



**Connecting Diaspora for Development  
(CD4D2)  
through Knowledge Transfer**

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Netherlands

# PROMOTE THE ACTIVE ROLE OF DIASPORA IN DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY OF SELECTED INSTITUTIONS

TIMELINE: 1 JULY 2019- 30 JUNE 2022

## ACTIVITIES

### DIASPORA OUTREACH

- Organize outreach events per focus country.
- Publish opportunities on the website, iDiaspora, social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter).
- Train associated diaspora organizations.

### CAPACITY BUILDING OF HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Identify key sectors and host institutions in each focus country.
- Offer a pre-departure course to diaspora experts.
- Match around 50 diaspora experts with host institutions in each focus country.
- Arrange short assignments (max 3 months) for the selected diaspora experts.
- Cover logistical costs and provide daily allowances to the selected experts.
- Offer internship opportunities to recent graduates in partnership with some of the selected diaspora experts.

### INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGES

- Promote virtual linkages between institutions in the Netherlands and in focus countries.
- Organize exchange visits to institutions in the Netherlands.

### EXPERIENCE SHARING

- Among participants through a virtual exchange platform, informal meetings and mentorship.
- With the public through testimonial videos, social media posts, participation at events and a final conference.

## SELECTED SECTORS

### AFGHANISTAN

Health  
Rural Development/Water  
TVET (Technical and Vocational Education)



### NIGERIA

ICT  
Health  
Agriculture



### IRAQ

Migration Governance



### SOMALIA

Local Governance  
Rule of Law  
Water  
Private Sector Development



The International Organization for Migration's project Connecting Diaspora for Development, phase 2 (CD4D2) supports the development of priority target sectors in selected countries. CD4D2 strengthens the capacity of key institutions through the engagement of diaspora experts in the Netherlands and other EU member states. The programme, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, started in July 2019 and will end on 30 June 2022.

Through physical and online assignments, professional diaspora members residing in the Netherlands or in other EU member states are linked to institutions in four target countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria and Somalia. The overall objective is to promote the active role of diaspora in public sector reinforcement.

Diaspora with strong ties to their country of origin are excellent actors for sustainable development. Their expertise, cultural affinity, and strong commitment can make them humanitarian actors in crisis situations, entrepreneurs in business, trade and innovation, as well as excellent agents for development.

CD4D2 was developed based on the achievements and lessons learned from the first phase of CD4D, which ran from 2016 to 2019.

### CD4D2 Project Principles

- 🏠 Demand driven, based on identified priorities and needs in selected countries.
- 🏠 Knowledge and skill transfer through short physical assignments and online knowledge transfer.
- 🏠 Opportunities for representatives of host institutions for a study visit to relevant institutions in the Netherlands or in other EU countries.
- 🏠 Close cooperation and empowerment of diaspora members for long term engagement with their country of origin.
- 🏠 Establish partnership between institutions in countries of origin and institutions in the Netherlands and other EU countries.

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