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# Facing an Uncertain Future Together

Dr. Anne T. Gallagher AO  
President

In December 2018, representatives from some 160 countries came together to affirm their shared vision of a future in which migration is safe and beneficial for all. This unprecedented demonstration of global solidarity reflected a growing acknowledgement that things have gone terribly wrong and must, somehow, be fixed. Violence, political instability and lack of opportunity for anything resembling a good life has rendered great parts of the world deeply inhospitable to millions of women, men and children. For too many, their journey and its end are marked by indignity, hardship and sometimes death. And the countries to which they have fled are – or feel – close to overwhelmed.

The Global Compact for Migration – which ICMC helped nurture from an idea into a reality – is far from a statement of revolution. It is a carefully worded articulation of some key challenges and how these might be addressed. Throughout 2019, we saw some important progress. But we also saw, too often, that the solidarity which inspired the Global Compact remains very fragile. Dealing with migration openly and honestly continues to be a gamble that too many of our leaders are just not willing to take on, even while they know that the status quo is unsustainable. Such failures create a vacuum that is easily filled by those who understand, all too well, how to tap into our collective fears around an increasingly fractured, unfair and uncertain world.

Throughout the period covered in this report, ICMC has actively sought to give substance and voice to the

principles and values set out in the Global Compact for Migration (and its companion Global Compact on Refugees). We have worked hard to advocate for laws, policies and practices that place migrants at the centre, and that respect and uphold the fundamental values of human freedom and human dignity. Through our practical works we have sought to deliver support and assistance to those in need.

Ours is a modest contribution to an overwhelming challenge. But, as I remind all those who work for and

support ICMC, any action, however small, is valuable, not least because it is a direct challenge to what Pope Francis has rightly called “the globalization of indifference.”

Already we can see that 2020 will bring widespread suffering on a previously unimaginable scale.

Certainly, ICMC is preparing to navigate stormy waters as it seeks to deliver on its mission to serve and protect migrants and refugees in need. In such perilous times we must have faith in the ideal of human solidarity. And we must be prepared to do more; to speak bravely; to join together in shaping a future where peace and justice, love and compassion, overcome our indifference, our fears and divisions.

*A father brings his daughter for a regular check-up at an ICMC-run Basic Health Unit in Kababian Afghan refugee camp in Peshawar, Pakistan.*

*Cover photo: A young Rohingya refugee in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Her parents attended an ICMC workshop to develop life skills such as financial management, good hygiene and healthy eating habits.*



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## A Journey of Solidarity and Compassion

Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo  
Secretary General

On the 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis reminded us that, *"It is not just about [migrants], but about all of us and about the present and future of the human family."* He called us to examine our attitudes towards people on the move — to reject fear and embrace compassion — and proposed a *"globalization of solidarity."*

In 2019 ICMC stood, acted, spoke and worked in solidarity with refugees and migrants around the world.

Our direct **humanitarian and development** operations provided health care, met people's basic needs with dignity and opened pathways to self-sufficiency.

Refugee children and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence were offered **protection** and community support to **prevent** further violence.

Our **Resettlement Support Center**, operating both in Turkey and Lebanon, facilitated the start of a new life in welcoming host countries for vulnerable refugee families.

In Europe we built capacity to extend **welcome and integration**, especially in countries and smaller municipalities newly engaging in refugee resettlement.

We **advocated** for governments to treat migrants and refugees with dignity and to include them in social protection programs.

ICMC's role in **civil society coordination** focused on global migration governance and development of new cooperation models to improve migrants' lives. At the Global Forum on Migration and Development we focused on climate-induced displacement, access to services for all migrants, mixed migration and the increasing

criminalization of migrants and those assisting them.

We **deployed protection experts** to UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, operations in more than 30 countries. In Greece, our experts provided protection for thousands of new arrivals who risked their lives to escape war, persecution and other threats to life and liberty.

We promoted increased regional and global **networking** among Episcopal Conferences, religious Orders and Catholic-inspired agencies protecting and serving uprooted people. Through our leadership role in the initiative *The Future of Work: Labor after Laudato Si*, ICMC joined many Catholic-inspired organizations in research and advocacy on decent work as envisioned by Pope Francis.

This solidarity with migrants and refugees would not have been possible without the professional skills and personal commitment of staff and volunteers engaged at our Geneva headquarters, our field and affiliate offices and our national member organizations in all parts of the world.

During 2019, a multitude of donors, both institutional and individual, enabled ICMC to continue its work of protecting and serving uprooted people. To all of them, who honor us with their trust, we express our heartfelt gratitude.

I will close this message, as I opened it, with Pope Francis' 2019 challenge and invitation: *"Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the 'signs of the times.' Through them, the Lord is calling us ... to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture."*

*We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved.*

Pope Francis,  
Message for the 105<sup>th</sup>  
World Day of Migrants and  
Refugees, September 2019





# Humanitarian Assistance & Development

ICMC provided supplies and services to meet the fundamental needs of forcibly displaced persons, including health care, food and household items and financial and livelihood support. By doing so, it helped refugees and migrants reclaim a life in dignity and regain their independence and self-sufficiency.



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## A Safe Birth at Home

Afghan refugee Palwashay felt both excited and nervous when she learned she was expecting her third child. She had no formal medical assistance for her first two births at home in Pakistan's Khazana refugee camp and nearly died. But this time Sultan Bibi, a Traditional Birth Attendant working with ICMC, gave support before, during and after the arrival of Palwashay's daughter, creating very happy memories.

## SUPPORTING HEALTH, MEETING BASIC NEEDS, ENSURING LIVELIHOODS

In Pakistan over 38,000 Afghan refugees in 11 camps received ICMC primary health services, including antenatal and postnatal care. Community sessions focused on hygiene, disease prevention and health needs of people with disabilities. ICMC trained 100 health care staff in disability inclusion.

ICMC provided material and financial aid that helped meet basic needs with dignity. In Jordan ICMC expanded cash assistance, enabling families to secure rental housing, prepare their accommodation for the winter or meet urgent needs. ICMC Pakistan provided subsistence allowances, grocery funds and other urgent assistance.

In Pakistan 9,900 refugee children received textbooks and over 6,000 school bags. ICMC supported schooling for some 22,000 refugee

children in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa District and facilitated scholarships, admission testing and remedial classes. ICMC Jordan distributed over 5,500 educational and recreational kits, as well as 5,155 hygiene kits.

To promote livelihoods, ICMC Pakistan held over 400 individual counseling sessions related to income-generation opportunities and advised about the job application process and handicraft business start-up. ICMC also facilitated

language and skills development for 25 Afghan and other refugees.

ICMC Jordan's vocational training program equipped 200 graduates with training in one of four trades. Over 75 percent of them found employment thanks to start-up and job matching support. Two pilot courses enabled people with disabilities to become tailors. Over 500 people took Arabic and English literacy courses, the only such classes for adults in Jordan.



*A job used to be just a dream for 18-year-old Suhir, who lives with disabilities. But now the graduate of ICMC Jordan's vocational training for young people with disabilities works as a seamstress.*



Over 38,000 refugees in 11 camps in Pakistan received general medical and specialized maternal health services at ICMC-run facilities.



In Pakistan ICMC supplied 15,000 children with textbooks or school bags, while more than 5,500 boys and girls in Jordan received ICMC educational supplies.



ICMC Jordan supported nearly 2,200 households with cash assistance to pay rent, prepare their accommodation for winter and meet urgent needs.



# Protection & Prevention

ICMC provided protection to vulnerable people on the move, including children, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and people with disabilities. Prevention activities sought to spark community action to end violence and inequality and foster inclusion and human dignity.



## A Better Future for All

Hussam, a Syrian refugee boy with impaired speech and mobility, used to avoid other people. Children with disabilities like him are often excluded by communities and isolated at home, and forced displacement increases this tendency. But Hussam's mother says her son interacts with his peers since taking part in ICMC Jordan's inclusion program. "He is no longer compelled to hide," she adds.



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## PROTECTING CHILDREN AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

ICMC Jordan's Child Friendly Spaces provided protection for nearly 6,500 refugee children so they could play and develop in safety. Activities strengthened literacy, social skills, self-esteem and knowledge of their rights. A new program for children and youth with disabilities fostered interpersonal skills and community inclusion. At a global level, ICMC joined the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and highlighted faith-based engagement at the platform's annual meeting.

Child marriage and other forms of gender-based violence were core protection issues addressed by ICMC Jordan. Refugee and host communities learned about managing emotions and positive parenting. Campaigns in Jordan and Pakistan challenged harmful practices, including economic gender inequality. ICMC Jordan

gave psychological support to over 300 women and men. Through life skills courses, more than 100 young women became more independent and less socially isolated. In Pakistan a community-based protection project provided psychological support for over 380 refugees.

In Malaysia ICMC assisted some 2,200 refugees affected by sexual and gender-based violence, providing case management for over 500 survivors and emergency shelter, counseling and emergency funding as needed. Literacy and vocational classes helped vulnerable refugees become self-sufficient. A mixed gender Refugee Protection Corps offered life-saving protection and worked to effect change, holding community sessions for over 1,440 refugees. The Corps trained protection focal points and educational staff about



*Struggling with refugee life in Jordan, Jana from Syria coped by venting her frustration at her children. ICMC sessions on anger management and parenting helped her renew her relationship with them.*

child safety. Two ICMC prevention videos promoted gender equality and women's empowerment in refugee communities.



Nearly 6,500 children attended activities in ICMC Child Friendly Spaces in Jordan.



ICMC Malaysia assisted 2,200 refugees through outreach interventions and case management services and accompanied 500 SGBV survivors.



ICMC Jordan held life skills classes for more than 100 young women, while 75 vulnerable Rohingya refugees completed ICMC Malaysia's English literacy courses.



# Resettlement & Complementary Pathways

ICMC partnered with various organizations to offer people fleeing war, violence and persecution the chance to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. From supporting new resettlement opportunities to promoting refugees' integration in new communities, ICMC sought to open paths to a more hopeful future.



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## Irish Pioneers of Welcome

Armed with little but determination, a group of volunteers in the small Irish town of Wicklow set out to welcome a Syrian refugee family. “We had absolutely no idea how to go about it,” says Mick Nolan, chair of the group. The road from decision to successful integration of the nine-member Al Sulaiman family was one of the most challenging experiences he has had – and one of the most rewarding.



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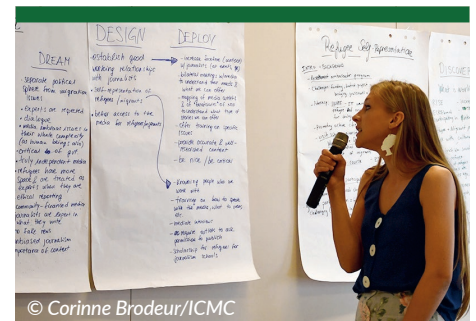
## DOOR TO A NEW LIFE IN SAFETY, WELCOME AND INTEGRATION IN EUROPE

In 2019 ICMC expanded its ongoing refugee resettlement assistance to governments. Its Resettlement Support Center Turkey and Middle East interviewed over 3,300 vulnerable refugees regarding possible resettlement to the U.S., provided case management for those awaiting resettlement and conducted cultural orientation for over 1,300 people. The Center also participated in a pilot project with the European Union to assist 31 European countries to expand their resettlement services. And, through a new agreement with the Croatian government, ICMC supported the resettlement of 100 refugees to the country.

Under ICMC Europe leadership, the SHARE Network promoted more and better resettlement opportunities and improved integration in

Europe. Conferences held during 2019 urged tailored approaches to resettlement and cooperation between government and civil society. SHARE Integration focused on welcoming refugees in smaller municipalities through community-based sponsorships. The ICMC Europe-led project offered context-specific training, practical resources, sharing of best practices and research on integration. The study “Fostering community sponsorships across Europe” explored three such models. In collaboration with the French Institute of International Relations, ICMC Europe published “Another Story from the Refugee Crisis,” a study on integration in rural France.

ICMC Europe co-produced “Small Places, Great Hearts,” a video series telling stories of successful



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An ICMC Europe-SHARE conference in Romania in June showed it is possible to shift negative perceptions of migration and uprooted people. Media can include voices of uprooted people while speaking honestly about integration. And refugee-led media initiatives and social encounter can be supported.

integration in seven countries. ICMC Europe supported local initiatives in emerging resettlement countries with the new, 12-module SHARE Preparing Welcoming Communities Curriculum and coordinated a SHARE roster of experts who led customized training in nine countries, including in Zagreb, Croatia.

ICMC's Resettlement Support Center Turkey and Middle East interviewed more than 3,000 refugees for possible U.S. resettlement and provided pre-departure cultural orientation for more than 1,300.

Local communities in nine European countries received integration training using the SHARE Welcoming Communities curriculum developed under ICMC leadership.

One hundred refugees resettled from Turkey to Croatia with pre-departure and community integration assistance from ICMC's Resettlement Support Center Turkey and Middle East and ICMC Europe.



# Advocacy

Together with a wide range of partners, ICMC advocated for policies that respect international standards and human dignity, promote refugee and migrant participation and see governments assume their responsibilities.

## Towards a New Narrative on Migrants and Refugees

Given the current political climate, private sponsorships of vulnerable refugees in Europe need to be able to thrive, ICMC Europe Head Petra Hueck told a hearing on humanitarian corridors at the Italian Parliament. When local groups engage in welcoming refugees from day one, transformation happens. "A new narrative takes shape, one that defies the news reports painting refugees and migration in a negative light."



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## CALL FOR GLOBAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOLIDARITY AND HUMANE, EFFECTIVE EU POLICY

As the landmark Global Compacts – one for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and one on Refugees (GCR) – began to be implemented, ICMC called on States to assume their responsibilities and show solidarity to protect people on the move.



*Slow-onset environmental degradation and sudden-onset disasters both drive migration but States resist protecting the climate-displaced, said a Human Rights Council side event co-sponsored by ICMC.*

ICMC and other NGOs urged States to increase long-term refugee resettlement, expand complementary admission pathways and focus on integration. And ICMC advocated for refugee involvement in policymaking.

Before the first Global Refugee Forum, ICMC Europe and other NGOs urged EU Member States to make a collective pledge to resettle 30,000 refugees in 2020, increasing each subsequent year. At the Forum, ICMC pledged to boost its support to the UN Refugee Agency through the ICMC-UNHCR Deployment Scheme, whose experts help UNHCR meet global resettlement targets.

Protecting children, especially those migrating alone, was a strong advocacy focus. Noting the harmful effects of separation on children, ICMC urged States to enact broader

family reunification and detention alternatives. ICMC advocated for listening to the child as the first step in determining the best course of action.

ICMC Europe advocated for humane, effective EU migration policy and funding, underlining refugee resettlement's primary purpose as a protection – not migration management – tool, and the need for more complementary admission pathways. ICMC Europe and other NGOs urged a principled, lawful response to migrants at sea, with unhindered rescue operations, safe disembarkment and a stop to returns to Libya. Regarding a new EU migration fund, ICMC Europe called for increased support for partnerships with civil society organizations and coordination of integration efforts.

ICMC Europe and other NGOs appealed to EU authorities to reach an agreement supporting rescue of migrants at sea and ensure their timely disembarkation to a nearby place of safety.



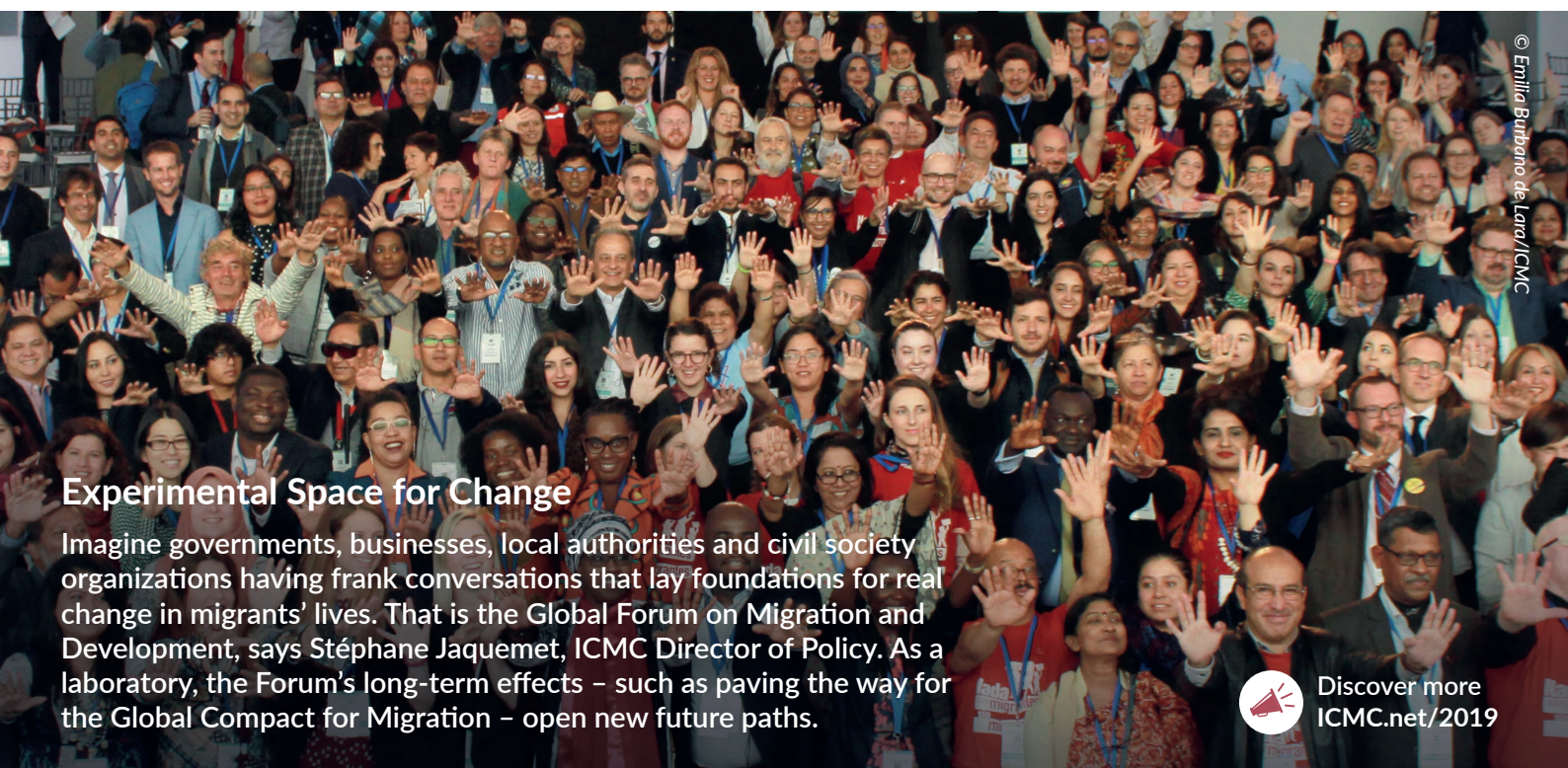
At the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees, the ICMC Secretary General highlighted the need to listen to children to ensure action taken is in their best interests.

Ahead of the Global Refugee Forum, ICMC Europe and other NGOs appealed to EU Member States to commit to a collective pledge to resettle at least 30,000 refugees in 2020.



# Civil Society Coordination

ICMC played a leading role globally to amplify civil society voices through agreed priorities and strategies and joint advocacy to governments and international organizations. In doing so, ICMC ensured diversity and fair representation of migrants, refugees and grassroots organizations on the global stage.



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## Experimental Space for Change

Imagine governments, businesses, local authorities and civil society organizations having frank conversations that lay foundations for real change in migrants' lives. That is the Global Forum on Migration and Development, says Stéphanie Jaquemet, ICMC Director of Policy. As a laboratory, the Forum's long-term effects – such as paving the way for the Global Compact for Migration – open new future paths.



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## WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE MIGRANTS' LIVES

ICMC played a central role coordinating civil society organizations' engagement throughout the pivotal first year of implementation of the landmark Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

ICMC co-convened the Civil Society Action Committee to help ensure strong partnerships with governments. Work with the new UN Migration Network led to civil society best practices informing governmental responses to mixed migration in the Northern Triangle of Central America.

ICMC coordinated civil society participation in the Global Forum on Migration and Development throughout the year. At three Friends of the Forum meetings, ICMC as spokesperson for civil society urged all stakeholders to work together in the interest of migrants.

Civil society advocacy efforts culminated at the Forum's Summit held in Quito, Ecuador, in early 2020 with more than 1000 representatives from governments, the private sector, civil society organizations and city mayors. ICMC coordinated the Civil Society Day, which focused on transforming global migration governance through partnerships benefitting migrants and their host communities.

Participants prepared recommendations for the Summit's Common Space meeting between governments and NGOs, focusing on issues such as access to services for all migrants, mixed migration movements, labor migration, climate-related displacement and the criminalization of migrants and those assisting them. They urged policymakers to listen to the experiences of communities



*In 2019 Ecuador – a migratory country of origin, transit and destination – hosted the first-ever GFMD Summit in Latin America. This space to share experiences and hear how others meet migration challenges is crucial in effecting change, said Daniel Almeida, Care International advocacy advisor for the region.*

affected by climate change and to uphold human rights to end criminalization. ICMC-coordinated sessions at the Common Space examined how to shape positive narratives about migration and combat xenophobia.

At the Quito Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the ICMC-coordinated Civil Society Day gathered 229 civil society delegates and nearly 60 government and other observers.

The Civil Society Action Committee, a coalition of 35 NGOs, entered a new phase in 2019. In February it published the report "Civil Society Models of Engagement in a New Era of Migration Governance."

Over 45 percent of the civil society representatives participating at the Global Forum on Migration and Development Quito Summit were migrants, refugees or members of the diaspora.



# Capacity Building & Research

ICMC strengthened the ability of civil society organizations to promote better mobility and advocate for safer migration policies in their region. Research of modern-day migration trends laid the foundation for empowering, dignified and person-centered responses in the future.

## Dispelling Migration Myths in West Africa

Mohammed, a Guinean in his late twenties, is telling the story of his 18-month Moroccan migration odyssey to a captive peer audience at an information session organized by ADES, a local NGO and MADE West Africa partner. Despite moments of humor, his tale brings home to the young people the harsh, dangerous realities of irregular migration that contradict widespread myths about life abroad.



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## FOSTERING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT, STUDYING PERSON-CENTERED RESPONSES

ICMC Europe's Migration and Development (MADE) West Africa project promoted the positive impact of migration and mobility on development in six countries in the region. The program strengthens civil society capacity in the areas of migration governance, migrant worker protection and diaspora contribution.

ICMC Europe and partners held ten multi-stakeholder training sessions in Guinea and Senegal. Participants prepared roadmaps for more protective migration frameworks and civil society involvement in migration governance. Five grassroots organizations received seed money to expand their activities.

ICMC coordinated the project *The Future of Work, Labour After Laudato Si*, aiming to expand Catholic-inspired responses to the evolving labor market.

ICMC-led research documented drivers of labor migration and migrant worker challenges. Four studies explored ethical foundations for the future and migrant labor situations in the Philippines, South Africa and Taiwan.

A seminar co-organized by ICMC in January laid the foundation for proposals to enhance the International Labour Organisation's Decent Work Agenda. ICMC emphasized the centrality of integral human development, environmental considerations, collaboration with civil society and attention to migrants and refugees. The project group also contributed to a publication by the Caritas in Veritate Foundation, entitled *Rethinking Labour: Ethical Reflections on the Future of Work*.

ICMC Europe and other faith-inspired organizations launched



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An ICMC-commissioned study on migrant fishermen on Taiwan fishing vessels revealed the often-hidden realities of trafficking and forced labor.

the Right Way project to research exploitation-free integration of survivors of international trafficking for sexual exploitation into their host communities. Findings helped to shape the development of a foundational integration model for pilot projects to promote safe alternative pathways for immigration in Italy.



# Deployment of Experts

ICMC deployed qualified personnel to operations of the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, throughout the world. Over 220 refugee resettlement and protection experts ensured timely protection for vulnerable people on the move in more than 30 countries.



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## Carriers of Hope

Resettlement expert Bharat Gautam meets people whose lives have been destroyed by war, conflict or persecution. Deployed by ICMC to UN Refugee Agency operations in Indonesia, he interviews refugees for possible resettlement to a third country. Although they have been subjected to harrowing experiences, they are strongly determined to rebuild their lives. "We are able to give them much-needed hope," he says.



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## PROVIDING PROTECTION EXPERTISE GLOBALLY AND EXPERT SUPPORT FOR THE GREEK ASYLUM SYSTEM

ICMC's partnership with the UN Refugee Agency, via the joint ICMC-UNHCR Deployment Scheme, entered its 20th year in 2019. Last year, from a roster of nearly 500 protection experts, ICMC deployed 109 personnel to 31 countries to enhance protection of vulnerable persons.

ICMC experts referred more than 50,100 vulnerable refugees for possible resettlement to a third country. They also explored complementary admission pathways and worked with partners to determine the refugee status of asylum seekers. Ensuring protection of refugee children and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, ICMC personnel assessed the needs of more than 1,600 vulnerable children and made referrals for professional care. ICMC training

and procedural tools helped build the capacity of UNHCR and other partners and governments.

ICMC deployed 36 experts to support UNHCR Emergency Transit Mechanism centers in Niger and Rwanda. They interviewed for resettlement vulnerable refugees evacuated from detention in Libya and ensured protection for unaccompanied minors.

In 2019, ICMC continued to support the response to people seeking refuge in Greece, as well as reforms of the country's asylum system, deploying 112 experts to UNHCR operations there. They were instrumental in ensuring protection for some 74,000 newly arrived refugees and migrants. Over half of the experts were seconded to

State agencies for asylum, reception and protection services.

ICMC experts provided timely registration and information about asylum, with interpretation in eight languages. They also monitored conditions in reception centers and offered social and other support to urban refugees. Assisting Greek asylum caseworkers, ICMC personnel contributed to the protection of more than 17,300 people in 2019.



ICMC protection expert Aleta Morn has learned to look beneath the surface for sexual and gender-based violence. She works with refugee communities in Ethiopia to effect change and protect survivors.

Through the Deployment Scheme, ICMC deployed a total of 109 experts to UNHCR operations in 31 countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Latin America and the Middle East and North Africa.

ICMC experts referred more than 50,100 vulnerable refugees for resettlement consideration to third countries and conducted "best interest of the child" assessments for nearly 1,700 children and their caregivers.

The deployment of 112 ICMC experts to support the Greek Asylum Service contributed to more than 17,300 people acquiring refugee or subsidiary protection.



# Church Networking

To strengthen the Catholic-inspired response to uprooted people at the global, regional and national levels, ICMC facilitated exchange of information, experiences and good practices among its national member organizations and brought their concerns to the attention of international decision makers.

## A Path out of Bondage

Youth being trafficked to the big city under the pretense of a job or schooling is a familiar story for Sr. Kochurani Joseph, as are people who migrate internally in search of employment and end up in prostitution or bonded labor. She works with ICMC national member the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India's Commission for Migration to alert potential migrants to trafficking risks and to rescue those trapped in forced labor.



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## CATHOLIC-INSPIRED ADVOCACY AND ACTION

Over 70 ICMC member delegates gathered for an ICMC Asia-Oceania Working Group meeting in December to share experiences and strengthen cooperation. A roundtable explored the needs of migrant children given their heightened vulnerability, especially children on the move alone. Panelists called for tailored, empowering, child-centered responses and urged the use of existing protection mechanisms. A second panel looked at best practices to address human trafficking, a regional concern strongly linked to migration.

In 2019 ICMC continued its engagement in the Church's fight against human trafficking at the international level. ICMC contributed insights from its field work to the new Vatican resource *Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking*, meant to help

the Church deepen its work to end the practice. In April ICMC was co-planner of a Vatican-convened international conference to translate the *Orientations* into action. ICMC urged the involvement of trafficking survivors in any Catholic-inspired action.

In February ICMC co-organized a multi-stakeholder workshop to improve cooperation in the prevention of and response to HIV/AIDS among uprooted populations. The workshop developed a roadmap to reduce the vulnerability of migrants and refugees, improve access to care and eliminate stigma.

ICMC took part in various outreach efforts to amplify the Catholic voice in migration advocacy at the international level. Among the issues lifted up were facilitation of labor migration that respects human dignity,



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At the ICMC Asia-Oceania Working Group meeting in Bangkok, Good Shepherd Sisters' regional manager Theresa Symons shared how the Congregation fights human trafficking by supporting survivors and addressing root causes.

the contribution of Church teachings to promote migration governance that upholds universally recognized human rights, and implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees as the basis of a new protection and integration regime.

Seventy representatives of Episcopal Conferences and local and international organizations from 25 countries gathered in December in Bangkok, Thailand, for a meeting of the ICMC Asia-Oceania Working Group.

ICMC assisted in planning a Vatican-convened international conference in April that gathered 200 participants to look at how the Church can put the *Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking* into action.

Catholic teachings on family, compassion and care for the most vulnerable call into question unjust migration regimes, said ICMC President Dr. Anne Gallagher at the St Thomas More Forum in April in Canberra, Australia. 11



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ICMC is deeply grateful to all its donors for their trust, support and commitment to our common mission of protecting and serving uprooted people wherever they are and regardless of their status.

A variety of donors funded ICMC's work during 2019. Government and multilateral funding covered a significant percentage of ICMC's operational and advocacy programs. This funding was complemented by contributions from ICMC national members and Vatican offices as well as Catholic foundations.

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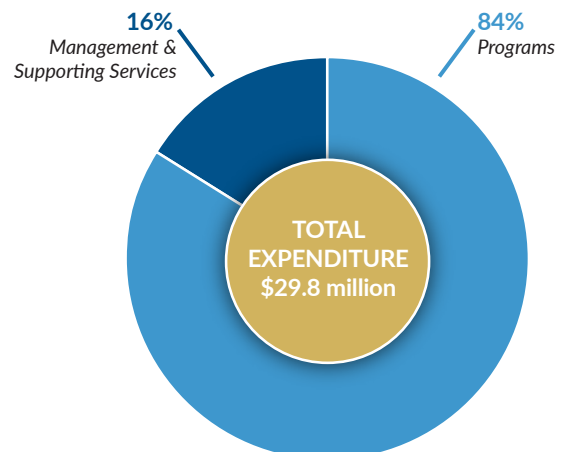
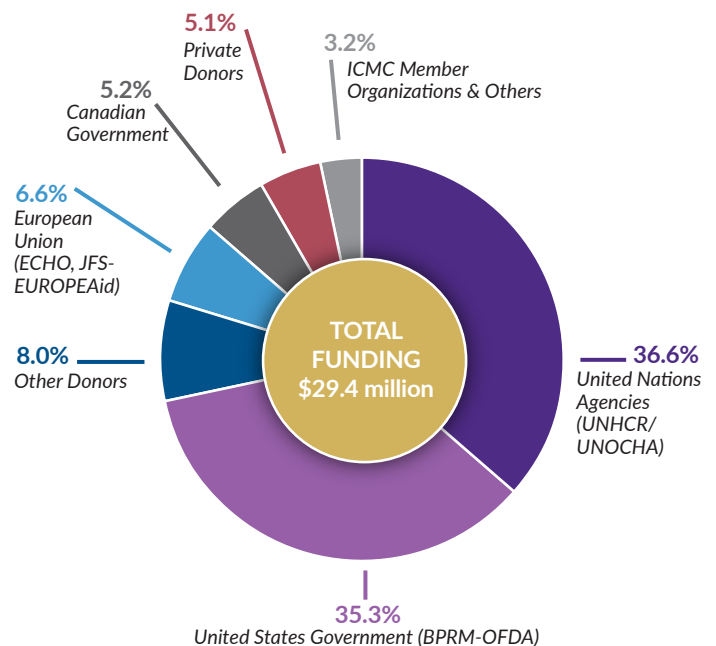
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