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“Updates on the intersessional implementation of activities of the TFD plan of action”

ILO response in the Pacific region

ILO is currently running a project in Pacific region entitled, “[Enhancing protection and empowerment of migrants and communities affected by climate change and disasters in the Pacific region](#)” (Kiribati, Tuvalu, Marshall Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji). We partner with IOM, OHCHR, UNESCAP, as well with Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD). The project’s overall goal is to contribute to the protection and empowerment of communities that are adversely affected by, or at-risk of being affected by, climate change and disasters in the Pacific region, focusing specifically on climate change-related migration, displacement and planned relocation. ILO is largely focused on Objective 2 of the program, which is to ensure that migrants and host communities in the Pacific Island Countries benefit from safe labour migration as a sustainable development and climate change adaptation strategy. ILO is currently supporting UNESCAP’s organisation of a senior official’s meeting (tentatively in late April/early May). In the lead up to this meeting, ILO is also supporting OHCHR’s organisation of a meeting of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG). This group will offer technical advice to feed into the senior officials meeting. The TAG meeting is tentatively set for early April. In addition, ILO is also running a labour migration governance training (12-14 March in Fiji). ILO is currently reviewing seasonal worker’s schemes. The review examines the schemes in light of international instruments on human rights and labour standards and the inclusion of marginalise groups, with a particular focus on women and persons with disabilities. As part of the review, ILO is conducting interviews with return migrant workers in Fiji, Vanuatu, Kiribati and Samoa to ensure that their voices are heard. Consultations with stakeholders in New Zealand and Australia will take place once the review is complete, based on recommendations raised.

ILO response in the IGAD region

ILO is currently running a project in IGAD region entitled, “[Free movement of persons and transhumance in the IGAD Region: Improving opportunities for regular labour mobility](#)”. The overall objective of the project is to improve opportunities for regulated labour mobility and decent work within the IGAD countries through the development of models of intervention, in the broader context of the regional integration. ILO completed a research for the IGAD region on the links between climate, displacement and employment, which was validated and disseminated at the Regional Consultative Process with governments, and social partners in August 2018; the second phase of the research (quantitative data collection) will be completed by May 2020. A phase II of the project will allow more substantial support for IGAD member States to address the protection and labour needs of those affected by climate and likely to move, and also to examine potential for decent work opportunities for affected communities in resilience building, reducing drivers and labour mobility for potential youth affected.