

## **Training NGOs on Migration and HIV/AIDS: IOM**

International organisations such as the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) have been undertaking important capacity building activities such as developing facilitators' guides for training NGOs in migration, mobility and HIV/AIDS.

These guides and handbooks provide a range of interactive group exercises for trainers to engage with communities, to explain in detail the relationship between migration and HIV/ AIDS; factors for migration; reasons for high risk behaviour among migrants and linkages between gender, migration and HIV. The training material provides basic facts on HIV and AIDS, addressing values and attitudes about people at higher risk and highlighting problems for effective implementation of HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment and support programmes.

To stop the spread of HIV among migrants, source-transit-destination continuum interventions are suggested, with emphasis on language appropriate sensitization and training, suited to migrant's cultural contexts. They also address the stigma and discrimination faced by HIV infected migrants, and emphasize that migration in itself is not a vulnerability factor for HIV, but that unsafe migration creates conditions of vulnerability.

Source: IOM ([www.iom.int](http://www.iom.int))

Social Inclusion of Internal Migrants in India, UNESCO, 2013