



KEY STEPS FOR A BETTER MAPPING OF MIGRANT CHILDREN IN CRISIS-PRONE AREA

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1 SELECT SAMPLE AREAS



Identify relevant geographic areas: Examine the characteristics of migrant populations in the specific areas. Remember that unaccompanied and separated children might not be in the same place as children with families



Analyse risks by assessing the potential location of migrant children in crisis-prone areas



Engage migrant children in the community life. Involve them in child-friendly activities and discussions to avoid their exclusion in times of crisis



Avoid extrapolation. Remember that data obtained from a sample area may be very specific to that location, thus not applicable to all cases

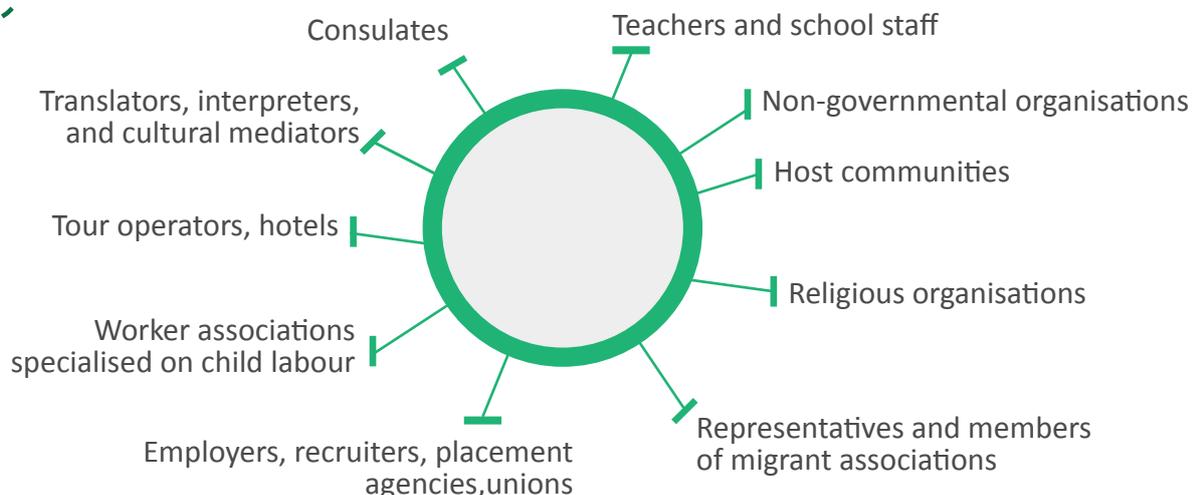
2 SELECT FOCAL POINTS



Consult migrant children and relevant local organisations in the selection of focal points



Resourceful focal points can be, but by no means restricted to:



Define roles and responsibilities to build a respectful and collaborative partnership with the focal points

3 CHILD-FRIENDLY MAPPING



Involve migrant children in all steps of the mapping to ensure their buy-in and to benefit from their experience and knowledge



Conduct interviews in a safe, child, gender-sensitive and fair manner, avoiding any risk of violation of the physical integrity of the child



Guarantee the **confidentiality of the data** collected in all steps of the mapping



Train **interviewers** on child-friendly assessments



Set up a **complaint mechanism** accessible to migrant children and reviewed by dedicated and trained staff



Appointment of a guardian as soon as an unaccompanied or separated child is identified should be guaranteed¹



Investigate as soon as a case of violence, neglect or abuse of a child is identified

OTHER KEY TIPS ON REGISTRATION



Adopt a comprehensive registration system. Registration should allow for an **evaluation of special needs**, in particular with regard to protection and separation status, including family tracing and reunification



Identify and record all information needed to carry out family tracing



Set up a clear **timeline** for an effective identification, registration, tracing and reunification



Coordinate with other stakeholders that have relevant databases



Monitor the situation to ensure the accuracy of estimated number of migrant children. Regularly ask for updated reports, estimates and data

¹https://www.unicef.org/eca/sites/unicef.org/eca/files/REFUGEE_MIGRANT_CRISIS_ADVOCACY__guardianship_08_08_16.pdf