



Contributions of migration to socio-economic development

*Parliamentary perspectives for safe, orderly, and regular migration
in Latin America and the Caribbean*

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- **Unprecedented** crisis in the region
- Increasing **feminization** of migration
- Out of 73.5 million migrants in the Americas and the Caribbean, **51.3% are women.**

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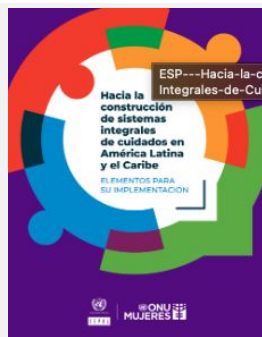
Gender-differentiated impacts

- **Multifactorial**
- **Violence overlaps**
- **Persistent** from origin, in transit, and in the communities of destination and integration



- ❑ Lack of employment opportunities
- ❑ Educational gaps
- ❑ Difficulties in accessing public services
- ❑ Care burdens

Refugee and migrant women and girls **AGENTS OF CHANGE**

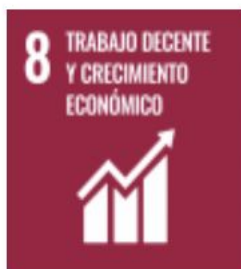


Comprehensive care systems as a cornerstone of sustainable development



Buenos Aires Commitment, 2022:

Promote systemic change in the approach to migration from a gender, intersectoral, intercultural and human rights perspective to highlight the contributions made to societies by migrant, displaced, refugee and asylum-seeking women...



Recognize the role of women in migration, promote their empowerment and leadership, ensuring equal opportunities, creating **mechanisms for the response, protection and inclusion of migrant and refugee women**, and developing gender-sensitive migration and refugee policies and programs focused on human rights.

- Women and girls are rights holders, regardless of their migratory status and nationality
- Protection measures in accordance with international obligations
- Cross-cutting, gender-responsive and intersectoral response and prevention policies
- Trafficking is a transnational crime that requires transnational responses
- Guarantee the labour rights of migrant women and protect girls from labour exploitation, particularly in international care circuits
- Zero tolerance for corruption and complicity of public officials with traffickers and those who abuse authority, harassment and sexual exploitation

Recommendations



Thank you!



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