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Project description

resettlement.de

Strengthening of communication and support
structures within the reception process

PROJECT DURATION

26th June 2015 – 25th June 2018

BACKGROUND

Resettlement and **humanitarian admission** contribute to take responsibility in protracted and urgent refugee situations, in cases when voluntary return to the country of origin or integration in the country of first reception is not an option. Legal and safe access is granted through direct admission of the refugees (mostly registered by UNHCR) into the receiving country.

- Currently Germany admits 500 refugees annually through the UNHCR **resettlement program**. In addition, Germany offers 300 resettlement places under the European program.
- From 2013-2015 **humanitarian admission programmes** allowed temporary admission of 20,000 refugees from Syria. Further, federal states have created admission programmes offering legal entry to Syrian nationals with relatives in Germany. Similarly, **Private Sponsorship Refugee Programmes** offer privately financed admission of refugees and are currently under discussion.
- **Relocation programmes** aim at redistributing refugees among the European member states. In 2011 Germany participated for the first time by relocating individuals from Malta.

Local actors and especially the civil society, e.g. welfare organisations including their migration counselling services, could contribute and be involved to a larger extent. An approach is early communication and improved communication channels regarding expected new arrivals.

PROJECT GOALS

Based on the above this project in cooperation of Caritas of the Diocesan Hildesheim and Caritas Germany aims to achieve the following:

- *All actors involved in the reception and integration process have received **early notification** about relevant aspects.*
- *The set-up of local and **regional support networks** for refugees is promoted.*
- *Opportunities for new arrivals to benefit from the **experiences of previous arrivals** have been created.*

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Besides refugees, politics and administration (e.g. Federal Office for Migration, Ministry of the Interior) the project addresses especially the civil society as well as local actors.

We support you...

- ... through the **website** www.resettlement.de providing extensive background information regarding the different admission programmes, relevant actors and legal frameworks
- ... with a **newsletter** including recent developments and events concerning the subject of resettlement and humanitarian admission
- ... by hosting an **annual event** and several **regional conferences** with a special focus on this subject
- ... as **speakers with tailored input** to resettlement and humanitarian admission at your conference in the context of refugees and asylum
- ... in cases of **general questions** regarding admission procedures as well as the legal and social frameworks¹

Please also contact us...

- ... providing questions, your experiences and suggestions concerning the subject of resettlement and humanitarian admission

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¹ Individual counselling and advice cannot be provided within the scope of this project. Please contact your local migration service. Further, we are not entitled to receive recommendations for admitting individual refugees to Germany.