

Migrant Integration News

More than 1,000,000 migrants travel to Greece since 2015:

GENEVA, March 16 – The UN Refugee Agency said today that more than one million people, mostly refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, have now crossed into Greece since the start of 2015.

UNHCR called the milestone an urgent reminder of the need for a more coordinated approach to managing the influx and protecting people who are fleeing war and persecution.

UNHCR previously reported that more than one million people reached Europe overall last year ...

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What European country's Migrant reception system works?

The pressure brought by the recent mass influx of migrants and refugees to Europe has drawn attention to the need for systems to receive and house new arrivals that can adapt to unpredictable numbers, remain cost-efficient, and meet national and EU standards.

But what does it take to set up and manage a reception system that can simultaneously meet the demands of flexibility, quality, and efficiency? While countries such as Greece, Germany, and Sweden continue to strive to find enough basic accommodation ...



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CIMI - Innovations and Programs Assisting Israel's Migration and Integration Needs

A new volunteer-based initiative providing asylum seekers with counseling and support has opened up in Be'er Sheva.

This new CIMI program offers support and guidance on various issues and challenges, such as difficulty with health insurance, medical problems, employment, education, welfare and legal issues. Trained volunteers help to document cases and give support throughout the process of navigating the many services (primarily offered by NGOs) in Israel's southern periphery.

This new program is just one example of evolving to meet the changing needs of migrants. Many organizations offer assistance, but the process of navigating social services can sometimes become daunting.

Identifying and bridging such gaps in accessibility to services is one way CIMI brings relief to asylum seekers and refugees.

To learn more about this new program, [click here](#).

Diaspora Development News

New Emigration Policies Needed for Emerging Diaspora:

The 2008 global economic crisis, which hit Spain unusually hard, has transformed the country's migration patterns. A decade of major immigration during the early 2000s—when the immigrant population quadrupled over the span of eight years—was replaced by a new reality: negative net migration. Those leaving have included both immigrants returning home or moving to a third country, and Spanish-born emigrants. It is the movement of the latter, particularly young, highly educated Spaniards, that has been the focus of much public debate.

Available data suggest many of those emigrating overseas today are highly skilled in valued fields ...

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Immigration, Integration and Diaspora

UNICEF and UNHCR launch Blue Dot hubs to increase protections for families and children migrating across Europe:

As part of a joint endeavour to step up protection for the growing numbers of children and others with specific needs arriving in Europe, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and UNICEF are setting up special support centres for children and families along the most frequently used migration routes in Europe.

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Labor Migration and Remittances

Highest Portion of Labor Migrants from Asia and Pacific; Total More Than 150,000,000:

According to the most recent estimates, in 2013 there are 150.3 million migrants in the world who are economically active. Over half – 83.7 million – are men, and 66.6 million women. Asia-Pacific hosts 17.2 per cent of migrant workers worldwide (25.8 million persons). The Arab States have the highest proportion of migrant workers to all workers (35.6 per cent) and hosts 11.7 per cent of migrant workers worldwide, most of them from Asia (ILO, 2015). Labour migration largely occurs under temporary migration regimes and for less

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Numbers of Migrant Workers Surpass Total Number of International Migrants

Migrant workers account for 150.3 million of the world's approximately 232 million international migrants, according to a new study by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The report, ILO Global Estimates on Migrant Workers, shows migrant workers account for 72.7 per cent of the 206.6 million working age migrant population (15 years and over). The majority – 83.7 million – are men, with 66.6 million women migrant workers.

"This analysis represents a significant contribution by the ILO in supporting member States to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly in respect to targets within Goal 8 on protecting all workers, including migrant workers, and goal 10 on the implementation of well managed migration policies. Decision makers will now have real data on which to base their policies."

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