The importance of vertical and horizontal policy coherence in migration and development: an integral approach to mainstreaming migration into development planning

Platform for Partnerships

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Main challenges:

- Migration affects and is affected by all areas of governance and development

- Policy *in*coherence occurs when there is either a lack of awareness of how a policy fits into the existing portfolio of policies, or when there is a lack of understanding of the causal relations leading to faulty assumptions regarding what the policy can achieve

- **Vertical policy incoherence:** obligatory for all children to attend school, including children of irregular parents vs schools expected to report on irregular migrants

- **Horizontal policy incoherence:** Anti-discrimination policies and access to decent work for all vs prohibition from entering the labour market for refugees

- If we want to truly 'leave no-one behind', **all development action** must consider migration and displacement with migrants and displaced persons being among the 'furthest behind'

An integral approach:

- Need for Policy Coherence: - Definition: "pursue synergies to advance shared objectives, actively seek to minimise or eliminate negative side effects of policies, (and) prevent policies from detracting from one another or from the achievement of agreed-upon development goals".

- **How? Mainstream migration into development planning at both the local and national levels and link up through multi-level coordination**

- **Key success factors:**

  - Multi-stakeholder coordination institutionalized
  - Allocate human and financial resources: from promise to action
  - Bottom-up and top-down approach: multi-level coordination
  - Migration from a rights based approach
  - Participation and inclusion of migrants throughout entire process

Based on lessons from two global programmes:

UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative

Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Policies
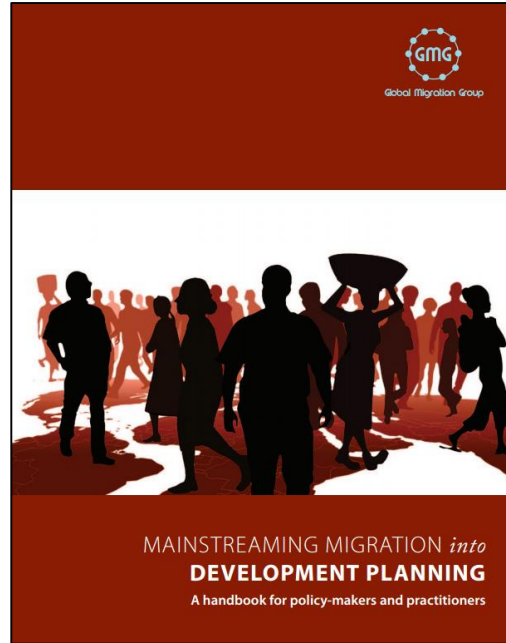
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What tools?

Upcoming:

- Dashboard of Indicators on Making Migration Work for SDGs at Local Level (JMDI)
- Guidelines on integrating migration into decentralized cooperation (JMDI)
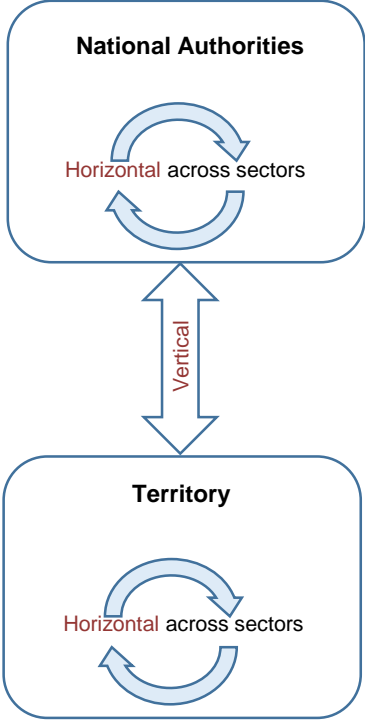
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**Mainstreaming Migration into National and Local Development Planning:
A multi-level and integral approach**

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