

# International Migration Social Work

## Pre-arrival services and transnational support

The project "Pre-arrival services and Transition Management: Pre-arrival Counseling and Transnational Support in the Context of International Migration Social Work" intends to implement practicable ways and support structures for pre-arrival services and transition management.

### Objective of the Project

People who want to migrate to Germany can receive qualified advice in their countries of origin in order to make an informed migration decision. In addition, accompanying migrants from their countries of origin to the initial integration (counseling) structures in Germany shall be ensured and improved.

Pre-arrival counseling efforts and transnational support are focused on country-specific aspects. In addition, qualification and advanced training schemes for counselors in the countries of origin are developed and tested. The target group of the project consists of (potential) migrants, especially international professionals and workers. The project is being implemented in Kosovo, Serbia, Nigeria and Morocco.

### International Migration Social Work

International Migration Social Work understands migration as standard and as a task to be dealt with. It contains counseling and support, with the human being at its center, and is, as a general rule, open-ended. It takes place locally, in countries of origin, or during transit as well as other forms of cross-border movement.

### Background: Impact of pre-arrival services

Whether a person's migration will be a success story, depends on how people are prepared for a life in Germany. This especially includes what information they have about living and working in Germany because it will form the base for their decision to migrate. The prerequisites for a well-grounded decision are reliable information and education, coupled with individual counseling regarding the various pathways to regular migration. Therefore, it is necessary to offer pre-arrival measures in the countries of origin, as preparatory counseling for a life in Germany.

Pre-arrival services provide for preparation of potential migrants and facilitate both their arrival and sustainable integration in Germany.

### Definition: Transition Management

Transition management can be understood as activities in social work for migrants carried out during the transnational phase. It starts with pre-arrival services in the country of origin or transit and then ensures inclusion into structures of early integration. It includes the purposeful use of waiting times

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between passing a language test and obtaining a visa, or the start of vocational training or taking up of employment.

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