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**REPORT OF THE 2ND NATIONAL VALIDATION
AND PLANNING WORKSHOP ON MIGRATION
DATA MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

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Introduction

The International Organization for Migration is implementing the 10th EDF project titled “Promoting Better Management of Migration in Nigeria” which aims to improve the governance of migration through the use of evidence based instruments. The workshop is the second planning meeting on the Migration Data Strategy which will be implemented by Ministries, Departments and Agencies working in migration related matters. The workshop had in attendance the Migration Desk Officers as well as Legal Advisers of the migration data working group as agreed in the previous planning workshop held on 25th – 27th February, 2014 at Ramat Hotel, New Nyanya, Nasarawa State.

The Migration Data Expert, IOM gave an overview of the agreements reached during the previous meeting as follows.

- Review and adopt the common migration data sharing template
- Review the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Migration Data Sharing Protocol
- Review and adopt the Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- Plan for future activities for implementing the data management strategy

Presentations

Effective Migration Data Generation and Sharing by Oriokpa Vincent I.

The facilitator stated that migration data is movement across well-defined administrative boundaries expressed as a number of some qualitative attributes. Migration data can be generated through censuses, surveys, vital registration and administrative records. Gaps exist in terms of data generation which needs to be filled by having a common template with common definitions and measurements of migration data. Data is useful when it is successfully disseminated to stakeholders either through a web portal or designating a data clearing house. Institutional buy-in, national ownership, common definitions, measurements and indicators, as well as consistent engagement with stakeholders are key to successful data generation and sharing.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Migration Data Working Group by Mr. Oni Ojo

The facilitator outlined the roles and responsibilities of the migration data working group members. Members of the Working Group include National Population Commission, National Bureau of Statistics, Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, Nigeria Immigration Service and Nigeria National Volunteer Service.

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The National Population Commission will coordinate all activities of the working group, provide leadership and technical support to other agencies in terms of standardization of data collection instruments. The Commission will provide available migration data from censuses and surveys and serve as the aggregator of all migration data for dissemination to stakeholders.

The National Bureau of Statistics will support National Population of Commission in technical support to other agencies in standardization of data collection instruments as well as backup and archival of migration data. Other members of the working group will release non restricted datasets to the aggregator and actively participate in meetings and planning workshops.

The facilitator added that the migration data management strategy will facilitate collective ownership and standardization as well as effective migration data management. The strategy document will feed into the draft national migration policy as a section of the policy is dedicated to data management.

Discussions

After extensive deliberation, recommendations and redrafting, the MDWG adopted the following:

- Data management sharing template
- The monitoring and evaluation framework and the plan of action
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on data exchange protocol

Also various sections of the MoU were highlighted and discussed for instance

- For the purpose of the data management strategy, all members of the migration data working group are responsible for the coordination, provision, and release of all migration data related to their specific mandates to the aggregator.
- Within the Migration Data Management Strategy framework and in furtherance to Section 6.1 of the draft National Migration Policy, National Population Commission shall lead and facilitate the activities and funding of the migration data working group as well as serve as aggregator of migration data. At its operational level, it will collaborate with relevant agencies and ensure the availability of data relating to internal and international migration.
- The National Bureau of Statistics will collaborate with relevant agencies and ensure the availability of data relating to remittances to the aggregator.
- The National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons will collaborate with relevant agencies and ensure the availability of data relating to asylum seekers, refugees and internally displaced persons to the central pool.

- The Nigeria Immigration Service will collaborate with relevant agencies and ensure the availability of data relating to migrant students, irregular migration and trafficking in persons to the aggregator.
- The Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity will collaborate with relevant agencies and ensure the availability of labour migration related data to the central pool.
- The Nigerian National Volunteer Service will collaborate with relevant agencies and ensure the availability of data relating to Diaspora to the aggregator.

Next steps

- The Legal Advisers (who were present at the workshop) shall advise the Chief Executive Officers of their respective agencies to sign the draft MoU on Migration data exchange protocol as reviewed and adopted by the MDWG on or before 30th of June, 2014.
- That IOM should provide funding for the activities of the Migration Data Working Group for the year 2014 and thereafter, NPopC should ensure sustainable funding strategies for the activities of the Group.
- That the meeting of the migration data working group be held at least once every quarter. The date of the pre-test of the data management strategy template will be discussed in the next meeting scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2014.
- On establishment of the National Migration Database, NPopC reported that the bid for the repair of the 90 KVA inverter which would house the database is in progress and hoped to be completed soon.