

iDIASPORA

NEWSLETTER

For diaspora leaders, organizations and supporters

WELCOME

Diasporas bring invaluable economic, cultural, human, and social capital to societies. Governments, organizations and partners worldwide have recognized their potential as development actors in multiple initiatives. This newsletter seeks to highlight key diaspora stories, successes, resources and relevant activities to both diasporas themselves and their supporters. If you would like to submit to the newsletter, or have any questions, please email idiaspورا@iom.int.

FEATURED STORY

In this sixth edition of the newsletter, you will discover that iDiaspora, representing IOM, has been selected to participate in the inaugural [UN Pulse Accelerator cohort](#). This distinctive program aims to scale innovative solutions from pilot stages to broader implementation, driving transformative change across the UN System.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

In this newsletter edition, we are introducing Danaker - a pioneering non-profit in Europe, solely focused on empowering Kyrgyzstani women in Poland, led by migrant youth. By providing resources, guidance, and support, Danaker enables women to reach their full potential and make meaningful impacts in their communities.

GLOBAL NEWS AND RESOURCES

In March, IOM hosted a workshop titled "Powerful Partnerships: Unlocking the Potential of Diaspora Engagement" for Georgia officials from both the executive and legislative branches, emphasizing collaboration through initiatives like the Global Diaspora Policy Alliance. Meanwhile, in the Philippines, IOM partners with MFIs and diaspora guarantee funds to bolster self-reliance and resilience for families. In Somalia, IOM collaborates with youth organizations to enhance early warning systems and community awareness of natural disasters.

The newsletter also includes updates, events, and resources from diaspora organizations and global supporters, along with highlights of diaspora involvement in the 14th GFMD.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Global Virtual Diaspora Exchanges are back! This year, our focus is on "Powerful Transnational Partnerships". Find more information [here](#) and [register](#) for the first session on "Public Sector Synergies".

Join IOM in two sessions of Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) 2024, from 7-8 May. [Register here](#) and learn about diaspora engagement in humanitarian sector.



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FEATURED STORY

IDIASPORA: INNOVATIVE AND SCALABLE SOLUTION

We are thrilled to announce that iDiaspora, representing IOM, has been selected to participate in the inaugural UN Pulse Accelerator cohort. This distinctive program aims to scale innovative solutions from pilot stages to broader implementation, driving transformative change across the UN System.

From a pool of 70 global applicants, iDiaspora emerged as a standout among diverse teams from 18 UN entities. Chosen alongside six other impactful projects, iDiaspora participated in a series of intensive Scale Strategy Development Workshops.

With a community of over 2,200 members, iDiaspora has been recognized as an SDG Good Practice and highlighted in the Dublin Declaration as a crucial element for maximizing diaspora engagement globally.

As iDiaspora continues to expand, our mission remains resolute: to empower passionate diaspora members in community development, catalyzing sustainable change and fostering meaningful partnerships for mobility pathways.



UN Pulse Accelerator

GLOBAL UPDATES

Powerful Partnerships: Unlocking the Potential of Diaspora Engagement

On 12-13 March, IOM Georgia organized a two-day workshop on “Powerful Partnerships: Unlocking the Potential of Diaspora Engagement”. The workshop was attended by 29 participants from line ministries, youth agency, industry association, among others. There was a predominant representation of women in the discussion, with more than 80% women participants across the two days.

Several key outcomes were achieved through this workshop, including increased awareness of the significance of diaspora engagement, enhanced capacity among attendees, strengthened partnerships, and valuable knowledge sharing of best practices from Georgia. Importantly, the workshop highlighted the commitment of stakeholders to collaborate through initiatives such as the Global Diaspora Policy Alliance.

This workshop was organized under IOM’s “Harnessing Inclusive Global Alliances for Diaspora Engagement” project, supported by resources from IOM Development Fund. The official press release can be access [here](#).



Source: IOM 2024/ IOM Georgia



NEWS



Leveraging Diaspora Economic Capital for Development

Diasporas play a vital role in economic development, prompting IOM, with Mexico's sponsorship, to organize a session at the 14th GFMD. IFAD, UNDP, GRFDT, and the UN Network on Migration shared insights on leveraging diaspora economic capital. IFAD highlighted GFRID outcomes, focusing on an enabling environment for remittances and investment, data improvement, and scaling up programs. GRFDT underscored considering diaspora beyond economic contributions, advocating for a holistic engagement approach. These inputs, alongside member states' interventions, aim to inform government guidelines on leveraging diaspora economic contributions. IOM presented an initial framework emphasizing diaspora analysis, mapping, partnerships, and sustainable interventions. These will be integrated with global case studies into finalized guidelines by late 2024. More information [here](#).



IDF Microfinance Project in the Philippines

IOM's scaling up of the Bahay Matibay (Resilient Shelter) loan project in partnership with Lifebank Microfinance Foundation is gaining significant momentum. The repair and retrofit of beneficiaries' shelters are in accordance with Build Back Safer standards. The consistent loan repayments is a testimony that self-reliance, building back better and safer shelters by the marginalized women-led households is very possible with the support of MFIs and diaspora guarantee funds. This scheme not only builds the physical structure of a house, but more so, a self-reliant and resilient home and family.



Diaspora Sub-Grants in Somalia under the Framework for Diaspora Engagement in Humanitarian Assistance

The two sub-grantees awarded under the project "Enhancing Diasporas' Operations and Coordination in Humanitarian Assistance for increased impact within a Framework for Diaspora Engagement in Humanitarian Assistance – Phase III," are wrapping up their project activities in Somalia. The Addis Clinic and Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (Yilaa) showcased remarkable efforts in addressing the clinical healthcare needs of IDPs, reaching over 569 women and children, and in strengthening early warning systems mechanisms increasing community awareness and preparedness for droughts and floods in various regions of the country.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

In 2023, Danaker emerged as a pioneering non-profit in Europe, solely focused on empowering Kyrgyzstani women in Poland, led by migrant youth. Their holistic approach integrates empowerment, cultural preservation, and socio-economic advancement. Danaker aims to foster integration and personal development, creating inclusive communities where every woman can thrive and contribute positively in Poland and Kyrgyzstan.

By providing resources, guidance, and support, Danaker enables women to reach their full potential and make meaningful impacts in their communities. In March 9th, 2023, Danaker, in collaboration with the Migration and Human Trafficking Council under the Kyrgyz Republic Parliament Speaker, hosted the "First European Forum of Women from Kyrgyz Republic," focusing on enhancing opportunities for Kyrgyz migrant women in Europe.

Through strategic partnerships with the Kyrgyz Parliament, EU institutions, and international organizations, Danaker strengthens its capacity to support Kyrgyz migrant women's integration into European societies through collaboration at local and international levels.



Danaker Association



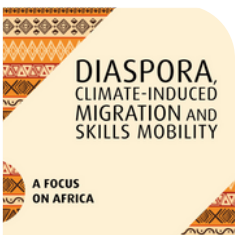
RESOURCES AND EVENTS



The study, conducted between December 2021 and August 2022, employs quantitative and qualitative methods to explore the institutionalization of the Kazakh community in Russia. It comprises surveys of both Kazakh citizens and experts in various fields. [Read more.](#)



Discover the power of diaspora communities on The Migration Oxford Podcast! From global summits to local initiatives, explore their unique role in development and humanitarian efforts. Listen [here.](#)



IOM and AfDB produce joint report on African migration, emphasizing diaspora engagement, climate resilience, skills mobility; offers policy recommendations for development. [Read more.](#)



This blog post explores Adam Grant's 'Hidden Potential,' drawing parallels to migrant and diaspora populations' untapped potential in character, motivation, and opportunities. [Read more.](#)



Emigration from Paraguay has been consistent since its early history. This study, the first of its kind in the country, examines migration challenges and institutional structures for future interventions. Report available in Spanish [here.](#)



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Join IOM Washington's Diaspora Engagement Unit for two sessions at this year's HNPW in Geneva: 7 May: an in-person crisis response simulation; 8 May: hybrid event on strengthening mapping capacities and coordination of humanitarian actors with diaspora organizations. [Register here.](#)



A [new explainer video](#) is now available on the Framework for Diaspora Engagement in Humanitarian Assistance! Watch today to learn more about this guide to strengthening humanitarian assistance efforts before, during and after crises.



The Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) [Guidelines](#) establish a series of non-binding principles, guidelines, and practices to better protect migrants lives during crisis. Diaspora is referenced across all three MICIC Guidelines overarching areas: crisis preparedness, emergency response, and post-crisis action.



Are you part of the Bangladeshi, Ghanaian, Jamaican, or Moldovan diaspora in the UK? Are you passionate about climate action? We are looking for up to 20 people to become [Diaspora Climate Champions](#) and [inspire change](#) within their communities.

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