Status: It's Complicated Challenges to Cross-Border Movements of Women & Girls Migration in the Context of Natural Disaster/Climate Change & Armed Conflict

Introduction

International migration has taken on more significance in the lives of the millions of peoples around the globe. From the time since the 1995 Beijing World Conference on Women, the number of international migrants increased from 175 million in 2000 to an estimated 232 million in 2013. This figure represents 3.2 percent of the global population who are on the move from South to South and South to North. Women also comprise 48 percent of the world's international migrants.

International migrants remit billions of dollars into the economies of their countries of origin. In 2013 alone, total global remittance reached US$542B in 2013, with remittance to developing countries accounting for US$404B. The remittances not only improve the lives of the families they have left behind, but have the potential to positively impact national and local development, and given the right policy, as enabling environment that would help channel remittances for development.

However, there is a need to highlight the challenges faced by international migrants both in countries of destination and countries of origin and sometimes, countries in transit.