



2015 European Year for Development

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EYD2015

DEMOGRAPHY AND MIGRATION

2015 is a landmark year for international aid and development cooperation as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) come to their conclusion. Based on these, the world will come together to agree on a new course of action, the post-2015 development agenda.

Each month, the EYD2015 is focusing on a different development theme, to raise awareness of the benefits of the EU's development cooperation in that field and encourage direct involvement, critical thinking and active interest of EU citizens. September is the month of 'Demography and Migration'.



8 year old Fatimata is getting registered to 'officially' exist in Niger. The EU is providing support to Niger to improve its civil registration system. Read her story at europa.eu/eyd2015

Demography: The world's population reached 7 billion in 2013 and the UN predicts that it will grow to 9.7 billion by 2050. The size and age profile of a country's population define many aspects of its social and economic development, such as how many children need schooling, the size of the labour force and the demand on social services, energy and infrastructure.

Globally, fertility rates are declining and populations are ageing. Yet, population change varies widely across the world. There are 66 countries with high fertility rates and 45 of these are in sub-Saharan Africa, where many women still do not have their needs for family planning met. Across Asia and Latin America, fertility has fallen. When it comes to ageing, people are living longer and the global population aged over 60 is expected to double by 2050.

Migration: One billion of the world's 7 billion people are considered to be migrants in one form or another. Some 232 million are 'international migrants', the majority of whom come from developing countries. Another 740 million have migrated from rural to urban areas within their country, and for the first time in history, more than half the world's population now live in cities.

Migration, if well-managed, can be a powerful driver of development, both in countries of destination and origin. It can foster entrepreneurship and innovation, and facilitate exchanges of knowledge, skills and culture. Migrants residing in low and middle income countries can contribute substantially to growth by bridging skill gaps in labour markets. In their countries of origin, migrants continue to make significant contributions through remittances, which amount to three times that of official development assistance.

Many people are forced from their homes due to conflict and instability. Today, there are almost 60 million refugees and internally displaced persons, the highest number since World War II. While 86% of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries, the numbers of asylum seekers coming to Europe are also increasing and have reached the highest number since 1992.

EYD2015 AND DEMOGRAPHY AND MIGRATION

Visit the official EYD2015 website and find stories, infographics and other information on 'Demography and Migration'. Also find out more about events, initiatives and activities organised by EYD partners!



Vera Craciun, through an EU programme, was supported to set up her own flower business after returning to her native Moldova after migrating some years earlier. Read her story at europa.eu/eyd2015

EU and Demography and Migration

The EU supports partner countries to provide their populations with the necessary conditions for a decent life for all.

In order for governments to take policy decisions for development planning they need access to accurate information about their populations. The EU therefore supports the strengthening of civil registration and vital statistics systems in many countries. As women need to be empowered to decide on the timing of childbirth, the EU works to ensure that all women and girls have equal opportunities and access to sexual and reproductive health services.

EU development cooperation plays an important role in tackling issues like poverty, insecurity, inequality and unemployment which are among the drivers of forced displacement and irregular migration. The EU also considers that managing international migration effectively and respecting the human rights of migrants is a shared responsibility of countries of origin, transit and destination. Therefore, the EU supports partner countries in their efforts to better manage migration and to integrate migration into their development strategies and sectorial policies.

The European Agenda on Migration provides the basis for EU action on all dimensions of migration to the European Union.

THE EU'S COOPERATION IN ACTION:

Demography:

- Civil registration: Full **National Registration System** established in **Angola** with digitised records.
- Reproductive health: Supported **health systems** to provide close to **17 million consultations on reproductive health** from 2004–2012.

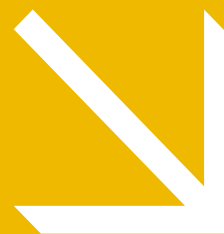
Migration:

- Remittances: Increased competition in transferring **remittances** resulted in **reductions in remittance fees of up to 50%** in 335 rural localities in **6 West African countries**.
- Forced displacement: **Refugees and IDPs** were assisted in **33 countries** in 2014 alone.
- Voluntary return and reintegration: Support provided to **2200** persons for the **safe and voluntary return from Tanzania, Morocco and Yemen** and reintegration assistance in their countries of origin.

THEMATIC MONTHS

Each month during the campaign will focus on a different theme involved in development around the world:

- January:* **EUROPE IN THE WORLD**
- February:* **EDUCATION**
- March:* **WOMEN AND GIRLS**
- April:* **HEALTH**
- May:* **PEACE AND SECURITY**
- June:* **SUSTAINABLE GREEN GROWTH, DECENT JOBS, BUSINESSES**
- July:* **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
- August:* **HUMANITARIAN AID**
- September:* **DEMOGRAPHY AND MIGRATION**
- October:* **FOOD SECURITY**
- November:* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION**
- December:* **HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE**



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Join the EYD2015 campaign online! Stay up to date with information and news on the official campaign website, join the conversation on Twitter (#EYD2015) and have your say on Facebook.

Infographics, online banners, campaign trailers and more materials can be downloaded from the EYD2015 website. You can also join the group "European Year for Development 2015" on capacity4dev.eu to join the debate and get the latest news.

To get more involved, you can join us at events across the EU, and spread the impact of the campaign by co-branding with the EYD2015.

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