

MIGRATION, REMITTANCES, & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Overview

The [Migration, Remittances, & Development Program](#) at the Inter-American Dialogue leverages migration and remittances for development through research, policy analysis, technical assistance, product development, and project implementation. The Program focuses on policies that govern the flow of remittances, private sector financial and remittance services, financial access for migrants and remittance recipient families, causes of migration, and diaspora engagement. The Program has raised awareness and forged partnerships among public and private institutions in over 80 countries around the world.

Featured Projects

Leveraging Migration for Development

The Program partners with international organizations as well as financial institutions and remittance companies to implement strategies that promote development in high migration areas through four unique and innovative components:

- Financial education for remittance recipients
- Access to credit and business coaching for small enterprises
- After-school programs in areas of high emigration
- Training for local governments on migration management and leveraging migration for development

Prosperity and Progress in Intermediate Cities

In 2023, the Program launched the *Prosperity and Progress in Intermediate Cities* project in Guatemala's San Marcos and Amatitlán municipalities, supported by the Cities Alliance and the United Nations Office for Project Services. Focusing on financial inclusion, gender equality, and environmental management, the project bolsters economic development and reduces migration pressures. Leveraging remittances, it enhances financial management, promotes savings, and fosters youth skills development while advancing environmental

sustainability. The project offers vulnerable populations opportunities for prosperity and inclusion.

Remittance Industry Observatory

The Remittance Industry Observatory (RIO) is the leading source for data, trends, and analysis on the remittance market. RIO helps industry leaders stay informed of trends including the competitive nature of the remittance industry, the status of the US economy, shifting Latin American and Caribbean migration patterns, and legislation impacts on migration in countries throughout the Americas.

Working Group on Nicaragua

The Working Group on Nicaragua informs and recommends positive solutions to the Nicaraguan crisis through:

1. Analytical support and formation of tools for international pressure on Nicaragua
2. Policy insight meetings

These activities are designed as an approach to shift politics toward a democratic pathway consistent with: preparing members of the Working Group and Nicaraguan civil society, anticipating opportunities for pressure, and contributing with international and national actors to exert that pressure.

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