



Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster

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2011 Libya Crisis

- February-June 2011 civil strife
- Nearly 800,000 migrants fled Libya
- Most from neighboring countries – 45% were comprised of 120 nationalities
- All in need of assistance; many in need of protection and evacuation



2011 Japan Crisis

- March 2011 earthquake and tsunami
- Approx. 700,000 foreigners in areas affected by earthquake and tsunami (and nuclear accident)
- 531,000 foreigners left Japan in the month after the earthquake and tsunami
- From diverse countries, within and outside the region, including Brazil, China, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan



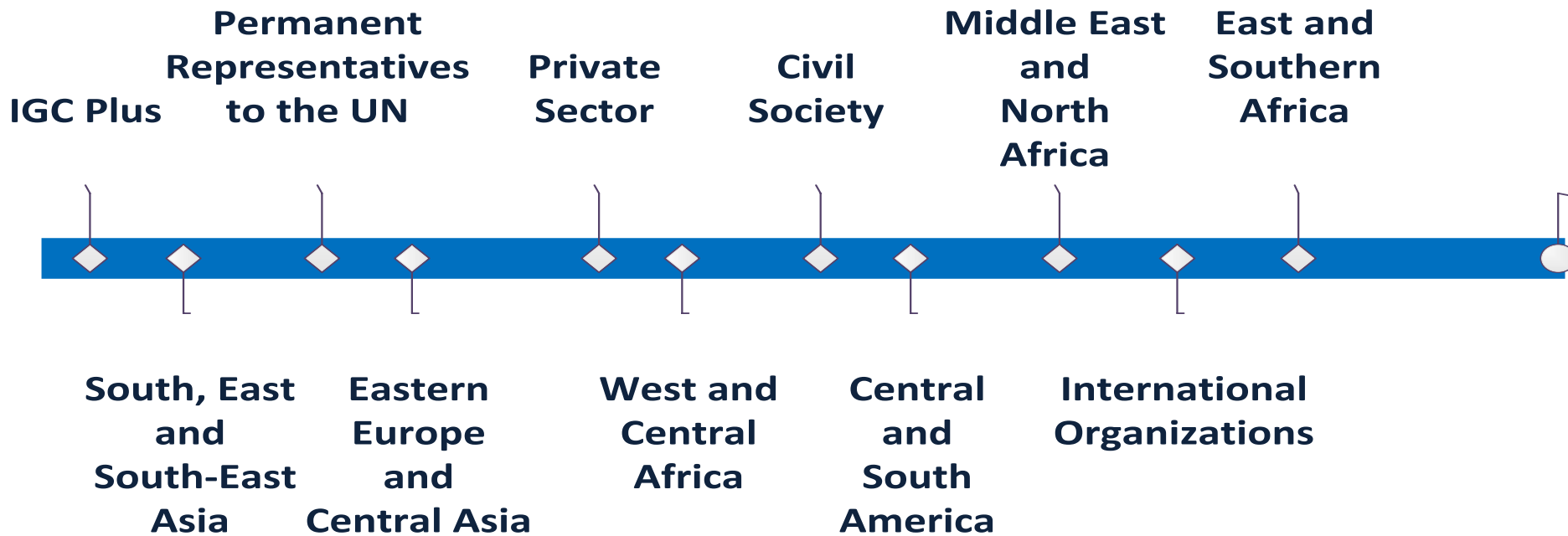
Why Migrants?

Specific Vulnerabilities and Circumstances

- Barriers related to language, culture, social connections
 - Unable or unwilling to leave the country in crisis
 - Unable to access humanitarian assistance
 - Unable or unwilling to return to country of origin
- Subjected to discrimination, targeted attacks, or exploitation

Consultations Process

With States, IOs, Private Sector, and Civil Society



Scope of MICIC Initiative

Which
Crises?

Conflict
and/or
Natural
Disaster

Which Migrants?

In country when crisis hits
Temporarily or permanently
Regardless of legal status

Which
Phases?

Pre-Crisis
Emergency
Post-Crisis

MICIC Initiative Guidelines

Principles



Guide all actions

Guidelines



Targeted suggestions to
shape policies

Practices



Technical and operational
advice

Principles

1. Save lives
2. Respect, protect, fulfill human rights
3. Take responsibility: States
4. Take responsibility: all others
5. Be guided by humanitarian principles
6. Empower migrants
7. Communicate positively about migrants
8. Act at all levels
9. Cooperate
10. Learn and innovate

Guidelines: Preparedness

1. Track information on conflicts and natural disasters
2. Collect and share information
3. Empower migrants
4. Incorporate migrants in preparedness and response

Guidelines: Preparedness

5. Plan with migrants
6. Communicate effectively
7. Coordinate
8. Build capacity and learn lessons

Guidelines: Emergency Response

- 9. Communicate widely and often
- 10. Facilitate movements to safety
- 11. Assist without discrimination
- 12. Refer special cases
- 13. Relocate and evacuate

Guidelines: Post-crisis action

14. Address migrants' needs

15. Support host communities

Website, Repository, and Contact

Website:

<http://micicinitiative.iom.int/>

Repository of Existing Practices:

<http://micicinitiative.iom.int/repository-practices>

Contact:

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MICIC Save Lives
Increase Protection
Decrease Vulnerability
Improve Response

MIGRANTS IN COUNTRIES IN CRISIS INITIATIVE

