GFMD CSM 3rd THEMATIC DIALOGUES

Priorities from the ground: building a global civil society agenda

- **What is the most pressing issue in your country or region of work, both within and beyond migration issues?**
- **If you are a grassroots and migrant-led organisations, what is your experience in influencing policymaking?**
- **Where are we as civil society able to assert influence?**

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Forced returns, deportations, immobile / stuck migrants due to US / Trump policies and emboldened disrespect of human rights. Reduction of allies like welcoming cities

Climate impacts on migrants, Indigenous Communities, migration movements and overall rights, protection and standards of living

Smuggling and trafficking, particularly rise of cyber trafficking

Xenophobia, Racism, Discrimination, Dehumanisation

Lack of adaptation / human rights-focused incorporation of technology. Misuse of technology against rights

Disregard of rule of national and international law, underdevelopment of legal frameworks supportive of migrant rights and protection

Continued and worsening immigration detention and criminalisation

Increasingly dangerous migration and returns routes due to restrictive migration policies and lack of regular pathways

Lack of data and accurate information, inadequate monitoring efforts

Access to healthcare

Gendered Issues — lack of rights, protection and information for women migrants

Rising fascism & authoritarianism

Lack of funding and sustainable support

Increasing issues with civic rights

Systemic and structural drivers of migration and displacement, threats / reduction of migrant rights and protection, and standard of living

Related- older age, families and children

Differential approaches

Erosion and continued disrespect of labour rights and protection

Misinformation / Lack of Information

Missing Migrants

If you are a grassroots and migrant-led organisations, what is your experience in influencing policymaking?

SOME INFLUENCE

Electoral representation and political education from the ground

We have had success involving immigrant voices in the election process and then one a candidate is elected they can be a champion for policies that support the very immigrants who got them elected. (US)

As grassroots organization Solidarities Aotearoa (Lumbleas Aotearoa) in Indonesia influences policy by providing information and women through political education, advocacy, and influencing policy policies, and facilitating active participation in discussions with government officials. This approach ensures that women's voices and perspectives are integrated into policymaking process, leading to more equitable and responsive policies.

Targeted campaigns for legislative change

Benefits of migrants campaigns for inclusion of migrants in the Philippines (1) Migrant CFW, migrants voters calling for wage increase; (2) Canada-based migrants calling to let migrant workers with health issues to stay and not be forced home, Juana Tejada law as a result of this campaign, to name a few.

Forte de nuestra experiencia en campañas de incidencia significativas, como violencia, migración, salud, vivienda, educación, sindicaly economía que afectan a nuestra base de organización comunitaria. Lo más importante es escuchar a la comunidad para identificar necesidades y amplificar sus voces en los espacios de toma de decisiones y acciones que se enfocan en mejorar las condiciones de las personas y en el bienestar humano.

Indirect influence on agendas

We've learned that grassroots and migrant-led groups like us - Dankaker (diaspora of women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland) can influence policy indirectly through our own platforms when we're not invited to existing ones. We influence through community-driven dialogue, building regional alliances, and working with international partners who value our lived expertise.

Documenting and monitoring experiences on the ground, expanding data, amplifying voices

Regional Network for LGBTIQ+ Human Mobility in LAC.
- Our Network works on LGBTIQ+ human mobility in LAC
- The Network is made up of 13 grassroots LGBTIQ+ organizations across 11 countries
- We have our own information system on LGBTIQ+ migration programs for LGBTIQ+ - migrants.
- We have data on the impact of the lack of access to LGBTIQ+ migrant assistance.
- We are conducting research on LGBTIQ+ migration in 8 Latin American countries.

As a grassroots, migrant-led organization, AMWAS Nepal influences policymaking by amplifying returnee women's voices through case documentation, stakeholder engagement, and collaboration in national and international advocacy spaces. Our lived experiences guide our push for safer migration policies and the removal of discriminatory bans.

Los migrantes son los que mejor conocen sus necesidades y realidades y pueden ofrecer soluciones efectivas y sostenibles.

Somos Rosero Caribe una y nos encargamos de contar noticias positivas, hoy día contamos con muchas narrativas migratorias que promueven inclusión y aceptación, pero también hemofobia cada vez crece y toca enfrentarla.

La organización ha apostado en el uso de nuevas tecnologías para crear espacios de diálogo, información y acciones en donde las personas migrantes realizan desde regularización informaciones de políticas públicas, rutas de atención a migrantes, mediación de conflicos, entre otros tanto en el país de origen como en el de destino. RONAPURA

Building alliances, collaborations with other actors

Direct dialogue with governments

Asserting our voices with public officials so that they hear directly from us, impacted people.

We are TU and we influence through our presence on the table

Collaboration with diaspora and countries of origin

One of our strongest sources of influence as DANAKER (diaspora of women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland) is our successful collaboration with the Embassy of Kyrgyzstan in Poland, especially through joint projects with the Migration and Human Trafficking Council (MHTC) under Parliament. This relationship gives us political support abroad and allows us to bring value back home. It's a two-way impact: empowering our diaspora while contributing to national development.

Contribution to UN and intergovernmental processes

Participating in regional policy review and policymaking processes to contribute to UN processes

CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNT

Tokenisation, lack of political will

AMWAS Nepal's experience in influencing policy as a grassroots, migrant-focused organization:
- Our advocacy efforts have reached parliament
- Publishing a guideline on trafficking, safer migration, and reintegration was adopted for community awareness.
- Co-authoring a policy brief on the "Implementation status of ILO Convention 189 (Domestic Workers)"
- Our work has helped and wage theft, lack of reintegration support, and need for ethical recruitment.
- Challenges we face:
  - **Tokenistic consultation processes** - our inputs are often sidelined.
  - **Bureaucratic delays and lack of follow-up** - policies remain informal and undocumented workers.

Conversations with governments making little / no progress- 'exhausting'. Need more engagement with local gov

We are not having enough informal conversations with the government representatives. Formal meetings have much effect as we are lost in formalities and procedural complexities. We can look at influencing the local government to bring the issues of the migrants at the local level and the communities. We are focusing on our national government and often miss the chances to make use of the opportunity to engage with the local government.

Using the social media for the benefit of the migrant workers should be intensified to counter the negative and negative notions against the migrants.

Nuestra experiencia ha sido muy agotadora, a pesar de ejercer vocería en espacios legítimos para los sindicatos en temas de migración internacional y movilidad para el acceso al trabajo decente de migrantes. Nuestramos experiencia ha sido muy agotadora entre el tema de derechos humanos y los temas de migración permanecen en los pasos de la región.

Perú CATP

Systemic corruption, lack of good governance, priority on profits and lack of accountability

"As a grassroots organization, we face significant challenges due to systemic corruption and lack of good governance in the migration sector. Powerful recruiting agencies, backed by billion-dollar profits, influence policymakers in many of which have direct ties to the industry. With limited resources, our efforts to protect rights are plagued by a lack of accountability, transparency, and ethical governance. This systemic corruption undermines our ability to secure fair labor rights and protections, leaving many migrants vulnerable to exploitation and abuse."

Inter-ministerial ego that hinder government synergy

Data collection and monitoring

Work with other partners- businesses, local governments

Escalate accountability

Protection through education and first response to migrants and at-risk communities

Legal action

Leverage and organise diaspora

Where are we as civil society able to assert influence?

- **A key point- united and strong, but targeted/ focused**

Ground-level solidarity, community action and movement building grounded in grassroots and Indigenous Communities

Systemic and structural drivers of migration and displacement, threats / reduction of migrant rights and protection, and standard of living

Finding and supporting governments willing to push back and hold the line on priorities

Build and push counter-narratives and vision

As CSO, we may need to add deporlarization of communication to our strategy. We also need to say that migration is not a concern for people

Literally everywhere, because of social media but more importantly, at grassroot level , specially slums, Atos, proud of the all the Women as key contributors!

Using arizmedia/ culture to promote human rights communities and share messages of solidarity across justice movements

As civil society we are able to influence by raising our voices with real life experiences, with evidence, with case studies and with our communities who live and face these issues. As civil society we can talk directly from the house, between our communities face, claiming for policies that dignify migrants, and respects human rights. (Wind of the Spirit/ Red Alianza Americas).

As civil society and grassroots organizations, the most important role we can play at the moment is letting the public know that there are people still fighting for justice and human rights. It is therefore important that we continue to fight for the visibility of our work on the ground with the people who most need hope and encouragement in this very discouraging world.

Reconocer las oportunidades que brinda la migración, para la los países receptores...

Increase "Myths and Realities"press and media education in collaboration with other Central American and/or legal and advocacy groups to share important information, raise awareness, and mobilize and combat misinformation in the region.

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El reconocimiento de los aportes de las mujeres en cuanto al envío de remesasa sus países de destino.

Refuerzo de narrativas positivas sobre la migración. En un contexto de creciente criminalización de la movilidad humana, es crucial destacar las contribuciones de las personas migrantes.

respectful safe and ethical communication between migrant in Bangladesh. Policy did not support yet to do so. As well as policy implementing is not vibrant, monitoring system is very weak in Bangladesh

Como organización de base en Ecuador, **Diálogo Diverso** participa activamente en espacios de incidencia política, incluyendo la **Mesa de Incidencia Nacional en Movilidad Humana**, donde hemos promovido el reconocimiento de las realidades específicas de las personas LGBTIQ+ en contexto de movilidad. Mediante nuestra red de **Cancillería del Ecuador**, hemos logrado incluir las variables de **sexo, género y orientación sexual** en las metas de **Cancillería del Ecuador**. Además, como **Red Nacional por la Movilidad Humana LGBTIQ+** articulamos esfuerzos con organizaciones de otros países para incidir colectivamente en políticas públicas más inclusivas.