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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Southern Africa Migration Management (SAMM) project is a model of a ONE-United Nations (UN) approach collaborative effort of four UN development and humanitarian agencies: the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities - the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), ii) the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and; iii) the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

The SAMM is a four-year project, funded by the European Union (EU) within the framework of the EU Regional Indicative Programme (11th European Development Fund Regional Indicative Programmes) for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and the Indian Ocean (2014–2020); which includes among its objectives the facilitation of safe, orderly and regular migration and the prevention of irregular migration. It focuses on South-South migration flows, identifying positive spill-over effects of international migration on regional integration and regional economic development.

Target countries: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibi, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the project is to improve migration management in Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean region guided by, and contributing to, the realization of the 2030 Development Agenda Goals 8 and 10 on decent work and economic growth and reducing inequalities, respectively. The specific objectives are (i) contribute to improved policy environment for labour migration across the region and improved access to legal and efficient means of labour mobility for (prospective) labour migrants and (ii) contribute to strengthened and informed decision-making as well as management of mixed migration flows, including improved protection of vulnerable migrants in the Southern African and Indian Ocean region.

Further objectives include:

- Rights-based legal and efficient channels of labour migration and mobility (including appropriate protection measures for migrant workers) promoted and put in place in the Southern Africa / Indian Ocean region.
- A Southern African and Indian Ocean migration observatory established and fully operational.
- Evidence-based management strategies and policies to address mixed migration challenges, including assurance of appropriate protection frameworks for vulnerable migrants, are formulated and implemented.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supported the SADC in the scoping of labour migration policies to strengthen the Member States capacities and responses to the implementation of labour migration policies in the region.
- Supported the formulation of Diaspora Engagement and Remittance Mobilization Strategy for **Zimbabwe**
- Finalized the stocktaking of mixed migration data and policy development in Southern Africa and the IOC region was completed. The stocktaking exercise provided key recommendations for the Member States towards strengthening the mechanism for the governance and management of mixed migration data in the SADC region.
- Developed migration data platform (Regional Migration Data Hub), tools, and guidelines to strengthen the mechanism for ensuring timely collection, utilization, and dissemination of migration data and as well as migration data harmonization in the region.
- Strengthened the protection and assistance framework for stranded and vulnerable migrants in the region who find themselves in difficult situations and need immediate support through the provision of Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR). Up to **694 (Male 320, Female 374) stranded and vulnerable migrants** were assisted to return to their countries of origin safely.
- Supported the SADC Member States to respond to the urgent and immediate needs of migrants in the region through activities on Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Infection Control and Prevention, Cross-Border Coordination and Preparedness for Points of Entry.