

THE GLOBAL DATABASE ON NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA & MIGRATION GOVERNANCE



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BRIEF BACKGROUND

- Since coming into existence through the Establishment Act of 2017, the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission is determined to ensure that its mandate to
- provide for the engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the policies, projects and participation in the development of Nigeria and to utilize the human capital and material resources of Nigerians in Diaspora towards the overall socio-economic, cultural and political development of Nigeria and for related matters” is achieved.
- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs’ (Desa) most recent estimate of Nigeria’s diaspora is 1.7 million as of June 2020.



THE DATABASE

- The Global Database on Nigerians in Diaspora is a data repository that collects, stores and processes diaspora data.
- The database is made up of a user friendly interface where data is collected and stored.
- The friendly interface is a web application that can be accessed globally.
- The database can be accessed over a wide range of platforms which include mobile devices, laptops, desktop, tablets etc.
- The database platform can be accessed via the following address:
<https://nidcom.gov.ng/registry/>
- The database contains seven components: home, about, publications, events, registry, diaspora housing, contacts
- the registry is the environment where the inputs are done and it contains information such as: name, phone number, gender, date of birth, marital status, country of residence, national identity number, passport number etc



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REMITTANCES INFLOW & OUTFLOW (FORMAL CHANNEL, FINANCIAL)

Remittances in US\$ Millions (2018-2020)

YEAR	2018	2019	2020
Inward Remittances	24,061.65	23,549.34	17,001.76
Outward Remittances	52.12	49.99	56.44

Source: CBN, 2021

- Inward remittances in 2018 hit 24.06 billion US dollars. However, it decreased to 23.55 billion US dollars in 2019 and further fell to 17.00 billion US dollars in 2020. This implies that there was more inward flow of remittances in 2018 compared to 2019 and 2020 respectively.
- On the flip side, outward flows of remittances witnessed a galloping trend from 52.12 million US dollars in 2018, it went down to 49.99 million US dollars in 2019 and rose to 56.44 million US dollars in 2020



NBS AND IT FUNCTIONS

- The statistical Act of 2007 positioned the National Bureau of Statistics as the apex statistical body in the country with the responsibility to provide comprehensive, timely, relevant, responsive and user-focused statistical information relating to the social and economic life as well as conditions of the inhabitant of Nigeria.
- The functions of the Bureau shall include the following:

- Co-ordinate the National Statistical System,
- Advise the Federal, States and Local Government on all matters related to Statistical development,
- Develop and promote use of statistical standards and appropriate methodologies in the system,
- Collect, compile, analyze, interpret, publish and disseminate statistical information alone or in collaboration with other agencies, both governmental and non-governmental agencies;
- Develop and maintain a comprehensive National Data Bank by encouraging unit of line Ministries and Agencies to develop their sectoral data banks and forward same to the Bureau,
- Provide a focal point of contact with international agencies on statistical matters; and
- Carry out all other functions relating to statistics, as the Federal Government may assign to the Bureau.



GENERAL AND SPECIALIZED SURVEY ON MIGRATION IN THE BUREAU

- The NBS has carried out surveys such as;
- National Living Standard Surveys 2004 and 2009
- The General household Panel Surveys
- NBS SDG Baseline Survey (2016)
- The National Longitudinal Phone Interview (NLPI) 2020 started during the COVID 19 lockdown in Nigeria
- The quarterly Labour Force Surveys (LFS) selected migration modules has been included in the recent exercise
- Demographic Bulletin (Administrative)

- Very recently a migration survey has just been carried out and disseminated
 - Survey on informal remittances in collaboration with CBN and African Institute of Remittance
- publication from Administrative sources;
- Immigration Statistics (Administrative)



MIGRATION GOVERNANCE AND THE DATA MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

- Nigeria is blessed with the necessary framework, regulations, partnerships, that shape migration discuss across relevant state and non-state actors.
- In the process of governance, interaction with several non-institutional actors, both in countries of destination and origin, and the agency of individuals is enhanced
- Three layers of governance;
- The Interministerial Committee
- The Technical Working Group
- The Thematic Areas

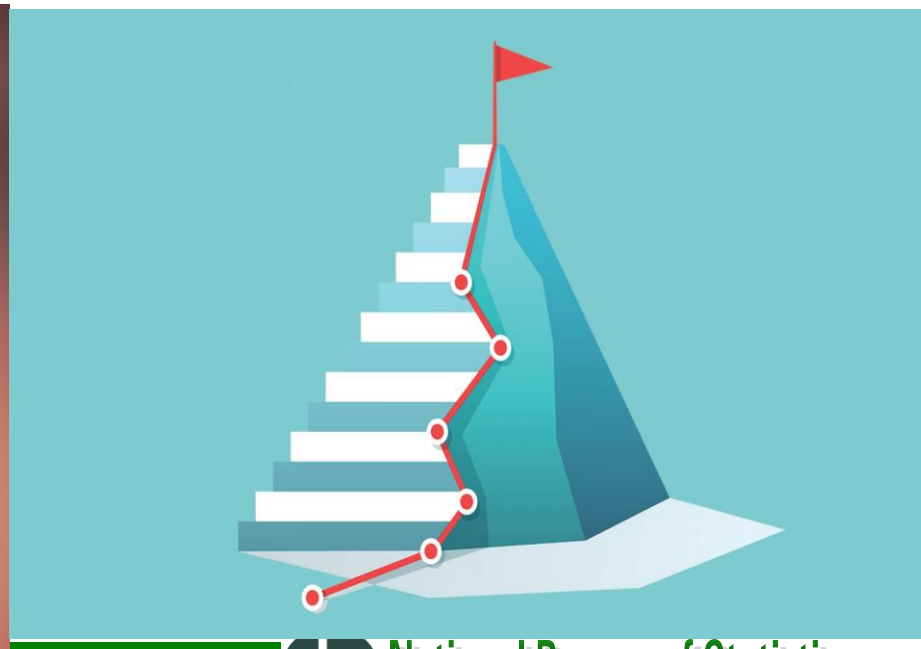


- The MoU signed among relevant MDAs on the 30th June, 2014 as follows;
- National Population Commission
- National Bureau Of Statistics
- Nigerian immigration service
- Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment
- National Commission for Refugees Migrants and the Internally Displaced Persons
- Nigerian National Volunteer Service
- Signaled the establishment of the MDMWG
- Later in the reviewed MoU 2019 three MDAs were added;
- Central Bank of Nigeria
- Nigeria in Diaspora Commission
- Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Objectives
- Clearly identify roles and responsibilities of each member and ensure standards
- Provide structure to enable migration data sharing
- Leverage on potential synergy for networking



ACHIEVEMENTS

- National Migration Policy & Policy Action Plan
- Labour Migration Policy
- Diaspora policy & Policy Action Plan
- Development of a Standard Operating Procedure for RRR
- Capacity building
- Migrants Resource Centre
- Awareness Perception Survey
- National Migration Profile
- Database
- Harmonization of concept, methodology and definition on migration in line with global best practises
- Assisted CSOs to carryout numerous migration studies



CHALLENGES & WAYS FOWARD

- Data gap
- Frequent changes of migration desk officers in some MDAs
- Non adherence to the MoU signed in some quarters
- Capacity in some MDAs

- Addressing the issue of data gaps (by conducting a standalone survey on migration, include those important indicators in arrival and departure card
- Adherence to MoU signed
- capacity building on a constant bases
- Budget for migation
- Partnership



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