

Session 4: Data, information and evidence-based policy making (Objectives 1, 3, 7, 17, 23)

Germany remains committed to strengthening evidence-based policymaking for informed public discourse and enhancing international cooperation to reduce vulnerabilities and promote safe, orderly, and regular migration.

In 2023, Germany spent 131 million Euros for anticipatory action throughout the humanitarian system, thus exceeding the 100 million Euros pledge by a wide margin. Since 2022, Germany has also been heavily involved in the conceptual development of the instrument and its anchoring in the international humanitarian system. During Germany's G7 presidency in 2022, it also succeeded in adopting its own G7 Foreign Ministers' Declaration on strengthening forward-looking humanitarian assistance.

Germany is committed to ending gender-based violence in humanitarian contexts and to this end has taken over the chairmanship of the "Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies" for the years 2023-2024. For the Global Refugee Forum 2023, Germany, in its role as Call to Action Chair, has presented a multi-stakeholder pledge on gender equality and protection from gender-based violence in cooperation with UNHCR.

The German Federal Foreign Office will soon publish its strategy on gender in humanitarian assistance. This will make the German gender approach visible in the global gender debate and integrate it into political action. The aim of the Federal Foreign Office is to ensure that German humanitarian assistance is at least 100 per cent gender-sensitive and, wherever possible, gender-targeted.

Germany continues its bilateral migration dialogues with EU states. Since 2023, the Special Representative for Migration Agreements with Third Countries has also been based at Federal Ministry of the Interior, where talks with various countries are already underway.

Germany also continues to actively promote the issue of climate- and disaster-related displacement and supported the central work of the Platform for Disaster Displacement. Further funding of 1.6 million Euros has been agreed for the PDD Secretariat for the period 2023-2025.

Germany supports the activities of the Global Data Institute of the International Organisation for Migration in Berlin, which was founded in 2022 and officially launched in 2023. One example is the German funded 2 million Euros project on gender-disaggregated migration data. The project aims to improve the availability and use of gender-disaggregated migration data. Germany also strengthens the rights, participation and access to resources of migrant women with the "Making Migration Safe for Women" programme, implemented by UN Women. Building on the first phase in Niger, the project aims to protect the rights and improve access to resources of women migrants in Ethiopia, while promoting gender-responsive legal frameworks and safe and orderly migration for women migrants at a global level.

In addition, Germany financed projects with IDMC (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre) as well as with UNDP and JIPS (Joint IDP Profiling Service) to enhance data quality and knowledge sharing on internal displacement.

Germany recognises the key role of local and regional governments and values their participation in global migration governance processes. Therefore, Germany through the funding of the GFMD Mayors Mechanism supported, amongst others, the preparation and participation of 34 representatives from 17 cities at the IMRF.

Germany underlines its strong belief in the importance of international cooperation improving the collection and use of disaggregated migration data, providing accurate, timely, accessible and transparent information and fighting misleading narratives that generate negative perceptions of migrants. Inclusive and evidence-based policy making processes require meaningful cooperation between governments at all levels, civil society, international organisations, the private sector, and also diaspora, and migrants themselves.