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**Migrant Integration and the Role of Pre-departure Support Measures in Countries of Origin**

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While approaches to facilitating migrant integration vary by country and region, there is an increasing recognition that some groundwork for integration can be laid already in the countries of origin, before the departure of migrants. Various actors can offer assistance to migrants in the countries of origin prior to migration, by providing information about life in the new country, assisting in the development of language and vocational skills, initiating the process of recognition of qualifications and, in some cases, matching interested job-seekers with employers in the host country. A report by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reviews promising practices in pre-departure integration support for immigrants with a particular focus on promoting early labour market inclusion in line with the migrants’ level of qualifications and competences.

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