







BEYOND IRREGULARITY PROJECT



STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF BEYOND IRREGULARITY PROJECT/ WORKSHOP, April 3rd 2012, Abuja

REPORT OF THE STAKHOLDERS WORKSHOP AND RESEARCH AGENDA SETTING - BEYOND **IRREGULARITY PROJECT**

MONDAY 2ND - TUESDAY 3RD APRIL, 2012 BOLTON WHITE HOTEL, ABUJA















BACKGROUND

The Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), UK, in partnership with the Centre for Migration Research at Sussex University, UK; Eaves Housing for Women Ltd, UK; Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), Belgium; Council for Moroccan Community Abroad (CCME), Morocco; and the development for Research and Project Center (dRPC) in Nigeria is implementing a new project on irregular migration between Nigeria as a source country via Morocco as a country of transit to European destinations. The project is funded by the European Union. The project's objective is to expand knowledge and create an evidence base which will enable individual governments, the EU and other stakeholders to better manage and prevent irregular migration from Sub – Saharan African countries and transit in Morocco to the EU, and to institutionalise a dialogue about these issues. The project's timeline is 2011 to 2013.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- To analyse recent trends regarding irregular migration in the region
- To enhance the institutional capacity of governments and civil society actors in countries of origin and transit
- To strengthen the protection of migrants' rights in transit countries
- To raise awareness about the risks of irregular migration and exploitation by trafficking networks
- To provide a strategic and sustainable framework for dialogue and cooperation

ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT















Project activities revolved around case studies (see project summary) and included sub-activities such as literature review, research, sensitization visits, campaigns and the establishment of a global advocacy platform on irregular migration from Nigeria to Europe.

AIM OF THE MEETINGS 2ND AND 3RD APRIL 2012 IN FCT

Prior to the two-day meeting with researchers and stakeholders in Abuja a sensitization meeting was held with NAPTIP and formative research was conducted on the level of awareness of the problem of irregular migration in Nigeria. The aim of the meeting of the 2nd April 2012 was to refine the research design and methodology for Case study 3. Case study 3 will explore migrants' motivations for remaining in the EU and inhibitors to return at each stage of their experience as an irregular migrant, as well as their future migration intentions. We will work with civil society actors and relevant government departments in Nigeria and Morocco to establish social and professional reintegration schemes. The Aim of the meeting of 3rd April 2012 was to share preliminary findings from Case study 1 to stakeholders in Nigeria.

PROJECT STRUCTURE IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, the project is anchored by the development Research and Projects Centre and indigenous non-profit which works in the area of research and capacity building to address development problems with creative and collective solutions. The dRPC was formed in 1994 and has head offices in Kano State. The dRPC implements the project by forming a project team consisting of representatives from WOTCLEF, Save the child initiative Sokoto, and PEP, Imo State. In Nigeria, the is overseen by a 5 member Advisory Committee.

RESEARCH PLANNING MEETING: 02/04/2011















The IPPR team of the Beyond Irregularity Workshop and Training Program consisted of Dr. Myriam Cherti (Coordinator IPPR) and Jenny Pennington (Researcher IPPR). Also in attendance were Judith – Ann Walker (Coordinator dRPC), Mrs. Nkiru Duru (Program Assistant, dRPC), Sarah Mukisa (M&E advisor to dRPC on attachment from VSO Nigeria) and Miss Zainab Saleh (Intern, dRPC). Researchers were Mrs. Ruth Haruna (WOTCLEF), Mr. Aliyu Sidi Yakubu (Community of Sahel – Sahara State), Mr. Abdulganiyu Abubakar (Save the Child Initiative), and Mrs. Lillian Ezenwa (PEP),

Researchers were supported by dRPC in partnership with IPPR to attend the workshop and training on Irregular Migration. The researchers introduced themselves and participated in an open discussion to improved action plan toward carrying out Case study 3. At the end of the discussion all agreed with the revised work plan was planned for the implementation and instrument revision.

15 interviews of UK returnees would be conducted by each researcher

Informed consent procedures must be followed

Respondents should be returnees for the past 1 or 2 years

A pilot would first be conducted, reviewed and approved before the actual interviews were carried out

Gender balance was required amongst returnees to be interviewed

Format for submitting hard and soft copy forms of the interviews were agreed upon

CPACITY BUILDING TRAINING OF RESEARCHERS - MORNING SESSION 03/04/2012

Mock interviews were carried out by the researchers and reviewed by the IPPR team.

Each questions on the instrument was discussed and some of the areas were difficult was noted resulted in revisions to the instrument being made.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING - AFTERNOON SESSION 03/04/2012















The afternoon session day two of the meeting consisted of a presentation of IPPR research findings of Case study 1 and was followed by an introduction to the upcoming research on Cast study 3. Several questions, comments and observations followed the IPPR presentation. These questions and points of concern are listed below:

QUESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES RAISED BY NAPTIP

- ✓ Are there government bodies in the UK or NGO's that identify and work with Irregular Migrants on a country by country basis?
- ✓ Trafficking is a problem beyond government's capacity. There is need for increased funding for proper enlightenment and rehabilitation of victims.
- ✓ Benchmarking is important in order to monitor the implementing of policies.
- ✓ There exist a signed Memorandum of Understanding between Nigeria and the United Kingdom on the issue of irregular migration which has not been implemented. The MOU should be looked into because it has been signed for over Seven (7) years and it is still yet to be implemented.
- ✓ How does IPPR intend to translate research findings into practice?
- ✓ There should be curriculum introduced into secondary schools to create awareness about the problem of trafficking in persons
- ✓ NAPTIP reports that they have conducted a research on awareness of TIP in the general public. They suggested that the findings from the IPPR survey should be reconciled with theirs
- ✓ How will the IPPR work with Nigerian NGOs? Would a network be established and would it be harmonized with other existing networks?
- ✓ How the masses grasp the messages that IPPR will use in the campaign and how lasting will be the impact on people lives?

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RAISED BY OTHER STAKEHOLDERS















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- ✓ Would it not be more effective to identify where the Irregular Migrants are coming from so that it could be easy to work at the particular state concerned?
- ✓ There is need to explore contingencies and overlap between regular Migration and Irregular Migration? How does one lead to another?
- ✓ How does the government of the UK classify and collect data on Irregular Migration from Nigeria?
- ✓ With regard to case study 3 how does IPPR intend to identify the sample of returnee migrants?
- ✓ How is the flow of irregular migrants to the United Kingdom affected by the Olympic Games? This relationship needs to be established in fact. What is the precedence?
- ✓ What provisions are there for information about regular migration? Perhaps if more information were available about this path the incidence of irregular migration would be less significant
- ✓ What is the age range of Nigerians Trafficked to the UK?
- ✓ How is trafficking linked to sports especially football?
- ✓ What is NAPTIP's rate of prosecution and how successful has it been?
- ✓ How can the Nigerian Immigration Service be strengthened to reduce trafficking.
- ✓ National Assembly should play their role through ensure that Irregular migrants are properly processed in accordance to the provision of law.
- ✓ How does NAPTIP involve civil societies and groups in the issues of Trafficking?
- ✓ NAPTIP should also have a processes that are less cumbersome
- ✓ Given the recent crisis of UK border controls it will be important to document how the authorities are trying to avoid the same event from occurred?
- ✓ How has the socio economic status of the trafficked persons changed both in Nigeria and the UK?
- ✓ What does the issue of trafficking mean to the Legislature? What is the government role? What is the role of the civil society?















- ✓ Media should not be neglected as the media is a major conduit for the dissemination of campaign information to the grassroots.
- ✓ Most of the challenges in the area of TIP stems from the fact that organisations want to run projects alone without partnerships. For example, there is a general failure to work with agencies such as National Orientation.
- ✓ What is the government punishment for traffickers? Should they not be harsher?

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

The floor was opened for responses to questions and issues raised in the late afternoon. Significant discussions took place on the role of NAPTIP and need for this agency to be more effective and to work more productively with international partners and NGOs. The issue of the importance of research in irregular migration policies and projects was also discussed. Participants expressed interest in the results of Case study 3 and in some cases seemed unsatisfied with the answers given to their questions on Case study 1.

The forum closed at 5:30am on 3rd April 2012 with a promise by the Coordinator of the dRPC and the IPPR Project Director that stakeholders will continue to be informed of research findings from Case study 3, from the upcoming campaign and other activities of the project. All stakeholders were duly thanked and the day's activities ended.

PICTURES OF BEYOND IRREGULARITY PROJECT/WORKSHOP

















GROUP PICTURE OF PARTICIPANTS OF BEYOND IRREGULARITY PROJECT/ WORKSHOP



PICTURE OF STAKEHOLDERS AT THE BEYONG IRREGULARITY PROJECT/WORKSHOP





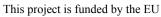














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