

South American Human Development Plan for Migration

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The South American Plan for the Human Development of Migration (PSDHM for its Spanish acronym), approved at the X The South American Conference on Migration (SACM) held in the Plurinational State of Bolivia in 2010 was established with the objective to collect the principles and rights that have been agreed upon in the development of the different Conferences since the creation of SACM. The Plan proposes the strategic guidelines that arise from these

principles and rights; and proposes action programs in accordance with the strategic guidelines. The preparation of the PSDHM was accompanied by an in-depth process of reflection among the Member Countries of the SACM, where many issues that continue to be relevant to this day were addressed. These include, for example, the importance of disseminating and positioning the objectives and principles of the SACM in other regional, international and



multilateral spaces, as well as addressing the concerns of Member Countries in the fight against human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

Taking into consideration that ten years have passed since the elaboration of the PSDHM, and that the region is facing new challenges that arise from the migratory context of the recent years, the Member Countries have promoted during the XX CSM a dialogue on the updating of these principles and the elaboration of a renewed plan within the framework of a joint regional agenda on migration. The process of updating the PSDHM has been directly accompanied by the work of IOM's Technical Secretariat and Regional Office for South America through the project "Development of a Regional Plan to Address Migration in South America", with support from the IOM Development Fund. Its objective is to strengthen regional cooperation and articulation between key actors in migration management for safe, orderly and regular migration in South America. This plan will have a cross-cutting focus on gender and human rights and will include Core Themes such as: Environmental Sustainability and Global Crisis Response for displacement.

As of now, a preliminary diagnosis of the trends and main actions carried out in the migration governance practices and an initial identification of thematic priorities and objectives of the States in view of the updating of the PSDHM, has been presented and approved by the member states. This diagnosis has been based on the work of the following consultancies carried out in the context of the project:



Diagnosis based on data-related indicators collected through an analysis of the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) in the region

A study was conducted with the objective of characterizing migration governance structures in the South American region, using information contained in reports from nine countries that have government-validated data published between 2018 and 2022. Gaps in specific indicators were identified and recommendations were presented to improve migration governance in the

region to support the update of the Strategic Plan for the Development of Human Migration (PSDHM).



Analysis of the characteristics of migration in the region from an Intersectional Gender Perspective

The objective of this consultancy is to carry out a study that allows the provision of a systematic, up-to-date information analysis based on migration regulations and other public policies related to gender or diversity that involve some type of intersectional approach of the member countries of the Conference. With the intention of articulating voices in order to gather demands, needs and specific proposals, information is collected through interviews with members of civil society organizations that are represented by women and migrant sex/diversities as well as with state agents.



Analysis of existing projects and initiatives on migration in the region

The objective of this consultancy is to generate a mapping of initiatives that contribute to strengthening regional cooperation and articulation among key actors of migration in the region. In its first stage, work was carried out to identify initiatives and projects in the field of migration based on an analysis of the declarations, reports, presentations, roadmaps, guideline documents and documents of good practices produced within the framework of the meetings of the SACM. Then, based on the identification of priorities, roadmaps corresponding to 5 initiatives are in the process of being developed: Strengthening institutional articulation with Civil Society Organization for dialogue and the construction of intersectoral policies for migration governance in South America through a pan-governmental and pan-social approach; Strengthening institutional articulation with local governments for dialogue and policy-building for migration governance in South America through a pan-governmental and pan-social approach; Development and implementation of a regional strategy and action plan on migration, environment, disasters and climate

change within the framework of the SACM; Strengthening institutional capacities for the implementation of joint policies among MSC Member States for a differentiated approach to the fight against trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in South America.



Review of regulatory changes in South America since the PSDHM 2010

This ongoing consultancy consists of analyzing the progress and challenges in regulation in South American countries over the last two decades. This evaluation is carried out, based mainly on the Principles and Guidelines of the South American Conference on Migration and the South American Human Development Plan for Migration (PSDHM) of 2010.

In particular, the objective of this consultancy is to identify good practices in the migration legislation of the countries, as well as the persistent gaps between these norms and the commitments assumed in the framework of the SACM, taking into account the treaties, principles and standards emanating from International Human Rights Law; Assess the degree of implementation of the SACM Principles and PSDHM, particularly at the normative level; Contribute to the strengthening of the SACM as a space for consensus and articulated work of the South American States, mainly in relation to the harmonization of regulations (internal and external) in migration matters, in line with the principles and commitments adopted in the SACM; Develop a series of recommendations aimed at

consolidating the South American region as a global benchmark in the field of legislation on human mobility from a rights-based approach.



Systematization and analysis of declarations in the various consultation processes

This ongoing consultancy has the objective to analyse SACM statements and linkages with the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and other Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs), as well as documents related to the Revision of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) implementation for 2024. This analysis aims to identify convergence and analysing statements made by the countries in RCPs Declarations, contributing to the Evidence-Based Diagnosis and the Assessment of the South American Plan of Human Development for Migration of the SACM.

Based on the analysis of the information previously collected, and the definition of priorities defined by the States, objectives, and strategic guidelines, a bank of ideas and good practices based on the information collected during the diagnosis will be developed, as well as an action plan for the new PSDHM which will be in line with member states priorities and be updated annually by the conference. Ultimately, the development and adoption of the renewed South American Plan for the Human Development of Migration will help strengthen regional cooperation and articulation in migration management for safe, orderly, and regular migration in South America.

