

CRISIS CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR ENHANCED PROTECTION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN





WHAT

Contingency planning is a process, in anticipation of plausible crises, of developing effective strategies and procedures to better address the needs of affected populations¹.

WHO

Involve relevant stakeholders working on child protection, migration and emergency response at community, local and national levels

WHEN

Before a crisis occurs, develop the plan following adequate risks assessments and migrant children relevant data collection³

Update and review the plan on, at least, an annual basis

KEEP IN MIND

- include migrant communities and migrant children in the drafting process
- Keep a paper version of the plan
- Inform all stakeholders, incl. migrant children, about the contingency plan⁴
- Build capacities and resources of stakeholders, ensure mutualisation of efforts
- Jointly test the plan on a regular basis





The contingency plan is built around plausible scenarios and is the result of multi-stakeholders' consensus

SCENARIO			RESPONSE	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	
Hazards & threats	Probability of occurence	Potential impacts and needs	Activities	Stakeholders	Resources
	(Ca)				
E.g. natural disaster, pandemic, conflict	HIGH MEDIUM LOW	Effects of the crisis event on migrant children² according to their specific needs and vulnerabilities	Key measures for responding to impact and needs as evaluated	Roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder Lead agency Implementation partners	Financial, technical, logistical, human and administrative resources needed Estimate the readiness of the existing resources and plan for additional resources mobilization and fundraising if needed

¹ For more information: Choularton R.: Contingency planning and humanitarian action: a review of practice, Humanitarian Practice Network Paper, 2007; ICRC's Contingency planning guide, 2012.

² See MICIC infographic on "Impact of Crisis on Migrant Children" and "Key Rights Migrant Children in Emergencies".

³ See MICIC infographic on "Key Steps for a Better Mapping of Migrant Children in Crisis-prone Area".

⁴ See MICIC infographic on "Protecting Migrant Children through Enhanced Crisis Communication".