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### About IOM

*As the UN Migration Agency, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the global lead agency on migration. With 165 member states and more than 9,000 staff members working in over 150 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all.*

*IOM offers expert advice, research, technical cooperation and operational assistance to States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, in order to build national capacities and facilitate international, regional and bilateral cooperation on migration matters.*

# Connecting Diaspora for Development

## Linking Diaspora Expertise with Countries of Origin

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The International Organization for Migration's new project Connecting Diaspora for Development (CD4D) supports the development of targeted sectors in selected countries by strengthening the capacity of key institutions through the engagement of their diaspora communities in the Netherlands.

Many countries have a considerable number of professionals among their diaspora communities in the Netherlands. They also face a brain drain and often lack qualified human resources.

Through CD4D IOM the Netherlands acts as facilitator and mediator between the diaspora and the institutions in the countries of origin.

The project aims to exchange knowledge and skills to create a sustainable developmental impact on institutional and sectorial level for the reconstruction and development of countries of origin. Many highly skilled migrants living and working in the Netherlands remain strongly connected to their country of origin. Their cultural ties and commitment to the country of origin, combined with their knowledge, experience and language skills make them excellent agents for development.

CD4D is demand driven, based on priorities and development strategies of the countries of origin. The project focusses on capacity building in sectors and key institutions that have been identified by the six target countries

Country	Priority Sectors
Afghanistan	Healthcare and Infrastructure (Rural and Urban Development)
Ethiopia	Agriculture/Food Security, Education and Healthcare
Ghana	Agriculture/Food Security, and Healthcare/ICT
Morocco	Innovations, Migration and Public Governance
Sierra Leone	Agriculture/Food Security, Education and Healthcare
Somalia	Agriculture/Food Security and Infrastructure

### Project Principles:

- Demand driven, based on identified needs in the selected countries.
- Knowledge and skills transfer through short assignments in the country of origin and online assignments, based on Terms of Reference provided by the Host Organization.
- Alignment with national development strategies and policies.
- Cooperation with identified key institutions within priority sectors for which a development plan will be made, based on a Theory of Change.
- Strengthening capacities and commitment of the key institutions to involve diaspora for development.
- Close cooperation with diaspora communities for long term engagement.
- Establish partnerships between institutions in countries of origin and countries of residence.

