The Global Migration Data Portal

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➢ GMDAC launched in Berlin September 2015

GMDAC aims to

• Inform global migration governance
• Support data capacity-building in IOM Member States
• Promote evidence-based IOM programming

GMDAC’s main areas of work are

• Knowledge management
• Capacity building
• Data collection and analysis
Global Migration Data Portal

- Challenge: Migration data are scattered between various institutions and countries
- Proposed on 12 July 2016 by then German Foreign Minister Steinmeier and IOM’s DG Swing
- Launched on 15 December 2017
- Mentioned in the final text of the Global Compact for Migration as a repository for data
Preparations 2016

➢ Economist Intelligence Unit carried out extensive mapping & landscape analysis

➢ Data provider meeting in October 2016

➢ International Conference on Improving Migration Data in the Context of the SDGs in December 2016
Main goals

To improve the availability and the accessibility of existing data on international migration:

➢ To serve as a unique access point to timely and comprehensive migration statistics
➢ To provide an overview of migration data and up-to-date analysis of migration dynamics and trends
➢ Explain the strengths and limitations of existing data
➢ Provide tools to help IOM Member States collect data
➢ Create a platform for discussion around migration data issues
About the Migration Data Portal

Introductory video
Our achievements in a year

ACHIEVEMENTS IN FIGURES

- 500,000 UNIQUE USERS
- 73 INDICATORS
- 31 THEMATIC PAGES
- 20 DATA PROVIDERS
- 111 TOOLS & RESOURCES
- 200 COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES REACHED
- 22 BLOGS
- 23 VIDEOS
- 32 SNAPSHOTS
Global Migration Data Portal: Data & Migration Statistics

- World Map features 73 migration indicators
- 20 international data providers
- Breakdown by country, sub-region, region
- Automatically generated country profiles based on the indicators, presenting migration trends
Global Migration Data Portal: Thematic pages

More than 30 thematic pages depicting recent trends, data sources, and strengths & limitations of the data organized in 5 categories:

1. Immigration & emigration statistics
2. Types of migration
3. Migration & vulnerability
4. Migration & development
5. Migration policy

Migrant deaths and disappearances

Since 2014, more than 4,000 fatalities have been recorded annually on migratory routes worldwide. The number of deaths recorded, however, represent only a minimum estimate because the majority of migrant deaths around the world go unrecorded. Since 2000, more than 60,000 migrant deaths have been recorded globally. These data not only highlight the issue of migrant fatalities and the consequences for families left behind, but can also be used to assess the risks of irregular migration and to design policies and programmes to make migration safer.

Migrant deaths and disappearances recorded globally beginning 1 January 2017 (click on the image to show the most recent data and animation):
Global Migration Data Portal: Tools

- Resources gathered here support efforts to improve the quality, reliability, availability and comparability of migration data.

- Searchable database of guidelines, handbooks, reports and other helpful documents.
Global Migration Data Portal: SDGs corner

- Migration is cross-cutting issue
- Measure progress on the SDGs
- Need for timely & comparable data
- Reliable data

Starting point of data collection on SDGs
Global Migration Data Portal: MGI

- Migration Governance Framework (MiGOF)

- Six dimensions of MGI:
  1. Migrants’ rights
  2. Whole of Government approach
  3. Partnerships
  4. Well-being of migrants
  5. Mobility dimensions of crises
  6. Safe, orderly and regular migration
About the MGI
Introductory video
Global Migration Data Portal: MGI Snapshots

Click on the map to learn about migration governance in participating countries.
Global Migration Data Portal: GCM

- Data are a prominent part of the GCM (objective 1)
- Key content in the Portal organized by GCM objective
Talking Migration Data interviews and blogs feature prominent migration and data experts explaining key migration data and trends from around the world.

Some examples:

- Bela Hovy, UN DESA
- Claire Melamed, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Rainer Münz, European Commission
- François Gemenne, University of Liege

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The way forward

1. Include national data sources
2. Use Portal as a platform for regional actors to exchange data and discuss
3. Make it possible to compare multiple selected indicators and countries