The 37th edition of Inter-American Course on International Migration gathered in Mar del Plata, Argentina, 25 representatives from 14 Latin American and Caribbean countries as well as 24 experts on migration.

IOM Signs Memorandum of Understanding with MERCOSUR

IOM and the Government of Argentina, representing the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR by its Spanish acronym) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will allow closer collaboration regarding matters of common concern, including migration-related projects, such as labour migration, cross-border migration, mixed migration flows, social integration of migrants, border management, standardization of statistics, migration information systems, human trafficking and smuggling of migrants, among others.

IOM Signs a Cooperation Agreement with Ecuador’s National Assembly

The agreement will allow an exchange of experience and know-how that will support the creation of laws in favor of free mobility.

Member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families Participates in Mar del Plata Course

Ambassador Marco Núñez-Melgar Maguña, Member of the Committee shared the Mission of the Committee and the structure and scope of the Convention with representatives of the other governments.

Government Assembly Members of Ecuador Participate in the Course in Mar del Plata

Linda Machuca and Dora Aguirre, representatives of the migrants to the National Assembly of Ecuador, participated in the Inter American Course on International Migration in Mar del Plata and shared with other representatives of governments in the region, issues related to the current migration dynamic in Ecuador.

IOM and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile Sign Cooperation Agreement

IOM signs agreement with the Government of Chile to make progress in the implementation of the programme “Towards a migration policy in Chile” in order to contribute in the design and development of its migration policy.

The joint agenda includes areas such guidelines and activities on policy, regulatory and institutional migration, links to the nationals living abroad and return, information and statistics on international migration, south-south cooperation for development, migration, environment and climate change as well as migration and health, among others.

IOM Regional Director attends Bolivia and Uruguay Presidents’ Inaugural Address

IOM Regional Director for South America, Diego Beltrand, participated in the presidential inauguration of Evo Morales in Bolivia, and Tabaré Vázquez in Uruguay, on January 22 and March 1, respectively. Beltrand ratified IOM’s interest to continue working on strengthening the governments’ capacities to assist migrants in these countries.
IOM Continues its Strategic Partnership with Argentine White Helmets

January 15, 2015
Argentina

By: Mariana Beheran

IOM Argentina continues its strategic partnership with White Helmets, an agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina responsible for designing and implementing international humanitarian assistance - a cornerstone of Argentinian foreign policy.

White Helmets operates with the support of a corps of volunteers, through a working model based on cooperation, solidarity and community participation. Acting at the request of the State concerned or as part of an international humanitarian appeal, both in the immediate response to socio-natural disasters and rehabilitation, reconstruction and development tasks, promoting prevention and risk management inside and outside the Argentinian territory. Since its inception in 1994, it has provided humanitarian assistance in all continents, through bilateral and multilateral missions in over 50 countries.

"We have worked in Tunisia, for example, where we have set up camps for 80,000 refugees ... We were in Haiti during the 2010 earthquake, working for very long hours every day, amid tremors," said the volunteer Esteban Chalá to IOM Argentina.

In 2014, the alliance between IOM Argentina and White Helmets allowed both institutions to work jointly in implementing a humanitarian assistance mission in the camps of Bentiu city in South Sudan. This country has been going through a severe humanitarian crisis since the armed conflict between two ethnic groups began.

The volunteer team of White Helmets, composed of an expert in camps management, another in water and sanitation and a coordinator specialized in logistics, implemented assistance to improve the living conditions at different camps.

The mission helped to strengthen the management of multiple activities, among them: management of warehouses, reception and delivery of materials and planning of purchases. In parallel, a training session on managing water pumps was offered.

IOM Regional Director Attends Bolivia and Uruguay Presidents’ Inaugural Address

IOM Regional Director for South America, Diego Beltrand, attended the Ancestral Ceremony and the Inauguration of the Plurinational State of Bolivia’s president Evo Morales, held on January 21 and 22 in Tiwanaku, ancient archaeological city and the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Peace, respectively.

Beltrand also attended President Tabaré Vázquez’ inauguration Ceremony held last March 1 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

During the ceremonies, Beltrand had the opportunity to reaffirm IOM’s support to both presidents’ governments as well as the interest to continue strengthening their capacities to assist the migrant population of these countries.

IOM Participates in Regular Sessions of the Brazilian National Immigration Council

As an Observer Organization, IOM participates regularly in the meetings of the Brazilian National Immigration Council (CNIg, acronym in Portuguese) which are coordinated by the Ministry of Labor and Employment.

Issues related to Brazilian migration statistics and analysis of new migration flows to Brazil, were addressed in the last sessions, among other topics. The creation of a forum of social participation as a sphere of the CNIg dedicated to the formulation of migration policies was also defined.

Likewise and requested by the CNIg, IOM has been cooperating in various areas of work such as studies and publications related to Haitian migration in Brazil and contributing with the organization of workshops on haitian migrant workers’ labor insertion.

The CNIg is comprised Government Ministries, labor confederations, federations, scientific and technological community and observer organizations, including IOM.
IOM Signs Memorandum of Understanding with MERCOSUR

February 20, 2015
Argentina

By: Juliana Quintero

IOM and the Government of Argentina, representing the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR by its Spanish acronym) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will allow closer collaboration regarding matters of common concern, including migration-related projects.

The MoU was signed by IOM Regional Director for South America Diego Beltrand and Argentina’s National Director of Migration, Martín Arias Duval. Argentina held the MERCOSUR Pro Tempore Presidency in December 2014 when the agreement was approved.

The new agreement will allow closer cooperation between IOM and MERCOSUR member countries on such issues as labour migration, cross-border migration, mixed migration flows, social integration of migrants, border management, standardization of statistics, migration information systems, human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

Other matters included in the MoU include training for government officials, migration laws and regulations, free flow of persons, assistance and links with nationals abroad, and migrants’ rights.

IOM Launches Studies on Internal Displacement and Internal Migration in Peru

March 5, 2015
Peru

By: Inés Calderón

During a workshop held jointly with the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP), IOM launched the publications Internal Migration in Peru and Internal Displacement in Peru, documents prepared by Aníbal Sanchez and Nicolás Aguilar Zevallos Trigoso, respectively.

José Iván Dávalos, IOM Chief of Mission in Peru, said that in Peru, internal displacement and internal migration are highly dynamic, which pose enormous challenges.

He also said that is not enough to implement “reactive” or “contingency” measures to address situations that cause internal displacement, but it is also necessary to establish preventive measures with guidelines for clear and comprehensive national policies that define the intervention of competent institutions in the migration field.

Some conclusions of the study Internal Migration in Peru:

- In Peru there are 6 million internal migrants, that represent one fifth of the Peruvian population. At district level 10.4 million internal migrants are estimated.
- Internal migration has been characterized by three main areas: urban development; the growth of the city system; population in the Peruvian coastal strip and new destinations of internal migration to regions with potential output growth and to the jungle region.
- Several departments or regions which attract migrants (Arequipa, La Libertad, Madre de Dios, Moquegua, San Martín, Tacna and Ucayali), mainly located on the coast and jungle, have emerged. These departments have been destinations of strong migration flows for decades.
IOM Signs a Cooperation Agreement with Ecuador’s National Assembly
March 13, 2015
Ecuador

By: Manuel Hoff
IOM Ecuador signed a cooperation agreement with the National Assembly of Ecuador to expand the exchange of experience and know-how that will support the creation of laws in favor of free mobility.

At the signing ceremony, the President of the National Assembly, Gabriela Rivadeneira, expressed to IOM Chief of Mission, Rogelio Bernal her country’s political will to receive assistance on issues of common interest that are part of the National Constitution.

“It is time to make the subject of human mobility visible and to generate legislation that will allow us to protect these rights. We must build paradigms prioritizing mobility as a right for all human beings,” expressed Rivadeneira.

The President of the Assembly highlighted her hopes that by the end of 2015 there will be a consistent legislation on human mobility, supported by the contribution of all social organizations.

IOM Chief of Mission Rogelio Bernal praised the Assembly’s regard for humane migration as an important and outstanding issue, as well as the country’s willingness to favor the creation of laws that will sanction related migration issues, such as human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

Ecuador has a long history of emigration, but recently also stands out as a country of transit and destination of migrants, as well as increasing flows of Ecuadorians returning to their country. Furthermore, the country is receiving the largest number of refugees in the region. Recent migration trends show constant immigration from the neighbouring countries Colombia and Peru and also increasingly from Spain and other countries affected by the European crisis. The Constitution, approved in 2008, recognizes “the right to migrate” and considers no human being as illegal based on their migrant status.

The agreement with the National Assembly covers several aspects of cooperation, including migration governance, cooperation for the development of human resources, and an assessment of migratory legislation. Both parties will also promote migration debates at the public and academic levels.

IOM and Public Ministry Launch Publications on Human Trafficking in Paraguay
March 17, 2015
Paraguay

By: Eduardo Carrillo
Rocío Tabakman


Javier Díaz Verón, Attorney General; Richard Velázquez, Head of IOM Office in Paraguay; Teresa Martínez, Attorney of the Specialized Unit in the Fight against Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Children and Adolescents; and Lourdes Barboza, Ceniju NGO’s consultant were present.

Teresa Martínez highlighted the compromise of all the institutions engaged in the fight against trafficking since people who see the victims of trafficking may “evaluate, verify and feel the damage caused by these crimes”. She also emphasized IOM support in the training over 800 officials; and finally, she highlighted the 100% growth of formal investigations of human trafficking.

Richard Velázquez congratulated the government: “The Paraguayan Government has decided to face the trafficking issue with an integral vision, that takes into account the many factors involved in the process as part of its model, by developing instruments whose objective is not only to achieve the criminal investigation but also to incorporate a social and inclusive approach”.

Lastly, Javier Díaz Verón, Attorney General, referred to human trafficking as a gross violation of human rights which forces states to investigate, process, and sanction those responsible for trafficking, as well as to assist the victims’ recovery. He also emphasized the “extraordinary work done along with IOM and the Public Ministry because the publications will make it possible to implement the instruments of the Public Ministry and to improve the quality management of the fight against human trafficking”. 

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IOM Provides Emergency Assistance to Families Affected by Floods in Bolivia

March 17, 2015
Bolivia

By: Horacio Calle

IOM, in coordination with the Bolivian government, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and other UN agencies, provided technical support for strengthening the ‘Shelter Roundtable’ from the Department of Emergency Operations Center (COED) of Pando and the management of shelters in the city of Cobija, north of Bolivia, affected by floods following heavy rains in February this year.

According to the Center for National Emergency Operations (COEN) and IOM, it is estimated that the floods left about 1,300 families affected.

As part of the support, IOM conducted a training on shelter management to the Municipal Government of Cobija and the Departmental Government of Pando, which allowed the creation of the Shelter Sector Roundtable to channel the required humanitarian aid, facilitating coordination and institutional management.

IOM also conducted a process of gathering information from the field in order to facilitate the humanitarian operation in the municipalities of Cobija, Porvenir and Philadelphia as well as facilitated the installation of 4 shelters, benefiting 294 families, of which 37 belong to five indigenous groups of Amazonia (Cavineño, Tacana, Yaminawa, Machineri and Esse-Ejja). IOM also conducted work to improve the functioning of health facilities in shelters as well as storage and distribution of water. IOM implemented activities to improve infrastructure in the shelters and distributed kits of non-food items to the affected families.

The humanitarian assistance provided by IOM in this emergency was possible thanks to the resources of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Demobilized Colombians Join Reconciliation Projects Targeting Vulnerable Communities

January 27, 2015
Colombia

By: Judin Vergara

The ranks of Colombians demobilized from armed groups continue to grow. In 2014 a total of 2,360 demobilized people in the process of reintegration took part in community infrastructure projects including building bridges, renovating parks and re-modelling schools – projects which benefited over 135,000 Colombians in 30 departments around the country.

The number of projects undertaken by demobilized people last year doubled from 2013, when 987 demobilized former combatants participated in these activities.

The community service projects for reconciliation and forgiveness, coordinated by the Colombian Reintegration Agency (ACR by its Spanish acronym), are supported by IOM and USAID.

Among the communities benefitting from these projects are those affected by the armed conflict and others that lack basic services. Residents in these communities include: 22,669 (16.7 per cent) internally displaced; 1,267 identified as indigenous, 1,885 with physical disabilities; 30,143 under 18; 2,370 elderly; and 1,564 female heads of household.

“For IOM, it is important that the country knows about these projects, because they are being done voluntarily by demobilized people in the process of reintegration, and without remuneration. These projects definitely contribute to reconciliation,” said Alejandro Guidi, IOM Chief of Mission in Colombia.

Sixty per cent of the demobilized population, concentrated in five departments, participated in community service activities through the IOM/USAID/ACR partnership. Antioquia had the highest number with 596 demobilized certified for community service; followed by Córdoba with 302; then Huila with 210; Santander with 155; and Magdalena with 146.

“This is a way of asking for forgiveness and feeling that we are part of the community again, part of a family, and those are the things that you miss the most when you are in the mountains [in the illegal armed groups]. I helped a centre for the elderly, providing nursing services, because that is what I like doing and what I know how to do,” explained Adriana Rivas, a demobilized person from the AUC who is now a nurse and did her community service in Monteria.
IOM carried out a new edition of the Inter-American Course on International Migration, in Mar del Plata, Argentina. This event is carried out every year and is addressed to government officials from the Latin American region.

This year’s event gathered 24 representatives from 14 Latin American and Caribbean countries who work in government offices directly dealing with migration matters. It also counted on 24 experts in migration, coming from 10 countries, who taught the various migration topics during the two-week course.

Additionally, the course included experts from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Institute of Human Rights Public Policy (IPPDH for its Spanish acronym) and the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN).

Each year, the opening ceremony is chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship in Argentina and IOM, represented this year by the Ambassador Rubén Buira, Head of Consular Affairs, and IOM Regional Director for South America, Diego Beltrand, respectively.

The course addresses topics such as the international protection of migrants, legal aspects of migration public management, regional processes of integration and current policies, and programs of international migration, among others. Furthermore, this edition has included the topic of migration, environment and climate change.

The Closing Ceremony of the Inter-American Course on International Migration is held in the Casa Rosada every year and counts on the participation of governmental authorities, particularly the Ministry of the Interior and the National Direction of Migrations (DNM) as well as IOM.

This year Martín Arias Duval, Director of DNM chaired the closing ceremony of the course along with Diego Beltrand, IOM Regional Director for South America.

Member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families Attends the Course in Mar del Plata

Ambassador Marco Núñez-Melgar Maguiña, Member of the United Nations’ Expert Committee in the International Convention on the Protection of Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families, accepting IOM’s invitation, attended the Course to share the Mission of the Committee and the structure and scope of the Convention with representatives of the other governments.

During the exchange, the ambassador highlighted the importance of fulfilling the Principles of the Convention by the South American countries and encouraged those countries that have not joined the Convention, to do so.

Ambassador Núñez is currently the Consul of Peru in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Government Assembly Members of Ecuador participate in the Course in Mar del Plata

Linda Machuca and Dora Aguirre, representatives of migrants to the National Assembly of Ecuador, participated in the Inter-American Course on International Migration in Mar del Plata.

Within the event the representatives shared with other representatives of governments in the region, issues related to the migration situation in Ecuador, such as the return of their nationals and the risk of the unaccompanied minors’ migration, among others.

The representatives were accompanied by their advisors Eufemia Sánchez and Aldo Auquilla who also attended the Course.

The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families is a body composed of independent experts, who are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.
The Inter American Course on International Migration was created in the year 1979 by the Government of Spain and the Organization of American States (OAS), as part of their technical cooperation activities implemented in Latin countries and some countries of the Caribbean.

In 1981, OAS invited IOM to help with the implementation of some of the program’s activities which at the beginning lasted for three months and were carried out in Madrid, Spain.

Once Spain withdrew from the Course organization in 1983, OAS and IOM proposed that the Government of the Republic of Argentina become the Course co-organizer and host country every year.

Since 1999, after OAS’s withdrawal, IOM is in charge of the Course supported by the government of Argentina.

“The course allowed us to expand our knowledge about the migration landscape in the region and to harmonize concepts as well as to build a solid foundation to guide our actions.

Concepts such as social integration, human mobility, human rights, vulnerable groups and free mobility should be part not only of our laws but also be materialized in concrete actions to benefit migrants.

The Course also allowed the exchange of good practices, and the sharing of initiatives, processes and programs currently implemented in the region, which gives us the opportunity to return to our countries with new ideas.

Having representatives from various governments provided us with the possibilities of inter-institutional and intraregional coordination”.

**Participating countries**

- Argentina
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Gladys Jiménez, Deputy Director, Directorate-General for Migration and Alien Affairs, Ministry of Government and Police, Costa Rica
March 25, 2015
Uruguay

By: Alba Goycoechea
The Commission of Gender of the Ministry of Foreign Relations in Uruguay presented the book “Uruguaya, tú eres parte: no te quedes aparte”, (Uruguay woman, now you are part: do not be apart) last 25th of March.

Rodolfo Nin, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Alba Goycoechea, IOM Head of Office in Uruguay, attended the event and contributed with talks explaining the challenges of trying to achieve gender equality in the country.

During the event, the Minister recognized Oriana Jara, author of the book “Uruguaya, tú eres parte: no te quedes aparte”, and focused the importance of working with “Patria Peregrina”, and migrant women in particular.

Jara talked about her experience as a migrant in São Paulo, Brazil, the loneliness and difficulties that led her to form a support group of migrant compatriots to join forces and face adversity.

Her example, courage and leadership led to the book which tells the story of Uruguayan women who lived experiences comparable to hers and her Chilean compatriots.

During her talk, Laura Dupuy, Ambassador, referred to the challenges the country is facing in its fight against gender violence.

Alba Goycoechea provided an overview of the situation of migrant women, their barriers to be integrated in the labor market and the discrimination many of them must face.

During the same event, Noelia Millán, as representative of the National institute of Women, explained how the Institute works for gender equality fostering a quality model with gender equity, which deals with policies of transversality and empowerment in the labor sphere and with the implementation of an Equality Seal for those who promote gender equality.

Denise Cook, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uruguay, also attended the event.

March 25, 2015
Chile

By: Marina Esponda
The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Heraldo Muñoz Valenzuela and the IOM Regional Director for South America, Diego Beltrand, signed an agreement through which IOM cooperates with the Government of Chile to make progress in the implementation of the programme “Towards a migration policy in Chile” in order to contribute in the design and development of its migration policy.

The joint agenda from the signing of this agreement reaffirms the areas of cooperation between the Chilean government and IOM which were agreed in previous years and have been ratified and updated regularly.

The agreement will run for four years and the Government of Chile will provide an annual voluntary contribution for the implementation of the programme.

The joint agenda includes areas such as guidelines and activities on policy, regulatory and institutional migration, links to the nationals living abroad and return, information and statistics on international migration, south-south cooperation for development, migration, environment and climate change as well as migration and health, among others.

The agreement also confirms the government’s interest in working towards a migration policy based on the promotion of international instruments ratified by Chile, including Human Rights and the rights of migrants, in addition to the principles of immigration policy defined in the South American Conference Migration (CSM).

In this sense, the agreement will boost the actions that the Government of Chile will implement as Pro Tempore President of the CSM, a role that the Government will assume after the next Inter-sessional Meeting of the CSM to be held in June this year.
IOM Participates in the UNDAC Team Assessment in the Region of Atacama in Chile, affected by Hydrometeorological Event

March 30, 2015
Chile

By: Marina Esponda
The Hydrometeorological event that affected the regions of Tarapaca, Antofagasta, Atacama and Coquimbo, in northern Chile on 24 and 25 March, left 29,741 people homeless, of whom 2,514 are currently in shelters.

The Chilean government requested the support of the United Nations, through the cooperation of the Evaluation and Disaster Coordination Team (UNDAC). In response to the government’s request, the UNDAC team, with the participation of IOM Chile and the IOM Regional Office for South America, departed for the Atacama Region to the communes of Chañaral, Diego de Almagro, Copiapó and Tierra Amarilla, in order to carry out an assessment of damage and needs, to improve coordination and management of emergency information.

The Constitutional State of Catastrophe Exception holds for the communities of Antofagasta, Taltal and the Atacama Region. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health issued a Health Alert for the communes of Copiapó, Chañaral, Caldera, Tierra Amarilla, Diego de Almagro, Alto del Carmen, Freirina, Huasco and Vallenar in the Atacama Region.

The assessment report conducted by the UNDAC and IOM will be released in early April.

IOM and UNASUR Secretary General Express their Intention to Work in Areas of Common Interest to Strengthen Free Mobility in the Context of South American Integration

By: Juliana Quintero
The IOM Regional Director for South America, Diego Beltrand, and the UNASUR (Union of South American Nations) Secretary General, Ernesto Samper Pizano, expressed their interest in working together in common subjects which foster the promotion of free mobility in the framework of the integration process of South American countries.

Based on the concept of free mobility with a focus on migrants' human rights as one of the main pillars for regional integration, IOM and UNASUR have recognized that the governance of migration and South American citizenship are, among others, key subject matters for a collaborative work agenda.

In this framework, it is worth noting that the MERCOSUR Agreement on Residence and other instruments and resolutions on regional integration, become highly significant tools in the processes of human mobility, migrants human rights and regional integration, and in making the contribution of migrants to the societies of destination become more visible, in particular that of laboring migrants.
Officials of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Government Receive Training on Migration Issues in the Framework of MERCOSUR

By: Juliana Quintero

Recently, IOM and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Government offered a training course on migration issues addressed to government officials working in migration-related areas.

The training course was led by the Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela and aimed at providing tools related to the free movement of persons in the framework of the “Common Market of the South” (MERCOSUR), in particular on MERCOSUR Agreement on Residence as well as on the construction of regional citizenship and the adequate procedures of the fight against human trafficking, among others.

The training was given by IOM experts, migration officials of South American Governments and academic experts. It included modules related to the preparation of migration, tourist, consular and labor statistics. The trainees were 45 officials of Venezuela belonging to the Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs, the Administrative Service of Identification, Migration and Foreign Affairs (SAIME) and another 18 state institutions.

This is the second training course in migration matters of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Government supported by IOM in the last months. The first, also led by the Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs, was carried out in September 2013 and included designing the manual “Basic Aspects of Public Policies and Migration Management” and the summary “Basic Context of Migration” for the purpose of strengthening the state capacities and to give continuity to the formation of Government officials in the migration field.

Migrant Women and Gender Violence

By: Mariana Beheran

On November 14, within the framework of the project “Promotion of Human Rights from a Gender Perspective”, financed by the IOM Development Fund, IOM Argentina National Office and the Under Secretariat for Social Promotion of the Buenos Aires; began the series of workshops “Migrant Women and Gender Based Violence. Contributions for Reflection and Intervention”.

The first encounter was attended by Gabriela Fernandez, IOM Argentina Head of Office; Laura Estomba, Programs and Projects Unit Coordinator and Daniel Reich, Head of the General Directorate for Women.

The workshops were mainly addressed to teams from different areas of the Under Secretariat for Social Promotion, including the General Directorate for Women, that in their daily work deal with gender violence issues and provide support to migrant women. A meeting with key civil society actors linked to the Under Secretariat through various programs -such as Early childhood centres and community kitchens- was also held.

These meetings are intended to reflect on migration processes in Argentina from an approach that articulates the perspectives of human rights, gender and multiculturalism; and to collectively develop strategies and tools towards the optimization of intervention processes with migrant women in situation of violence.

At the opening of the first workshop, Gabriela Fernández introduced the manual “Migrant Women and Gender Based Violence. Contributions for Reflection and Intervention” published by IOM Argentina as working material for these gatherings.

The manual may also be used by the teams participating in the workshops as a tool to replicate its contents at different levels of training, both within the Under Secretariat for Social Promotion as well as other target groups.

Along with this manual, IOM Argentina has produced a fact sheet on the subject entitled “Migrant women and gender based violence. Notes to work on promoting rights”.

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