HELPFUL IOM MATERIALS ON MIGRANT CHILDREN



Migrant Children are children first. They should be treated the same regardless of where they are from and why they have left their homes. IOM's work with and for migrant children aims to promote and uphold the rights of children as established in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and strive to achieve the Sustainable Development goals of the 2030 Agenda. By doing so, IOM seeks to address children's unique individual needs which may encompass access to education, health care and psychosocial support as well as family unity and various protection measures to ensure children's safety.



IOM GUIDELINES & HANDBOOKS

- IOM Handbook on Protection and Assistance for Migrants Vulnerable to Violence, Exploitation and Abuse
- IOM Guidance on Response planning
- IOM Guidance on Referral Mechanisms
- Guidance to Respect Children's Rights in return Policies and Practices
- Principles and Approaches to Guide the Relocation and Integration of UAC from Greece to other EU Member
 States



IOM TRAINING MATERIALS

- <u>Training Manual for Guardians and Social Workers dealing with unaccompanied minor asylum seekers</u>: This training aims to enhance the quality of guardianship and care of UAMAS
- <u>Caring for Unaccompanied Migrant Children: A foster carer training manual</u>: This training support the family-based carers in providing children with the best possible standards of care
- Mapping of Existing Training for Family-Based Care Providers in UK, PL, LU, BE, AT
- Mapping of Existing Training for professionals in PL, LU, BE, AT



REPORTS & STUDIES

- At a crossroads: Unaccompanied and separated children in their transition to adulthood in Italy
- Harrowing Journeys: Children and youth on the move across the Mediterranean Sea, at risk of trafficking and exploitation
- Fatal Journeys Volume 4: Missing Migrant Children
- Ending child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains



OUTREACH MATERIALS

- Child-friendly Information material: Protection of children in the context of the refugee and migrant crisis in Europe - Leaflet available in different languages
- Information material for children on Sexual and Gender Based Violence: Leaflet available in different languages



STATISTICS AND TRENDS

- Accompanied, Unaccompanied and Separated Migrant Children in Europe: Overview of Trends January to December 2019
- Flow Monitoring Surveys on Migrant children in Europe in 2019: Factsheet that provide information on profiles, transit routes and vulnerabilities of children in Europe in 2019



EXAMPLES OF IOM PROJECTS IN THE EEA+ REGION

COUNTRY	PROJECT	ACTIVITIES
BELGIUM	<u>EQUALCITY</u>	This project develops a mindfulness-based training for legal guardians, social workers, and cultural mediators working with UMC to support migrants children who are at risk, or who survived sexual and gender-based violence.
BULGARIA	Support for Asylum seekers in Bulgaria	Provision of social, legal, educational, medical and psychological support to UMC in safety zones.
CYPRUS	Operation of semi-independent living units for UMC in Cyprus	This project aims to ease the difficult transition to adult- hood for UMC in Cyprus through semi-independent hous- ing and other support.
GREECE	MERIMNA - Safeguarding children at Greek border points	This project aims to address the immediate need to improve living conditions and protection of children and especially UMC.
GREECE	PEDIA - Providing Education and Immediate accommodation to Migrant Children in Greece	This project provides accommodation and protection to UMC and facilitate access of migrant children to formal education.

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