



**GMDAC**

IOM's Global Migration  
Data Analysis Centre

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3rd ANNIVERSARY

The International Organization for Migration's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) was established in Berlin in September 2015 at the invitation of the Government of Germany. It was set up to re-pond to calls for better international migration data and policy analysis.

The Centre has fostered partnerships with a multiplicity of agencies and organizations including: the European Commission's KCMD, UN DESA, the World Bank, UNICEF, McKinsey & Company, the Economist Intelligence Unit and OECD.

This brochure provides an overview of the achievements over the past three years and ongoing projects.





## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN FIGURES





## ONGOING PROJECTS

### LAUNCH OF THE MIGRATION DATA PORTAL

26 THEMATIC PAGES

35 INFOGRAPHICS

21 VIDEOS

72 INDICATORS

17 BLOGS

18 DATA PROVIDERS

Launched in December 2017, the Migration Data Portal ([www.migrationdataportal.com](http://www.migrationdataportal.com)) is a unique access point to international migration statistics from a variety of sources and reliable information about migration data globally. The site is designed to help policy makers, statisticians, journalists and the general public navigate the increasingly complex landscape of international migration data.

Its interactive world map features 72 indicators from 18 data providers, 26 thematic pages, an SDG section on targets and indicators relevant to migration, country snapshots based on the Migration Governance Indicators, 17 blogs, 21 videos, 35 infographics. In the next phase, the portal will be scaled-up and expanded with new data and content with a regional geographical coverage.



**The Migration Data Portal is mentioned in the Global Compact for Migration final draft as a repository for data under objective 1.**

## DATA BULLETINS: INFORMING A GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION



The [Data Bulletin: Informing a Global Compact for Migration](#) series, launched in 2018, summarize the evidence base relating to different areas of migration relevant to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, using accessible language and highly visual materials. The Data Bulletins outline the strengths and limitations of relevant migration data, and highlight innovative data practices which are pertinent to the GCM process. They reflect the collaborative nature of the GCM process by including relevant contributions from different parts of IOM as well as other agencies, migration experts, the civil society and the private sector. The bulletin series is part of a project funded by the European Union.

## MIGRATION GOVERNANCE INDICATORS



The [Migration Governance Indicators \(MGI\)](#) is a tool developed by IOM in collaboration with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), which aims at supporting governments at their request in taking stock of their migration governance frameworks. Its methodology is based on a set of 90 indicators drawing on the six policy areas of IOM's Migration Governance Framework (MiGOF) definition of well-managed migration policy.

It is a framework to help countries in the assessment of the comprehensiveness of their migration policies, as well as to identify good practices and areas that could be further developed. MGI country snapshots are published on the [Migration Data Portal](#) with the aim of sharing good practices, but also to better understand common challenges. To date 39 country assessments have been conducted.

## MISSING MIGRANTS PROJECT

As part of the CMR, IOM's Missing Migrants Project (MMP) collects data on migrants who have died or have gone missing at state borders, or in the process of migrating to an international destination around the world. MMP was launched in 2014 in response to the multiple deaths and disappearances of migrants occurring on migratory routes globally. Since then, the deaths or disappearances of more than 26,000 men, women, and children have been recorded. Today, the project hosts the [only existing database](#) on migrant fatalities globally, and has become a key reference for information on missing migrants. The project's [Fatal Journeys](#) report series discusses key thematic issues relating to migrant deaths and disappearances. The fourth volume of the series, on missing migrant children, will be published in spring 2019.

## SAFETY, SUPPORT AND SOLUTIONS IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE

IOM's GMDAC is implementing part of an IOM programme funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), aiming to contribute to safer and more orderly migration along the Central Mediterranean Route (CMR), resulting in fewer deaths and less suffering during migration. The programme covers 10 countries across West and Central Africa and North Africa.

As part of this project, IOM's GMDAC is carrying out several activities, including conducting route-based, in-depth and policy-relevant thematic analysis of migration along the CMR, building the capacity of selected countries in West and Central Africa to collect and use migration data to protect migrants in vulnerable situations, and evaluating the impact of information campaigns on the risks associated with irregular migration. Several policy briefings and thematic reports on the CMR will be published in the upcoming months.

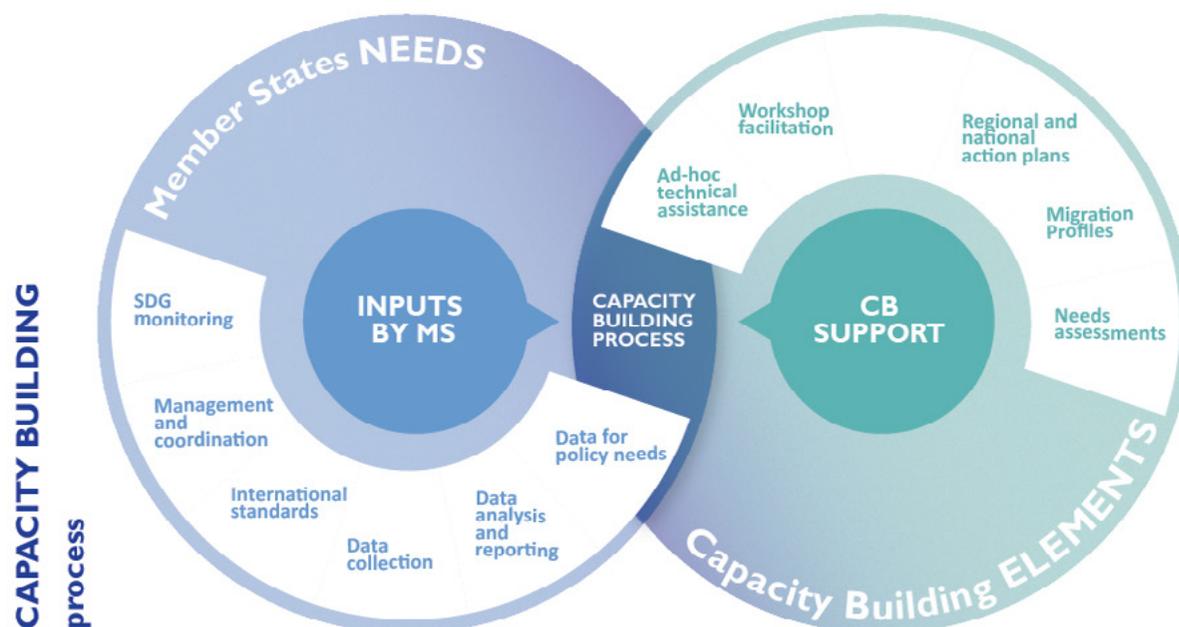


## INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION STATISTICS



The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) organized the first-ever [International Forum on Migration Statistics](#). Other partner organizations included Eurostat, ILO, UNECE, UNHCR, UNODC and the World Bank/KNOMAD Group. The Forum was hosted by OECD and attended by over 500 participants from 90 countries, representing national governments, international organizations, universities and research institutes, the private sector and civil society. The second Forum will be organized by IOM in partnership with UN DESA and OECD towards the end of 2019 or the beginning of 2020.

## CAPACITY BUILDING ON MIGRATION DATA



IOM's GMDAC engages in ongoing efforts to help build the migration data capacities of Member States. In response to the growing need to improve migration data at the national and global level, GMDAC undertakes a variety of activities to strengthen Member States' abilities to collect, analyze and report accurate and timely migration data and meet international standards and policy commitments in this area. GMDAC takes a tailored approach to capacity building and works closely with National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and government stakeholders in other areas to improve data to meet local, national and regional migration policy objectives. GMDAC carries out a variety of trainings and consultations, for example to identify strengths and weaknesses of existing data frameworks and meet UN recommendations on statistics, and develops guidance materials and other practical tools relating to improving migration statistics and data across various specific migration topics.

## BIG DATA FOR MIGRATION ALLIANCE

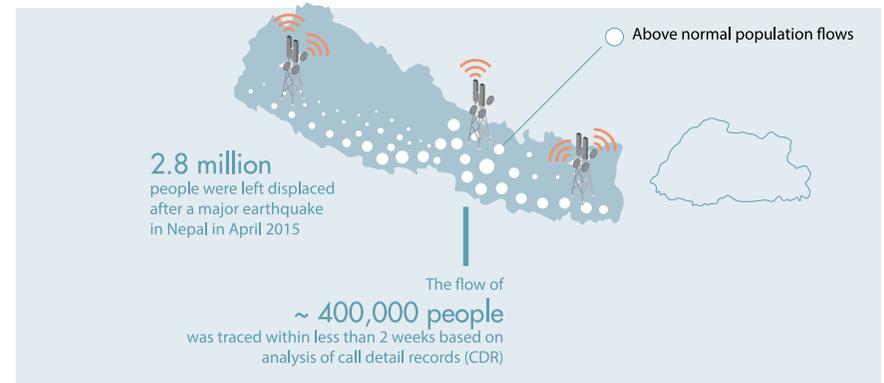
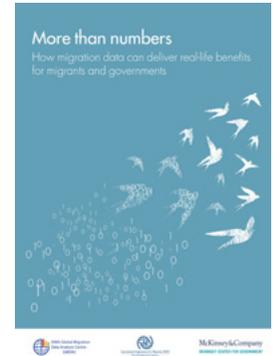


In June 2018, the European Commission's Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD) and IOM's GMDAC launched the [Big Data for Migration Alliance \(BD4M\)](#). The Alliance is a global initiative aiming at unlocking the potential of Big Data sources and provide valuable policy-relevant insights related to migration and mobility.

New data sources on migration and innovative methodologies can fill some of the gaps in traditional sources – national population censuses, household surveys and administrative sources – as shown by a growing body of literature and applications.

BD4M is the first dedicated network of stakeholders seeking to tap into the Big Data potential for migration analysis and policymaking. The Alliance also aims to address challenges ranging from access and analytical difficulties to privacy and security risks, promote public-private partnerships, and support countries wishing to explore how to use Big Data sources to improve evidence on migration.

## MORE THAN NUMBERS: HOW MIGRATION DATA CAN DELIVER REAL-LIFE BENEFITS FOR MIGRANTS AND GOVERNMENTS



The report '[More than numbers](#)' was launched by IOM's GMDAC in collaboration with McKinsey & Company, at the World Economic Forum 2018 in Davos, Switzerland. The report takes readers beyond the well-known challenges of migration data and illustrates their potential value. The authors estimate that better data could boost benefits of migration by at least USD 35 billion. The report shows how data enable policymakers to protect migrants in vulnerable situations, fill labour market shortages, improve integration, manage asylum procedures, and increase remittances.

The report also highlights how investing in migration data can bring considerable economic, social and humanitarian benefits. Looking ahead, the report will be used to provide guidance to countries interested in realizing the benefits of migration and suggest ways in which countries could develop their own strategies to improve data on migration.



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