

## OECD WORK ON FINANCIAL LITERACY:

## THE FINANCIAL EDUCATION NEEDS OF MIGRANTS

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## OECD International Network on Financial Education (OECD/INFE)

Work started in 2002, INFE created in 2008

About 250 public authorities from 119 economies

An advisory board

A technical committee

Thematic working groups

**Global activities** 

Global analysis of issues, needs of target groups

Data (Finlit students– PISA- and Adults)

Share good practice

Develop policy instruments and practical guidance

Growing number of regional projects

Asia

Latin America

Eurasia (CIS)

Southeast Europe

We are open to creating more!



### Financial Education definition (OECD, 2005; G20, 2012):

A capacity building process by which individuals, through information, instruction and/or objective advice...

> Improve their financial products and concepts

Make informed choices, to know where to go for help, and take other effective actions

understanding of

Develop the skills and confidence

Become more aware of financial risks and opportunities

To *improve* financial wellbeing



### Financial empowerment calls for an integrated and multidimensional approach

OECD/INFE (2012)

**High-Level Principles on National Strategies for** 

**Financial Education** 

Financial Education

G20 (2010)
Principles
for Innovative
Financial Inclusion

G20 (2016) High-Level Principles for Digital Financial Inclusion Financial Inclusion

G20 (2011) High-Level Principles on Financial Consumer Protection developed by the OECD

Financial Consumer Protection



# Addressing target groups: the needs of migrants

Migrants face particularly complicated (and new) financial decisions, they may not be able to access/use their existing (or any) financial products, they may lack trust/experience of financial services, & may be more vulnerable to mistreatment or the consequences of mistakes.

- Financial education can support inclusion and protection efforts
- The content of financial education will depend on many factors including the length of stay/displacement, the previous experiences of the migrant etc

Migrants are not always identified as key target groups within a national strategy for financial education or inclusion. It may be necessary to identify other ways of reaching them until this is addressed.

• It can be useful to provide financial education alongside key humanitarian and development provision including identification, education and language training

Cross-border initiatives offer potential, and advances are being made. Several international organisations (e.g. IFAD, ILO, GIZ) have developed practical tools to provide financial education and some countries work with their diaspora.



### OECD checklist for policy makers

We have developed a checklist to help policy makers considering whether and how to support migrant workers through financial education: It covers:

1. Determining whether any kind of migrant or family of migrant should be included in financial education initiatives..

2. Identifying the specific financial needs of migrants: products, identification etc.

- 3. Mapping (other) existing provision for migrants (education, training, language skills, health care etc) and identifying relevant stakeholders
- 4. Considering the design and delivery of financial education in detail to make sure it is well targeted (language used, level of detail, relevance of topics, timing, trusted trainers, accessibility etc)



### Publications and next steps

### The OECD has developed:

- An OECD working paper on financial education for migrants
- An OECD leaflet financial education and the integration of refugees

#### And contributed to:

 Dedicated work on financial inclusion for FDPs as implementing partner of GPFI

#### Next steps:

- A work-stream on migrants (including IDPs) within the commonwealth of independent stages (mapping provision and recommending action)
- Further contributions to GPFI, including a roadmap to advance financial inclusion for FDPs



Responses to the refugee crisis

Financial education and the long-term integration of refugees and migrants



### THANK YOU!

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