

## **Session 1: Drivers and regular pathways (Objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18)**

Germany remains committed to minimise the adverse drivers of migration, to facilitate migration through regular pathways and to ensure access to ethical recruitment and decent work.

In March 2023, Germany took over the chairmanship of the EU migration dialogue with the countries of the Horn of Africa, countries of North Africa and the African Union for one year. As part of our Climate Foreign Policy, the German Presidency focuses on human mobility in the context of climate change as well as internal displacement with special consideration of gender aspects as a cross-cutting issue.

In 2019, Germany and France initiated the "Humanitarian Call for Action" with the aim of strengthening respect for international humanitarian law and protecting the humanitarian space. The appeal has so far been supported by 53 signatories.

In line with its commitments under the Grand Bargain, Germany has significantly increased flexible funding for humanitarian assistance from 147.6 million Euros in 2016 to over 1.8 billion Euros in 2023, which corresponds to 56.1 per cent of total humanitarian funding.

With 48.1 million Euros, Germany was the second-largest bilateral donor in face of the crisis in Venezuela. Germany is also substantially involved in the EU's humanitarian assistance with around 25 per cent and the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund with around 19 per cent. At the same time, Germany has relentlessly worked to broaden the donor base.

Germany remains a major donor of IOM and has funded a broad range of projects. Between 2022 and 2024, Germany provided funds totalling 19.5 million Euros for IOM's "Humanitarian Programme for Africa". In 2023, Germany also provided 54,5 Mio. Euros for a global IOM emergency response programme which facilitated services for vulnerable migrants and internally displaced persons in contexts such as Ukraine, Lebanon, Panama and Bangladesh. In the context of development cooperation, Germany finances numerous projects through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Deutsche Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). All ongoing projects have a total volume of 343,1 Mio. Euros.

Moreover, Germany continues to offer and further develop pre-departure measures. The Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration who serves as the Federal Government Commissioner for Anti-Racism as well funds a project implemented by IOM that offers pre-departure measures for people taking part in humanitarian settlement programs.

In 2023, pre-departure measures were enshrined in the revised Skilled Immigration Act in Germany. Accordingly, pre-departure measures can be offered in selected third countries as of 2026. Pre-departure measures include advisory services on legal migration to Germany, language courses, courses about cultural orientation as well as services that accompany skilled workers from the countries of origin to municipal advisory services in Germany.

The pre-departure measures shall be offered in cooperation with the advisory services on legal migration at the “Centres for Migration and Development” that have been implemented since 2023 by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development in nine partner countries. The centres offer advice to returnees as well as people interested in migrating to Europe or within their own region for work or training purposes. In addition to advice, they refer interested persons to concrete training programmes that either prepare them for regular migration or support their socioeconomic reintegration, as well as to psychosocial support. The centres also provide information on the risks of irregular migration. There is a specific focus on supporting women and disadvantaged groups. To increase the long-term viability of the centres and their work, they are closely linked to government structures in the partner countries, such as national employment agencies and migration ministries. The centres’ mandate also includes strengthening the capacities of partner governments, local authorities and civil society.

Since November 2023, Germany and the European Commission have been jointly financing the second phase of the project “Towards a Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility in North Africa” (THAMM Plus), which is active in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia. The focus of the German project component is on improving the training and employability of people interested in migration, establishing networks and contacts between the German demand side and institutions in the countries of origin, and supporting the introduction of standard procedures for regular labour migration at the responsible authorities and ministries in the partner

countries. In addition, the project will continue placing skilled workers and trainees with companies in Germany on a pilot basis.

Since 2017, Germany has been funding a Global Programme on Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change. Through the programme Germany works together with partner countries on a sustainable approach when dealing with displacement and migration in the context of climate change. I.a., this includes data analysis and scenario planning for a better understanding of migration patterns, training of border officials for dealing with disaster-related displacement as well as development of policy instruments to ensure planned relocation is human rights based and inclusive. A second phase is currently being initiated to ensure the continuation of this successful programme.