

Memorandum

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our cooperation around GCM objectives with international partners, most notably in the context of low- and middle-income countries. In addition to the Government Offices, a number of implementing Government agencies, amongst them Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), the Swedish Migration Agency, the Swedish Public Employment Service and Statistics Sweden, are key stakeholders engaged in the process.

Sweden has identified the following GCM objectives as key priorities in our GCM implementation

1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies.
2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration.
10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration

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20. Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
21. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration.
23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.

By focusing the report on these objectives, the goal of the Swedish government is to help relevant stakeholders to draw on the GCM in their work. The aforementioned objectives may serve as a frame of reference for Swedish stakeholders to assess and plan their work with partner countries while not excluding that considerations given to any of the other GCM objectives

Means of implementation

Government Offices of Sweden

Sweden provides various forms of support administered directly by the Government Offices, including the provision of core funding to multilateral organisations and development banks working on migration issues. For example, the Swedish government is the largest donor of voluntary contributions to IOM. In both 2020 and 2021, the organization was granted over US\$10 million. These contributions have been used to strengthen the UN system's support to Member States in the implementation of the GCM. Sweden has also provided extensive core funding to organisations such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the World Bank Group, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) thereby supporting the development of a range of policies, strategies and projects for the implementation of the GCM in low- and middle-income countries.

The Swedish Government Offices set the GCM as a frame of reference when evaluating potential beneficiaries of grants for migration projects. An example of when the GCM was used to inform allocations was the decision to grant around US\$ 44 000 to IOM for the establishment and launch of the Global

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During 2019/2020, the Swedish Migration Agency has also been a leading partner in a Twinning project with Serbia together with the Netherlands and Slovenia. In addition to developing legislation on asylum and legal migration, the twinning project will support Serbia in developing the possibilities of absorbing funds and developing cooperation with the EU. In the project, the Swedish Migration Agency has contributed to Serbia's harmonization process by evaluating and further adapting the current Serbian legislation to the applicable EU legislation in the areas of asylum and migration.

Moreover, the Swedish Migration Agency has been a partner in the European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN), which is an initiative from Member States to facilitate return and reintegration by creating common, knowledge-driven and innovative solutions based on a European approach in line with GCM Objective 21. Some of the main activities of the program are to offer reintegration support for return through a network of actors, offer solutions to facilitate the return of vulnerable groups, as well as to exchange information and develop tools to improve return. Within the ERRIN program, the Swedish Migration Agency has also run its own project European Return and Reintegration Network Sustainable Reintegration in Afghanistan (ERRINSRA) with the aim of increasing capacity and creating a permanent network of local organizations that provide reintegration services. The project also aims to develop and provide educational initiatives in e.g. entrepreneurship to returnees and to increase the acceptance for return within the family and local community.

The Swedish Public Employment Service

The Swedish Public Employment Service has conducted several projects over recent years of relevance for GCM implementation. For instance, one project is running from 2016 to 2020 under the title International Training Programme for Productive Employment which contributes with establishing labour market

represents the greatest improvement. The transfer fee can sometimes be below 0.5 per cent. This is in line with GCM objective 20.

Statistics Sweden

Statistics Sweden has coordinated a regional project to improve migration statistics in Africa in collaboration with the IOM and the African Statistical Institute (StatAfric). The project covered the period 2019-2021 and was funded by Sida. It had strong links to the 2030 Agenda and to GCM objective 20. The project aimed to increase the capacity to describe intracontinental migration covering regional economic communities (RECs), harmonize concepts and methods, strengthen the availability and awareness of gender-sensitive migration data and coordinate migration statistics. As a result of the project, RECs received support to identify regional indicators that can illuminate the contribution of migration to economic growth, integration and development within the regions.

Statistics Sweden is also a member of the UN expert group The International Data Alliance for Children on the Move. The main aim of its work is to improve statistics and data on migrating and forcibly displaced children with the aim of supporting evidence-based policy making that protects and empowers them. Overall, Statistics Sweden cooperates with partner countries and regional organizations.

Sweden will continue to advance its contribution to the objectives of the GCM. On an overarching level, various interministerial meetings and discussions will be held to coordinate, share and collect information on migration issues, in line with the whole-of-government approach endorsed by the Compact. Steps will be taken to interact continuously with government agencies.