

POLICY AND PROGRAMME WORK ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF
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A. INTRODUCTION

International migration is an integral part of the global development process. The complexity of the phenomenon is such that international migration can no longer be considered peripheral to the mainstream of population and development policy. The High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York in 2006, affirmed that international migration could be a positive force for development if well channeled and supported by appropriate policies. Indeed, formulation of sound migration policies as well as building national capacities to meet the challenges of international migration could significantly increase the benefits and minimize the risks for countries of origin and destination as well as for the migrants themselves.

B. FOLLOW-UP TO THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE: ACTIVITIES ADDRESSING KEY
ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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UNFPA is supplementing its Policy Guidance Note on International Migration, which outlines the Fund's strategic direction in addressing international migration and suggests a number of future activities of UNFPA in this area. Concept notes are being prepared to address the linkages between international migration and gender, human rights, population ageing, HIV/AIDS and climate change.

Globally, UNFPA supports initiatives towards increased availability, dissemination and utilization of disaggregated data on migration for evidence-based policy dialogue, development planning and programme formulation. At the country level, UNFPA encourages its country offices to support activities that promote the establishment and maintenance of reliable databases on international migration and development. It also supports the enhancement of national capacity to integrate migration policy issues into national and sectoral development policies, strategies and programmes, including poverty reduction strategies.

UNFPA encourages its country offices to support operational research that fosters understanding of migration processes, including female migration, and addresses the needs of migrants, especially sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, as well as studies that focus on: (a) the relationship between migration and development; (b) the root causes of migration; (c) the impact of migration on gender equality and women's empowerment; (d) measures to prevent human trafficking, especially of women and girls; (e) the human rights of migrants; (f) the challenges of irregular migration, and (g) the impact of migration on the environment.

UNFPA continues its collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and affirms us

