communities of return
- Development of reintegration Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) and databases to have the same standards/information around the country
- Increase the capacities of the Ethiopian Agency for Refugees and Returnees and relevant stakeholders to implement their mandate on reintegration.





IMPROVING REINTEGRATION OF RETURNEES IN AFGHANISTAN

Budget: € 158 million, in addition to development cooperation and implemented through several programmes

Coverage: individuals and communities in areas of high return and high presence of internally displaced persons

Main activities:

- TVET, job creation and access to markets, community-based development projects, provision of basic services
- Post-arrival assistance to returnees from EU and the region
- Capacity building and technical assistance to national authorities in developing and implementing comprehensive migration policies and management systems
- Support the implementation of regional frameworks and policies for durable solutions (Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan) ¹²





IMPROVING REINTEGRATION OF RETURNEES IN BANGLADESH

Budget: € 18,9 million, in addition to development cooperation

Coverage: communities in areas of high return and out-migration

Main activities:

- TVET, skills development, job creation and access to job markets for economic integration
- Awareness raising and information, financial literacy, social integration and psychosocial counselling
- Post-arrival assistance mainly to returnees from EU (under Standard Operating Procedures) and from transit countries
- Capacity building and technical assistance to national authorities in developing and implementing comprehensive migration policies and management systems



Further work

- Referral systems
- Coordination with EU and Member State programmes
- Reintegration as development assistance





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Thank you!