

# INVENT INSPIRE INTEGRATE & GUIDE **RENEWAL**



**LEADING SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES & PARAGON  
COMMUNICATION**

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# CONTEXT



# Coronavirus poses a threat of epic proportions



- The fate of the world's ever-increasing population of migrants and refugees hangs by a thread as countries worldwide take **increasingly stringent measures to halt the spread of coronavirus**.
- Refugees, along with migrants and asylum seekers, are **directly in the path of the coronavirus storm**.
- As people for whom **basic protective measures** such as maintaining “social distancing” and regular and thorough hand-washing are a luxury, the threat posed by the pandemic cannot be overstated.

# CHALLENGES



# Coronavirus knows No Borders



- States have also shut their **external borders**, further adding to the **stress and anxiety** of large migrant and refugee populations.
- A number of governments have used **the crisis as justification** ( Donald Trump said that Covid 19 justified tighter border controls for example).
- It would be incredibly difficult to control an outbreak among **nearly a million newly displaced people in overcrowded conditions**. The scale of the challenge is huge. The Syrian crisis alone has created about 5.5 million refugees living in nearby countries, and displaced another 6 million inside Syria, according to U.N. sources. Inevitably, the virus will get everywhere and **governments should be prepared as good as possible**.

# ISSUES



# Missing Sustainable Solutions



- Up to date, **international collaboration** has been insufficient.
- Its origin, a city in central China, **has raised fears, racism and xenophobia around the world.**
- The Covid 19 Virus will **lead to permanent shifts** in political and economic power, just as it has ended lives, disrupted markets and exposed the **(in)competence of governments.** The virus is about to create a world that is less open and less free, as citizens look to national **governments to protect them and reduce their future vulnerabilities.**



# ACTION PLAN



# A holistic approach



## Governments should:

- Provide **whole-of-government** and **whole-of-society approaches** and **partnership**: Preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 outbreaks in refugee, migrant and host populations should be considered in the **context of broader government policy and coordination** between national, local and other levels of government (in addition to sectors such as health, sanitation, urban planning, organizations etc.).
- Create a **transversal pole** (expert group) made up of ministers and other leaders / pole dedicated to the fight against the virus/ meta action and pooling of resources on research
- Build a **special research team** in order to connect the dots with the ministries of Research
- **Strengthen international cooperation** on the health of refugees and migrants.
- **Strengthen partnerships** as well as intersectoral and interagency coordination, as part of the overall COVID-19 response..
- Coordinate the **transnational action**
- The ministry of skill development and **entrepreneurship should focus on Covid-19 as opportunity** /may be a relevant context, as there would be many structural changes in the economy, to enhance the **Migrant entrepreneurship**.

# IMPLEMENTATION



# Measures to be implemented



- Work closely with UN agencies and partner organizations, including their health ministries, in addition to the ecosystem of sustainable migration solutions.
- Support host countries is crucial for making them capable of increasing and upgrading their health service capacities in order to serve refugees.
- Urgently apply ‘the right to accommodation’ as well as ‘the right to decent material living conditions’. **Provide functional basic utilities such as water, sanitation and hand washing facility**
- This would require opening restricted housing for refugees, setting up food distribution sites and points for water supplies, and preparing medical equipment for cases involving people under 18 years of age. **Strengthen community hygiene, particularly in informal urban areas and settlements**
- **Provide culturally and linguistically appropriate, accurate, timely and user-friendly information** in accessible formats on the health facilities available for COVID-19 care
- Support measures to improve communication and counter xenophobia

# Moreover



- **Review** national COVID-19 and/or emergency preparedness and response plans, national and local capacity, legal framework and regulatory requirements for providing health services to refugees and migrants.
- **Identify/map** health and isolation facilities available for refugees, migrants and surrounding populations.
- **Enhance capacity** to address the determinants of health to ensure effective COVID-19 preparedness and response actions.
- **Improve preparedness** to public health crises, and adapt all-hazards approach in prioritizing the preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 for refugees, migrants and of course for host populations.

# CASE STUDY & GOOD PRACTICES



# MIGRANT INTEGRATION LAB



**"A sustainable solution to a world-wide crisis"** The **"Migrant Integration Lab"** is a **holistic device for newcomers' sustainable integration, designed and implemented by B1-AKT in 7 countries.** The MIL provides opportunities for businesses, social entrepreneurs, and governments; it empowers migrants and facilitate sustainable integration by acquisition and/or development of skills via entrepreneurial projects (enhancing capacity-building for migrants by means of training and labs). **Read more about MIL solutions here below:**

- MIL [REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATION](#)
- **No Walls But Bridges** "A Grass root Public Policy, International Awareness campaign"  
[Report](#)
- Going forward, the governments should opt for a model of learning, wherein the focus will be on scalability and reproduce good, efficient and sustainable solutions.

# ABOUT ME





# About Me



- CEO B1-AKT, Founder of Migrant Integration Lab
- Involved in the world of politics Laura is very active in supporting and advising political figures as senior political adviser. Her life and background are **international**, her experiences **intercultural**, her sharp and agile thinking is able to adapt both “in” and” out of the box”.
- She believes that a cultural “**hybrid identity**” is a sustainable key of social development. Laura is cultivation a thriving ecosystem for social innovation and more sustainable, equitable, and inclusive communities. “[Trans-nationally, trans-lingually and trans-culturally](#)” are the key words she uses for a “sustainable future”.
- Being an Intercultural Mediator, a Fellow, a Change Maker and Mentor is what she does best. As mentor, she cares **about the future of democracy and the wellbeing of generations to come**, helping young people believe in themselves and their abilities to improve the world, as to create positive social impact. As a fellow for the Change Makers Alliance, Laura shares Humanity and builds a better world!
- **16+ years of initiating and delivering sustained results and effective change**