

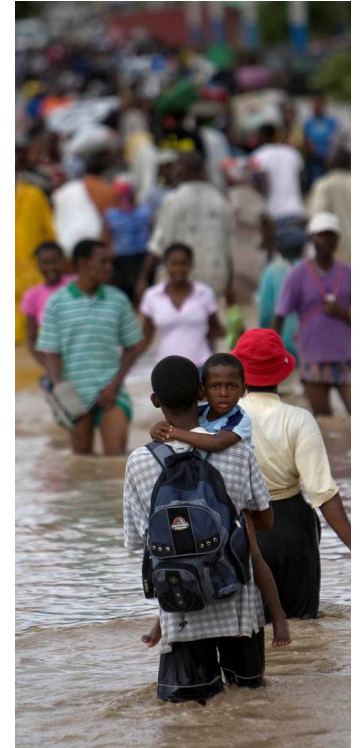
Reducing the Vulnerability of Migrants in Emergencies

Migrants often experience special and specific vulnerabilities during emergencies in their host country. This project aims to develop institutional capacity and establish collaboration between relevant agencies to assist migrants in emergency situations. It also aims to integrate the migrants themselves in the response mechanism to enhance migrants' capacity to manage their risk and contribute to their host community in time of crises. This project is a pilot project implemented in two home and two host countries, including Guatemala, Myanmar, Mexico and Thailand, to explore the role of origin and receiving countries in reducing the vulnerability of migrants. to potential crisis situations.

Project Objective: To reduce migrant-specific vulnerabilities to emergencies in their country of destination through improved capacities and coordination of authorities in home and host countries.

Activities in Thailand

- Desk study on migrant vulnerability and risk in emergency situation and multi-stakeholder workshop to take stock of existing mechanisms.
- Institutional capacity building trainings, including training of trainers to conduct trainings in 4 municipal/sub-municipal local contingency plans and operating procedures for assistance to migrants.
- Enhance collaboration in crises among relevant national institutions and consular services including developing SOPs for collaboration.
- Enhance preparedness and access to response for migrants at risk and the host community through an awareness raising campaign community based events and emergency drills.



Haitians wade through the flooded streets after Tropical storm Hanna passed leaving the entire region severely flooded. © IOM/Logan Abassi 2008



Hundreds of migrants and Thai residents were stranded in the buildings around Si Moom Muang with water up to 2 meters © JRS Thailand 2011

Key Facts

Project duration: Jun 2015 – Nov 2016

Countries covered: Guatemala, Myanmar, Mexico and Thailand

Project Partners: Government of Thailand (Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, MOI); home countries' consular services; CSOs; NGOs and migrant communities

Target Beneficiaries: Migrants, Government officials responsible for crisis management, consular staff, foreign service officers, migrants organizations.



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