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# Liechtenstein's Refugee and Migration Assistance

## **Background Information – Key Facts**

International Humanitarian Cooperation and Development (IHCD) covers all forms of humanitarian and development policy engagement by the State of Liechtenstein. In 2012, Liechtenstein's ODA was **CHF 26.8 million.** The **ODA-percentage** in 2010 was **0.62**, meaning that Liechtenstein ranked sixth worldwide.



International Refugee and Migration Assistance is part of IHCD and takes up 10% (2012: **CHF 2.7 million**) of the annual IHCD budget. It is based on the following principles:

- Sustainable and comprehensive approach to dealing with global refugee an migration issues
- Focus on local integration and long-term improvement of living conditions
- Holistic approach including circular migration, readmission agreements and visa issues
- Conclusion of migration partnerships with key countries
- Promotion of compliance with international legal, human rights and humanitarian standards
- Activities on multilateral and bilateral level

## **Multilateral Activities**

Since 2007 more than **CHF 3.5 million** (almost CHF 100 per capita) was spent by Liechtenstein for multilateral activities in the context of refugee and migration assistance.

Key priority is the improvement of the global situation of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

### UNHCR

Liechtenstein has supported UNHCR for many years. It is the most important partner in the assistance of refugees. Since 2008, UNHCR has received **CHF 1.7 million** of earmarked and un-earmarked contributions from Liechtenstein. Through its contributions, Liechtenstein seeks to enhance the international system of migration and asylum and to improve the situation of refugees by strengthening their rights. The focus lies primarily on the regional programs in North and West Africa.



#### IDMC



Liechtenstein supports research on the needs of IDPs and the advocacy for their interests. Therefore, it has continuously supported IDMC since 2009 with **CHF 550'000** of un-earmarked contributions. In 2013, IDMC and Liechtenstein initiated a project on "housing policies and practices in support of durable solutions" which aims to analyse the situation of IDPs in various regions and to formulate specific recommendations for affected countries.

## Refugee Education Trust (RET)

Liechtenstein strongly believes that education is important for the improvement of the situation of refugees and IDPs. Since 2009, RET has received more than **CHF 1.1 million** of contributions. Since 2010, RET has been implementing a school project for IDP women in Parwan/Afghanistan, which is financed solely by Liechtenstein.



## **Bilateral Projects**

Since 2004, Liechtenstein has spent more than **CHF 15.5 million** for bilateral development projects in the context of refugee and migration assistance. In recent years, Liechtenstein has been following a holistic approach, seeking comprehensive migration partnerships with target countries. On the one hand, Liechtenstein supports the implementation of development cooperation projects in target countries. On the other hand, cooperation with these countries in many areas of migration (e.g. readmission, visas, circular migration etc.) is strengthened. Such partnerships are of advantage for both sides.

Priority regions:

Thematic focus:

- Western Balkans
- Armenia
- Moldova

- Integration of minorities
- Rural development
- Education

## Republic of Kosovo

Since 2007, Liechtenstein has supported projects in Kosovo with **CHF 2.8 million.** The projects focus on the integration of minorities such as Roma and Sinti, the improvement of educational infrastructure as well as rural development. In 2012, Liechtenstein and Kosovo agreed on a migration partnership.

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina has been a priority country for many years. Since 2004, more than **CHF 4.6 million** was spent for the integration of minorities and education. Also, projects to strengthen the rights of women were implemented. A migration partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina exists since 2011, which includes projects of circular migration. Young farmers from Bosnia and Herzegovina are given the opportunity for a one year training in the agricultural sector in Liechtenstein. The project aims to strengthen the transfer of knowledge.



Agricultural trainees from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Liechtenstein



with Minister of Interior of Kosovo.

Bajram Rexhepi, in 2012

Former Liechtenstein Minister of Interior, Hugo Quaderer,