Countries	Member States of the African Union
Working title	Migration and Health: Addressing the Health Challenges of Migrants and Refugees in Africa
Cooperation partners	GIZ programme "Support to the African Union on migration and displacement", African Union (AU)
Background	With hundreds of millions of people on the move, the general size and pattern of human migration has changed significantly through globalization. Migrants are both victims and vectors of health risks as they are exposed to a variety of threats that are often exacerbated by armed conflicts and epidemic outbreaks. The current COVID-19 crisis has once more highlighted the need for a consolidated policy framework which promotes improved governance of the migration and health nexus. The African Union (AUC) has recognised this problem and is looking for such a framework to address the nexus across their member states. However, there are still many unanswered questions that impede the AUC to effectively support national governments and regional economic communities in translating continental guidelines and policies into national and regional policies. What is the level of the availability and accessibility of health care services for (the most marginalised) migrants and refugees? What factors can explain possible variability? How effective and sustainable are existing migration health programs? What national or regional policies are already in place? Who are important stakeholders working in the field? How can regional and continental policy frameworks guide national approaches? What is the role and potential work programme of the AU in regard to migration and health? In order to find answers to these questions, different levels (local to continental), sectors (migration or health) and national approaches need to be considered. As part of this study project, a scoping study will gather relevant information on health and migration policies across different countries and regions. A particular focus will be on identifying knowledge gaps as well as health policies and their respective success in targeting migrants and refugees. The results will form the basis for in-depth case studies that are implemented via desk and empirical research, where possible. Finally, the overall results are expected to contribute to an outline for a training module on efficient health-related migration governance to be offered by the AUC to its member states. This study project is very unique as it requires consideration of and across regions. Also, it focuses on a policy field which has not taken center stage in migration and/or health studies in the past. Moreover, the expected results are of both practical but also high political relevance on the African continent. To conclude, lessons learned from this study will also yield insights that may be applicable to other contexts and regions of the world hosting migrants or refugees.
Objectives	Key objectives of the study are to (1) support the AUC with a summary of policy level evidence on what works 'where' and 'why' regarding the improvement of the health condition and health services for migrants and/or refugees in AU member states; and (2) to outline elements and priorities for a training manual to be developed by the AUC addressed to its member states and problem areas in health and migration policy.
Expected products	• Inception report with study design and approach • Scoping study for internal reference • Analytical study with case information (80 pages) • Executive summaries in English and French • Training module outline (10 pages) • Presentations in different AU member states
Team	Multidisciplinary team, experience in migration and/or health policies, experience in high-level policy making processes, confidence and sensible approach in dealing with political actors and/or target groups, excellent English language skills and fluency in other languages of the African Union
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