



Organización Internacional para las Migraciones (OIM)  
El Organismo de las Naciones Unidas para la Migración

# Regional Project on the Protection and Empowerment of Migrant Women

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# Why do women migrate?



To improve living standards

In search of better opportunities

Gender-based violence

Discrimination, marginalization



# Situations of vulnerability faced by migrant women



**ORIGIN**

**TRANSIT**

**DESTINATION**

**Discrimination and gender stereotypes**

**Intersectionality of discrimination (as a woman and as a migrant)**

**Being part of the informal economy (less access to labor rights and social security and other protections)**

# The project



**Promote public policy  
regarding protection  
and empowerment**

**Reduce  
conditions of  
vulnerability**

**Strengthen the  
positive impact  
of the  
migration of  
women**



# The project



## Research

1

Based on existing **programs and policies** related to the protection and empowerment of migrant women

## Draft Guidelines

2

Protection and Assistance of Migrant Women

## Regional Forum

3

On the Protection and Empowerment of Migrant Women

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workshop  
(CRM)

Inputs and  
observations  
from delegations

Presentation  
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*Regional study on existing legislation, policies and programs related to the empowerment and protection of migrant women in the countries that make up the RCM*



# Context



## Factors that affect the migration of women

## Risks associated with irregular migration

## Destination factors

1

Search for employment

Family reunification

Need to improve living conditions

Violence

2

Security

Violation of rights

Death

3

Economic and social contributions

Inequalities as compared to the conditions of local women

ORIGIN

TRANSIT-DESTINATION

# Context elements



## Return and migrant women

4

Possible discrimination and stigmatization

Limitations on access to programs

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# Research structure



1	Conceptual and Methodological Framework
2	Socio-economic and cultural context of each country
3	Women and migration: migratory dynamics in the region
4	Findings and analysis of existing legislation, programs and policies
5	Regional initiatives
6	Current status of compliance with national, regional and international standards in each country
7	Challenges, conclusions and recommendations

# General recommendations



1

Carry out reforms in **national migration legislation** through which the **reality** of migrant women their particular **protection needs** can be incorporated, according to the **migration dynamics** in each country

# General recommendations



2

Initiate **dialogue and joint work processes** with the Secretariats or Ministries of Women, Health and the Judiciary in each country of the RCM to incorporate within the national policies of gender equality and equality, the necessary actions **to include women migrants in those policies**. Minimum actions related to migrant women should also be incorporated into national health policies and access to justice policies.

# General recommendations



3

Design and implement a document with recommendations for the protection and assistance of migrant women in the framework of the RCM that is aimed at the different migration authorities and actors related to migration management whose purpose is to promote and **guarantee full respect for the rights of migrant women** while, at the same time, **contributes to their empowerment throughout the different phases of the migration process**

# General recommendations



Reforms in migration legislation



Specific protection and assistance needs

Processes of dialogue and joint work



Actions needed to include migrant women in policies

Document with recommendations for protection and assistance of migrant women



Promote and guarantee full respect for the rights of migrant women during the entire migration process



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***Guidelines for the Protection  
and Assistance of Women in  
the Context of Migration***



# Guidelines structure



- 1** Objectives
- 2** Conceptual Framework and Definitions
- 3** Approaches
- 4** Guiding Principles
- 5** Regional Context
- 6** Regional recommendations during the different phases of the migration process



# Safe, orderly migration



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Agents of **CHANGE**  
**For themselves,**  
Their families, Their communities.





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Thank you