

Spanish Red Cross intervention in support of migratory cycles

Humanitarian assistance, integration, return

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1. Framework for action



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Framework for action

- 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, November 2007, Resolution 1: **"Statement: Together for Humanity"**
- **Migration Policy** , adopted by 17th General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, Nairobi, Kenya, in November 2009.
- 31st International Conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, November 2011, Resolution 3: **"Migration: access, dignity, respect for diversity and social inclusion"**

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STRATEGIC PLAN: CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION II

- PECE I (2007-2010): immigration on the political agenda
 - Education, employment and reception = 80% of funds
 - Children and Youth
 - Social Services

- PECE II (2011-2014) = Scenario:
 - Increased number of long-term residents
 - Crisis => Increased unemployment => greater vulnerability
 - Increased racism and xenophobia



STRATEGIC PLAN: CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION II

- Two-way model of integration: "Society as a whole must adopt policies that facilitate coexistence"

PECI II: emphasis on rights and duties:

- Coexistence in the neighborhoods: participation, diversity management
- Strategy against racism and xenophobia
- Social inclusion:
 - Education
 - Employment
- Strengthening of professional trainings
- Multilateral governance: working with immigrant associations

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STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

Population in Spain

- Total population in Spain: **47.190.493**
(Data INE 1.01.2011)
- Estimated total population in Spain: **46.196.278**
(Estimation INE 1.01.2012)
- Foreign population: **5.751.487 (12,19%)**
(Data INE 1.01.2011)

STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

Foreign Population

- Foreign population with a registration certificate or a residence card : **5.251.094**

- Origin by country:

| | |
|------------|----------------------------|
| ❖ Romania: | 912.526 |
| ❖ Morocco: | 801.690 (RG) + 33.498 (RC) |
| ❖ Ecuador: | 372.411 (RG) + 31.543 (RC) |

STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

Long-term residence

➤ Long-term residence: 67,74% of the total

Increase of 2.59% over previous quarter

➤ Origin by country:

❖ Africa: 815.596 (44,67%)

❖ Central and South America: 693.583 (37,99%)

(Migration Permanent Observatory data, MEySS, December 2011)

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SRC CHALLENGES AND OBJECTIVES IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATION

- Promote, through action in countries of origin and on the basis of the Millennium Development Goals, the satisfaction of basic needs, social awareness and local development (through income generating activities)
- Provide humanitarian assistance to vulnerable migrants (regardless of their administrative status)
- Promote the integration of immigrants through social support and employment (Social Action Plan and Employment Plan)
- Provide reliable information and advice on issues that affect people migrating in receiving, transit and origin countries, through the SRC local teams and using ICT (www.migrar.org)
- Increasing the action of SRC in the field of social awareness and in the field of defense and protection of migrant rights
- Strengthen the capacity of RC/RC National Societies in the countries of origin and transit

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1.1 Before departure



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Before departure

- **Development projects in migrants 'countries of origin:** health, water and sanitation, income generating activities for women and vulnerable people through a community approach (Mali, Sierra Leone, Senegal, etc.).
- **Information and guidance** on the migratory process and the country of destination (www.migrar.org)
- **Co-development in cooperation with other NGOs:** information and advice in countries of origin, support to families who are in vulnerable situations, income-generating activities, psychosocial support, awareness of human rights and migration values (eg partnership between CRE, Peruvian embassy, CEDEAL)

2. Intervention in Spain

Arrival

Reception

Integration



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Intervention in Spain

- **First reception**
 - Emergency
 - Initial reception

CETIs (Centres for the temporary stay of migrants)

- **Reception Centers**
- **Employment (access, retention, promotion)**
- **Researches, restoring family links, family reunification and International Social Service**

- **Unaccompanied Minors**
- **Rising awareness to combat discrimination, xenophobia and racism**
- **Advocacy , and dialogue with policy makers, government, media and general public**
- **Migrar Foundation**
www.migrar.org

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First aid on the beach

- Assistance to newly arrived at the coasts of Andalusia and Canary Islands, through the Emergency Immediate Response Team (ERIE):
 - ❖ Basic needs, clothing, hot drinks
 - ❖ Basic health care
 - ❖ Transfer to hospital
 - ❖ Psychosocial support



Comparative chart of people attended on the coast : 2004-2012

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| January | 885 | 634 | 962 | 733 | 1.241 | 607 | 128 | 339 | 170 |
| February | 450 | 449 | 1.647 | 345 | 854 | 835 | 43 | 172 | 22 |
| March | 296 | 286 | 2.018 | 551 | 653 | 561 | 148 | 146 | 0 |
| April | 716 | 724 | 958 | 718 | 509 | 404 | 142 | 161 | 0 |
| Mayo | 818 | 708 | 5.491 | 1.416 | 1.018 | 477 | 216 | 324 | 0 |
| June | 1.297 | 1.200 | 2.093 | 1.335 | 1.371 | 725 | 384 | 443 | 0 |
| July | 1.341 | 917 | 3.536 | 1.478 | 1.280 | 891 | 403 | 952 | 0 |
| August | 2.776 | 1.015 | 7.126 | 1.689 | 1.660 | 626 | 527 | 582 | 0 |
| September | 1.225 | 1.048 | 8.620 | 2.361 | 2.169 | 699 | 499 | 390 | 0 |
| October | 1.343 | 1.674 | 1.610 | 1.772 | 715 | 994 | 447 | 861 | 0 |
| November | 1.421 | 976 | 2.138 | 2.476 | 900 | 313 | 212 | 307 | 0 |
| Dicember | 1.034 | 482 | 1.558 | 1.143 | 320 | 311 | 191 | 810 | 0 |
| | 13.602 | 10.113 | 37.757 | 16.017 | 12.690 | 7.443 | 3.340 | 5.487 | 192 |
| 106.641 | | | | | | | | | |

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First assistance upon arrival

- Establishing contacts with reference persons and social networks
- Transfer to reception centers
- Specific projects for migrants in an irregular situation (day centers, social and health care in the settlements, awareness ...)



First assistance upon arrival

➤ Assistance to asylum seekers at airports, ports and other border

- ❖ Information and guidance

- ❖ Food and lodging

- ❖ Basic health care

- ❖ Assistance to minors

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Initial Reception and Transfer

- **First Reception:** migrants arrived at Ceuta, Melilla, Canary Islands and other Spanish coasts (SRC Centers and Hostels) Stay for a period of 15 days.
- **First Reception:** asylum seekers (hostels) during the medical examination and interview (up to a month).
- **Services:** accommodation, food, clothing, financial support (pocket money), health (health card), transports, environmental awareness courses, language courses, legal advice (documentation, information on the fundamental rights and duties, registration), psychological support, etc.



Temporary Reception Centers

- **Centers for migrants and / or asylum seekers:**
 - Belonging to the Government
 - Belonging to SRC or other NGOs
- **Maximum stay between 6 and 12 months** (exceptional extension)
- **Services:**
 - Accomodation, food and basic needs
 - Legal advice
 - Basic training: knowledge of the Spanish context and language.
 - Vocational training and job search
 - Psychosocial support
 - Translation and interpretation
 - Social mediation
 - Support to children education



Employment

➤ **SRC- Employment plan for vulnerable groups**

Personalized itineraries for social and labor integration`

- Information and guidance
- Training in personal and social skills
- Vocational training
- Stage in companies
- Intermediation with companies and monitoring
- Self-employment support (evaluation of business ideas, business development projects, counseling, microcredit, monitoring)
- Access to employment through ICT.



Mantaining links

➤ Restoring family links

Family searches, messages, delivery of certificates, ...

➤ International Social Service (Spanish Delegation)

Personalized social work, particularly focused on cases of children and families, coordination with social services and legal services, information and guidance ...

➤ Family reunion

Support to the reunion process: displacement and initial reception, social assistance for the integration and monitoring



Unaccompanied Minors

➤ Residential Centers

- ❖ Centers for unaccompanied minors (6 centers)
- ❖ Sheltered housing for the emancipation (14 units over 18 years)
- ❖ Services: food and lodging, socio-educational support, access to public resources - non-formal schooling and training – leisure activities, cultural mediation, access to employment, ...

➤ Prevention of social exclusion and integration of youth involved in the migration processes (Cadiz, Huelva and Valladolid)

Prevention of social exclusion and violence, support to school success, generational conflict prevention

➤ CRoNO

Project for social and educational inclusion of unaccompanied minors. Volunteers acting as community focal points for integration of children.

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Awareness. Fight against discrimination, racism and xenophobia

- Itinerant exhibition “**Aprende a mirar de cerca**” (“Learn to look closely”)
Approximate number of visitors: 50,000 (presented in 33 cities). Awareness campaign to combat stereotypes and discrimination and provide a normalized image of migrants
- Itinerant exhibition “**En la otra orilla**” (“On the other side”)
Workshops aiming at rising awareness on social and public works, media representatives, etc.
- **Bembea Project (EQUAL UE Initiative).**
Development and validation of various advocacy strategies to combat discrimination, especially in the workplace, in partnership with other NGOs
- **Other activities:** videoforums, television spots, public awareness campaigns through virtual marketing, development of methodological guidelines for intercultural awareness, ...



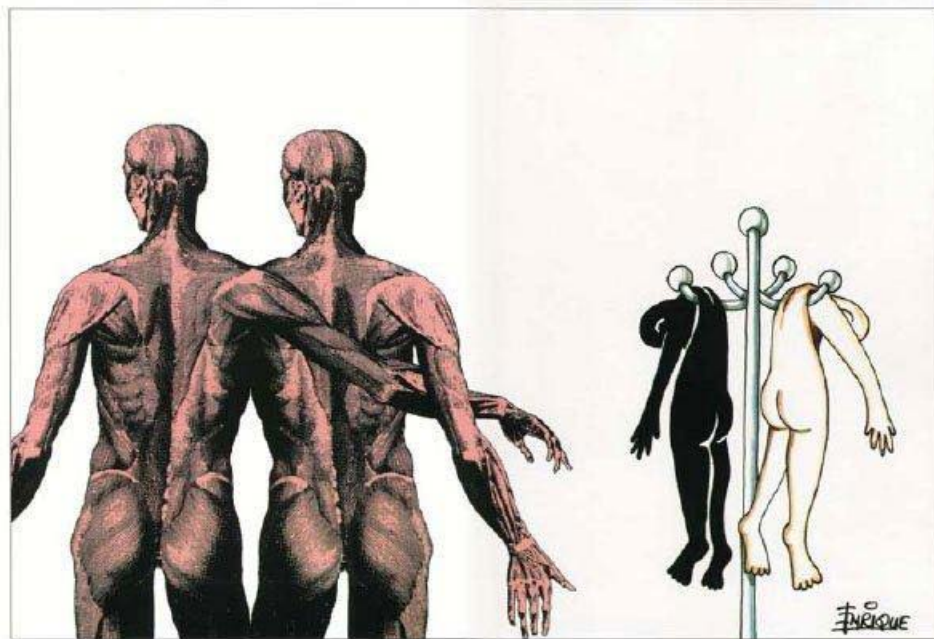
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**TOD@S
SOMOS
TOD@S**

Antonio Fraguas, "FORGES"

“Aprende a mirar de cerca”



Enrique Pérez Penado "ENRIQUE".

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Humanitarian Diplomacy and Networking

- Council for the Promotion of Equal Treatment (governmental initiative under EU directives)
- Antenas network against discrimination
- Spanish Network against Trafficking and Smuggling of Human Beings
- Cooperation Platform of RC National Societies for migrants and asylum seekers (PERCO)
- European Council on Refugees and Exiles
- National Forum for Integration of migrants

Website: www.migrar.org

- Legal and social online support
 - 32% of applications came from the countries of origin
 - Legislation and FAQ section on procedures for the entry, residence, documentation, employment, etc.
- Employment: supply and demand
- Housing
- Intercultural Community: a forum for active participation
- Courses, events, news, weekly digital newsletter
- Participation of other entities (ACCEM, CEPAIM, ATIME)



| Service | Beneficiaries 2010 | Beneficiaries 2011 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Information, advice and intervention | 6.321 | 8.112 |
| First reception at borders | 1.351 | 1.893 |
| Temporary reception | 1.811 | 1.824 |
| Economic support | 2.551 | 2.880 |
| Training and integration | 653 | 739 |
| Psychological support | 2.414 | 2.652 |
| Interpretation and translation | 163 | 131 |
| Basic needs satisfaction in day centres (CEDIs) | 2.277 | 2.152 |
| Social and health care in settlements | 19.611 | 23.335 |
| Social and health care in the CETIs of Ceuta and Melilla | 2.844 | 2.031 |
| Social Mediation and comprehensive care in the CIE of Madrid Aluche | 3.416 | 3.250 |
| Reception in the airports of Barajas and El Prat | 842 | 840 |
| Emergency health care to migrants at the beach | 577 | 2.352 |
| Migrants' transfer to hospital | 219 | 116 |
| Support to family reunion | 212 | 208 |
| Voluntary return: social care for documented people | 370 | 469 |
| Voluntary return: social care for people in an irregular situation | 945 | 1.358 |
| Voluntary Return - Supplemental Aid to the payment of accrued and anticipated unemployment benefit (APRE) | 1.100 | 1.508 |
| TOTAL | 47.677 | 55.850 |

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3. Reflections



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Lessons learned

- **Migration is a right and a personal choice to improve living conditions.**

However, the migration project involves substantial risks, particularly for vulnerable people (migrants in irregular situation, victims of trafficking, children, etc.).

- To help migrants , **the Red Cross intervention should cover all situations:** in the countries of origin and transit as well as in receiving countries



Lessons learned

- Awareness activities, humanitarian diplomacy and advocacy are a key tasks for the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies
- Facilitate the integration of migrants means working with the person but also working with the community
- Discrimination based on stereotypes is the biggest barrier to achieving integration

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