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INTRODUCTION

South American countries have been shaped by migration processes, currently with a predominant intraregional circulation. This complexity creates transnational communities that serve as bridges for ideas, knowledge, technology, rules, values, relations and resources promoting a constant renewal of South American societies.

In this context, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has furthered the development of a Regional Assessment on the Empowerment of the South American Diaspora. This was done by a team of researchers collecting primary data from various countries in the region with a set of qualitative and quantitative methodological tools.

This repository with over 40 identified promising practices is presented as a complement to the aforementioned Regional Assessment.¹

This document has been compiled for the purposes of furthering the development and implementation of policies and programmes aimed at strengthening the contributions made by the human, social, economic and cultural capital of diasporas in the region.

In this sense, the repository groups practices based on the type of capital intended to be transferred and on the type of actors implementing them. Within these categories, practices are listed following the alphabetical order of the countries of origin where they have been developed. Therefore, for instance, if a government wishes to develop a programme to facilitate the transfer of human capital, all the practices related to this type of contribution and implemented by the public sector can be found together.

In addition, for those readers interested in practices from one or more specific countries, an index by country is included to facilitate this alternative method of exploration. This index groups practices by country of origin and in the order in which they appear in the repository so as to readily identify national practices of interest and to obtain further information.

The repository contains a data sheet for each practice identified, which summarizes the following information: geographical scope, implementers, objective, current status (active or completed), target population, context, description and results achieved. If available, links to official web pages relating to the practices are provided for further information.

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1. See the document *Empowering the South American Diaspora as Agents for Sustainable Development*, publications.iom.int/books/empoderando-la-diaspora-suramericana-como-actores-en-el-desarrollo-sostenible-un-diagnostico.

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SOCIAL CAPITAL



EXTENSION OF CONSULAR REPRESENTATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF CONSULAR MATTERS

- **Geographical scope:** Main host countries for the Bolivian community.
- **Implementers:** Plurinational State of Bolivia.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To provide documentation, civil registry and consular assistance services in emergency situations or within usual time frames; these services could not be accessed by Bolivians abroad before.
- **Target population:** Bolivian community.
- **Context:** In the framework of this reform and institutional articulation, agreements have been entered into between the Bolivian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and governmental entities, such as the Directorate-General of Migration (facilitating access to and renewal of passports abroad); the General Identification Service (SEGIP); the Civic Registry Service (SERECI), a public entity under the Supreme Electoral Tribunal enabling the organization and management of the Natural Persons Registry; the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ), which provides criminal records to fellow nationals through various consular representations; and the Plurinational Centre for Alternative Distance-Education (CEPEAD) under the Ministry of Education, which, along with the Vice Ministry of Institutional and Consular Management, contributes to the training of migrant Bolivians abroad by means of distance-education processes.
- **Description:** Extension of the number of consular representations. It has been reported that between 2005 and 2021, the Plurinational State of Bolivia went from having 20 embassies and 30 consular representations to 85 diplomatic delegations in the same number of countries, and 45 consular offices.
- **Results:** Restructuring of the Directorate-General for Consular Matters in the units below:
 - **Consular Assistance and Protection Unit (UAPC):** It is in charge of the relation between the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the citizens and communities abroad, fulfilling its role in the areas of repatriation, assistance and the fight against smuggling of and trafficking in human beings.
 - **Consular Management Unit (UGEC):** It coordinates and engages with Bolivian Consular Offices abroad and with national institutions, enabling management and collaborating with the consular network for the issuance of documentation. In addition, supporting documentation programmes are developed. In this regard, in 2011 passport issuance centres were implemented in Spain and the United States, and in 2016 an agreement was entered into between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and SEGIP, enabling the issuance of identity cards abroad.
 - **Consular Policy Unit (UPC):** It aims at establishing relations with States at a bilateral level to execute consular consultation mechanisms or consular cooperation agreements, and fostering the Plurinational State of Bolivia's participation in multilateral and regional spaces addressing international migration.
- **Link:** cancilleria.gob.bo/webmre/.





EMIGRANTE CIDADAO PROGRAMME

- **Geographical scope:** Governador Valadares, Brazil and the United States.
- **Implementers:** Municipality, Brazilian Micro and Small Enterprise Support Service (SEBRAE) Minas.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To provide social and economic support (guidance on remittance investment) to the citizens of Governador Valadares.
- **Target population:** Emigrants and family members.
- **Context:** The city has a long and intense history of emigration to the United States, mainly with an impact on the local cultural and social identity.
- **Description:** This project is regulated by municipal Law No. 4940/2001. Actions are focused on six main areas: location of emigrants from the municipality abroad; dissemination of news and information to migrant citizens; liaising with establishments and official financial institutions to send remittances legally and safely; coordination with specialized entities for the provision of psychological assistance to families of migrants residing in the city; social and cultural reintegration of migrant citizens returning from overseas; and guidance and technical assistance for migrants who wish to invest in the city, liaising, when appropriate, with business development agencies and entities.
- **Results:** Events, talks, workshops, partnerships and studies on the reality of emigration associated with the city.
- **Link:** www.valadares.mg.gov.br/detalhe-da-materia/info/programa-emigrante-cidadao/86189.





COLOMBIA NOS UNE PROGRAMME

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** National Government.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To create initiatives, projects and strategies aimed at networking and promoting collaborative activities, and fostering the positive contribution of migration to the country's actual problems and needs. To promote actions aimed at encouraging return in positive conditions if migrants decide to return to the country. To develop networked social processes allowing for an increased social capital of Colombian communities abroad.
- **Target population:** Colombians abroad.
- **Context:** There are 21 multipliers at the consulates of the countries with the largest numbers of fellow nationals.
- **Description:** Development of an Internet portal providing services for the Colombian population living abroad.
- **Results:** These services are offered through newsletters, services fairs, information forums and the active promotion of Colombian companies offering these services targeted at the diaspora. Together, they boost the economic resources derived from the work and businesses of the Colombian population overseas.
- **Link:** www.colombianosune.com/.





TRANSFORMATION OF PARADIGMS IN GUYANESE PUBLIC POLICIES

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Diaspora Affairs Unit.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To contribute to Guyana's economic development through the support and engagement of the Guyanese diaspora.
- **Target population:** Fellow nationals abroad.
- **Context:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs established the Unit to promote and guide engagement aimed at strengthening relations and dialogue with overseas Guyanese, so that they can contribute to national development (Diaspora Affairs Unit). The Guyanese Diaspora Project was implemented as an extension of this unit, in collaboration with the IOM Guyana Office.
- **Description:** Two main activities were carried out: mapping of skills and resources available in the Guyanese diaspora, and use of social media to facilitate the provision of answers for mapping purposes.
- **Results:** In May 2017 the Government launched the Go See Visit project, a project within the framework of engagement for development in the Caribbean, along with IOM and Guyana Global, a portal to facilitate communications and collaboration.
- **Link:** www.iom.int/news/iom-and-guyana-launch-diaspora-engagement-project.





PARAGUAYAN DIASPORA CONGRESS (AT PRESENT, MIGRATION CONGRESSES)

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** Organizations of Paraguayans living abroad, Secretariat for Returnees, Foreign Ministry, National Congress, private sector companies.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** Engagement with organizations of Paraguayan migrants, authorities of Paraguay's Executive and Legislative Powers to identify the problems faced by nationals abroad and to facilitate their solution.
- **Target population:** Fellow nationals and their families living abroad.
- **Context:** At the 2009 Paraguayan Migration Congress, an outcome document was submitted, reflecting some of the initiatives presented by the representatives of organizations relating to the right to vote, consular assistance and access to the Paraguayan nationality. In 2011, the Paraguayan constitution was amended for the first time since its promulgation, granting the right to vote for residents living abroad.
- **Description:** Annual congresses with the participation of representatives of migrant organizations and authorities of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Powers. Lobbying and advocacy with authorities of the Legislative Power for the adoption of the amendment. Visibility of the reality of emigrants through the media. Engagement with authorities of institutions providing services targeted at migrants.
- **Results:** Amendment of the National Constitution, enabling the right to vote for Paraguayans living abroad. Improved engagement with national institutions and parliamentary authorities. Increased visibility of the diaspora.
- **Link:** publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/MGI-Paraguay-2021-ES.pdf.





INTERSECTORAL ROUND TABLE FOR MIGRATION MANAGEMENT¹

- **Geographical scope:** Peru.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To coordinate, assess, propose, prioritize and supervise policies and actions related to comprehensive migration management, ensuring respect for the human rights of migrants living abroad and settling in the country.
- **Target population:** Migrant community both abroad and in the country.
- **Context:** New challenges related to migration management both for the State and civil society, to promote the human rights of over 3 million Peruvians living abroad, as well as to facilitate the integration of over 1.2 million foreigners settled in the country.
- **Description:** Activities for the comprehensive coordination and assessment of migration management.
- **Results:**
 - Development of the sixth edition of the Perú Contigo Migrant Week.
 - Migration policy guidelines, basis for a national policy.
 - Permanent information and Perú Contigo guidance campaign for migrants, updating of regulations on comprehensive migration management.
 - Promotion of public or private partnerships for more effective and adequate actions on comprehensive migration in Peru.
 - Coordination and supervision of the enforcement of public policies on comprehensive migration management.
 - Design and promotion of mechanisms for implementing programmes and projects benefiting Peruvian communities abroad.
- **Link:** www.rree.gob.pe/noticias/Documents/Libro_MTIGM.pdf.





ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR PERUVIAN COMMUNITIES ABROAD

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and the rest of the world. Peruvian embassies around the world.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To create a space for dialogue and cooperation with the consular office so as to identify and solve problems directly faced by the Peruvian community.
- **Target population:** Nationals abroad requesting advisory councils.
- **Context:** Lack of visibility and integration of the Peruvian community abroad.
- **Description:** Actions for protecting and assisting nationals abroad; developing national attachment; promoting culture, positive integration of fellow nationals in host countries and engagement in activities conducted by the Consular Office for the benefit of the Peruvian community or humanitarian events to be held in Peru.
- **Results:** Organization of the Consular Council Convention for Peruvians abroad (29-30 May 2021).
- **Link:** www.consulado.pe/es/Madrid/Paginas/Consejo-de-Consulta.aspx.





BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and mainly Ibero-American and regional countries.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Labour and Employment Promotion.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** Bilateral and multilateral agreements legally recognize the contribution of migrants to the economy and sustainability of the social security systems of countries.
- **Target population:** Communities living abroad and returnees.
- **Context:** Considering that labour and social security rights are basic human rights, it is important to acknowledge that individuals contributing to various social security systems throughout their life can enforce their rights in a country.
- **Description:** Bilateral and multilateral social security agreements to facilitate access to systems in signatory countries.
- **Results:** Peru has bilateral agreements with the following countries: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, the Republic of Korea and Uruguay. In addition, the country signed the Multilateral Ibero-American Social Security Agreement (CMISS), together with other 14 Ibero-American countries.
- **Link:** www2.trabajo.gob.pe/el-ministerio-2/sector-trabajo/direccion-general-de-trabajo/convenios-de-seguridad-social/.





SECOND GLOBAL SURVEY FOR THE PERUVIAN COMMUNITY ABROAD 2021

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and the rest of the world.
- **Implementers:** Institute of Statistics and Information (INEI), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To provide information on demographic, social and economic characteristics, and on the vulnerability, migration status and engagement with Peru of residents abroad, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Target population:** Peruvians aged 18 and above living abroad.
- **Context:** Need to improve and update statistical information on the profile of Peruvians living abroad.
- **Description:** Dissemination of an online survey with complex sampling. Difficulty in locating migrants filling the gender and age group quota (sample of over 15,000 nationals).
- **Results:** Data available on INEI's homepage. Updating of demographic, social and economic characteristics, a source of information for public and private institutions, and international cooperation agencies to make decisions concerning public policies for the Peruvian community abroad.
- **Link:** www.inei.gob.pe/.





SOS MAMÃES NO JAPÃO'S COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMME

- **Geographical scope:** The entire territory of Japan, with varying actions depending on the number of Brazilians in the city, state or region.
- **Implementers:** SOS Mamães no Japão.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To share information and everyday experiences of Brazilian women and their families in Japan, to provide assistance in situations of vulnerability, to celebrate friendship, to raise awareness of domestic violence and provide assistance in such a case.
- **Target population:** 40,000 women, 90 per cent of whom live in Japan.
- **Context:** It emerged from an individual initiative aimed at promoting the exchange of information and sharing motherhood experiences among women. Over time, it started receiving claims from women who were victims of gender-based violence within their families.
- **Description:** Awareness-raising campaigns, events, talks, production of written material, cards, posters, regular meetings with members and moderators to define strategies to call the police in case of physical assault, to call an ambulance, to be present at hospitals when victims arrive seeking help, among others, including an action and safety protocol.
- **Results:** Networked coordination for assistance to be quick and effective either in Japan or Brazil, in case of deciding to return (voluntarily or involuntarily). Partnerships with Brazilian consulates in Japan, even to help with the issuance of visas and passports, especially in the areas of education, legal matters and assistance.
- **Link:** sosmamaesnojapao.com/.





BRASIL-PORTUGAL: POR UMA MIGRAÇÃO DE DIREITOS PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Portugal and Brazil.
- **Implementers:** Created by Casa do Brasil in Lisbon in 2021, currently being implemented and developed. It has two more partnerships from Portugal, in addition to support in terms of dissemination of the Rede Sem Fronteiras, in Brazil.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To invest in conscious migration; to produce and make information available through a communication channel in a way that is creative and easy to be accessed and assimilated so that people interested in migration can be aware of difficulties, processes and characteristics.
- **Target population:** Brazilians planning to migrate to Portugal.
- **Context:** These are dynamic actions and campaigns targeted at Brazilians planning to migrate to Portugal, based on histories, experiences and information, spread in an easy and accessible language and format, making the issue visible and providing information to address and develop the migration process. Great emphasis on virtual social media, and well-known and popular products to combat disinformation.
- **Description:** Production of videos for a YouTube channel, talk shows and quizzes, cards to be circulated in Whatsapp groups, Instagram, direct communication with Facebook groups, online information sessions, among others. Preparation of topic-based campaigns about housing, gender-based violence, professional non-qualification, documentation, the fight against fake news.
- **Results:** Partnerships with local organizations in Portugal and Brazil. It is the first time in 30 years that Casa do Brasil in Lisbon has formally partnered with a Brazilian association.
- **Link:** www2.ufjf.br/noticias/tag/projeto-brasil-portugal-por-uma-migracao-com-direitos/.





FOUNDATION OF PARAGUAYAN COMMUNICATORS IN ARGENTINA

- **Geographical scope:** Argentina.
- **Implementers:** Universities, consulates, national radio (early stage).
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To unite and train Paraguayan communication professionals in Argentina. To defend labour interests so as to prevent abuse.
- **Target population:** Paraguayan diaspora citizens.
- **Context:** Communication professionals from Paraguay do not access jobs in important media in Argentina. Many communicators are in informal employment situations and their rights are not legally covered.
- **Description:** Creation of an online radio station targeted at the Paraguayan population living in Argentina.
- **Results:** Over 600 followers on Facebook.
- **Link:** www.facebook.com/Fundaci%C3%B3n-Comunicadores-Paraguayos-en-Argentina-103948168618917.





ADVISORY COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF URUGUAYANS LIVING ABROAD

- **Geographical scope:** Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Chile, Denmark, France, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United States of America and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
- **Implementers:** National State and civil society.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** Organizations representing Uruguayans living abroad; engagement with the country in different areas ranging from culture and society to science, research and development, through various channels of citizen participation, such as the Global and Regional Meetings.
- **Target population:** Uruguayan communities living abroad.
- **Context:** These organizations are citizen bodies, recognized by the Uruguayan Foreign Service through its Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices. This engagement with Uruguayan communities living abroad is essential to the consolidation of the national identity and culture, among other things.
- **Description:** Advisory Councils are recognized by the State (Law No. 18250, article 74, and Regulatory Decree No. 369/2011); their operation is based on democratic principles. They are considered as associations of nationals living abroad of a social, cultural or sports nature; non-profit organizations are based on democratic principles and represent Uruguayans living abroad with the overarching goal of connecting with Uruguay in highly diverse areas (Art. 78 of Law No. 19535). They are autonomous actors that determine their actions and are accountable to their members. In this framework, numerous global and regional meetings have been held since 2005 to date, with diverse final statements and outcomes resulting from exchanges in thematic workshops.
- **Results:** Since their creation in 2005, 44 Advisory Councils have been identified, 31 of which remain implemented. The current official list of associations includes nearly 150 organizations around the world.
- **Link:** www.gub.uy/ministerio-relaciones-exteriores/node/593.





PESQUISAS REVIBRA

- **Geographical scope:** European Union and Brazil.
- **Implementers:** Group of volunteer jurists, lawyers and psychologists, with members currently based in 10 European countries and five Brazilian States.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To map cases and various realities so as to know the current state of affairs, to find solutions and to ensure their historical record under the banner: “we can only change what we are aware of”.
- **Target population:** Communities in situations of social vulnerability (women, persons deprived of liberty, victims of labour exploitation and LGBTQ+ persons).
- **Context:** Lack of migration-related technical knowledge in terms of rights, local legislation of countries and regions, protocols and regulations. Lack of research and dissemination of scientific knowledge related to this human and social area involving migrant women. Lack of access to legal aid in EU countries. Cultural differences among countries and structural issues, such as racism, xenophobia and discrimination.
- **Description:** Revibra was created in 2012 and it operates in three main areas: protection, assistance and support of victims of gender-based violence, immigrant women in Europe suffering from racism, victims of domestic or family violence or when the female condition is despised or discriminated against; awareness-raising and information campaigns on migration, especially in connection with the rights of women; quantitative and qualitative research on this issue. Research papers are guided and regulated by the ethics committees of the European Union and the Data Protection Act in terms of anonymity and confidentiality rules, as well as the characteristics of data disaggregated by ethnicity, nationality and gender. All the services provided are free of charge and confidential. The research area is internally coordinated and related to social sciences.
- **Results:** Partnerships with local (from Europe and Brazil) and transnational agencies, bodies of political participation and representation, universities, among others. Partnering with Brazilian institutions has proven to be of utmost importance due to the perception that, given the isolation and absence of support networks in countries of destination, victims of gender-based violence turn to support organizations in Brazil in the first place.
- **Link:** www.facebook.com/revibraeuropa/.





ALIANÇA MIGRAÇÕES PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Brazil, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain.
- **Implementers:** Organisation for Universal Citizenship, the National Association of Welcoming Cities and Territories and the Snapshots From The Borders project of the European Network of Border Towns, in 2019.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To promote dialogue spaces for immigrants in European, African and Latin American cities, and to share good practices.
- **Target population:** Representatives from various civil society organizations and local authorities at their local/regional offices.
- **Context:** Various realities in different cities; misconception of an automatic replication of policies and models established in other places; various mechanisms to access international funding sources; various development levels of institutions.
- **Description:** Submission of proposals for other forms of migration governance capable of including the voice and experience of cities and civil society organizations so as to implement migration policies ensuring decent and unconditional reception, as well as respect for the basic rights of exiles.
- **Results:** Seminars, comparative studies, mapping and tracking of local migration policies in big cities, such as Sao Paulo (Brazil), Saint-Denis (France), Palermo (Italy), Lisbon (Portugal), and Barcelona (Spain), in addition to cooperating in the analysis and development of migration policies.
- **Link:** alliance-migrations.fr/es/la-alianza-migracion/la-ocu-y-la-anvita-quienes-somos/.





JOINT MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE OF THE UNDP AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF PICHINCHA

- **Geographical scope:** Province of Pichincha, Ecuador.
- **Implementers:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Autonomous Decentralized Government of the Province of Pichincha.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To enhance the capacities of people on the move by generating family and solidarity businesses that increase their income, resulting in their economic and social integration.
- **Target population:** People on the move that have turned to the Human Mobility Management Unit of the Autonomous Decentralized Government of Pichincha.
- **Context:** Persons in a situation of human mobility and refugees are prevented from exercising their rights to conduct associative and individual businesses and thus become economically and socially integrated.
- **Description**
 - **First stage:** Registration of applicants for business ideas. Interview with the psychologist of the Human Mobility Management Unit.
 - **Second stage:** Workshops for the business plan. Application of selection criteria tools. Entrepreneur's interview with a pre-selection committee.
 - **Third stage:** On-site visit.
- **Results:** 28 workshops on migration law awareness for people on the move were held in the Province of Pichincha, in addition to five workshops to draft the Business Plans of people on the move.
- **Link:** publicadministration.un.org/unpsa/Portals/0/UNPSA_Submitted_Docs/2019/202DC65C-1AA4-4D2D-94FC-CFFA2ECABE2B/INFORME%20FINAL%20AUDITORIA%20PNUD%202017.pdf?ver=2018-11-30-173310-730.





ECONOMIC CAPITAL



CAPITAL TRANSFER TO THE COCHABAMBA DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE MIGRANT MUNICIPALITIES MODALITY

- **Geographical scope:** Arbieto (municipality of Valle Alto, Cochabamba, in the Esteban Arce province).
- **Implementers:** Municipality of Arbieto.
- **Objective:** To produce funds in the host country (the United States of America) in order to generate public investment in the Plurinational State of Bolivia.
- **Target population:** Community of Arbieto.
- **Context:** This diaspora is related to other migration destinations (Argentina, Chile and the United States of America), and the income complementarity for transnational families stands out. According to the 2012 Census, 92 per cent of the municipality in question identifies itself as Quechua.
- **Description:** This municipality, as well as Aranjuez, Arpita, Tarata, Toledo, all of them from Valle Alto in Cochabamba, have created “migrant municipalities”, developing a donation policy to improve the local health, sports and education infrastructure in their towns of origin.
- **Results:** Remittance of counterpart funds to build squares, churches, sports fields and schools, as part of the Evo Cumple programme, created by decree No. 29091 of 2007.





SEBRAE MG REMITTANCE PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Japan, Portugal, Switzerland, the United States of America, among other countries, where Brazilians have been identified abroad for sending and requesting remittances, and Brazil (provision of assistance to returnees and remittance beneficiaries).
- **Implementers:** This project was institutionalized at a State-level at SEBRAE in Minas Gerais, to assist migrants who are somehow linked to the 853 municipalities in the State.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To work on financial and business education for remittance beneficiaries in Brazil, Brazilians abroad (where their contribution to national development is understood), and (voluntary or involuntary) returning migrants.
- **Target population:** Remittance beneficiaries in Brazil, Brazilians abroad and returning migrants.
- **Context:** The Brazilian Micro and Small Enterprise Support Service (SEBRAE) is an entity that supports and fosters the creation, expansion and modernization of micro and small businesses in Brazil, training them to effectively fulfil their role in the economic and social development process. SEBRAE operates in the entire country and it is also organized in state offices. In the case of SEBRAE Minas, at present, with the project's institutionalization, there are 55 microregional offices in the state that are capable of providing assistance to emigrants and remittance beneficiaries, in addition to 400 "Entrepreneur Rooms" service points in municipal governments, facilitating business start-up processes.
- **Description:** Actions aim at business development training and support using economic resources involving emigrants. They are based on research showing that the decision to invest in remittances in Brazil is shared by emigrants and beneficiaries. Thus, actions seek to train "both ends" of the process. In addition, in the case of returning emigrants, business failure practically results in a new emigration, although in less favourable conditions. In this sense, actions are also developed in this broader context.
- **Results:** Before the State-level institutionalization in 2015, on-site assistance was provided to emigrants and remittance beneficiaries on 3,200 occasions, in addition to 43,000 instances of remote assistance and 119 queries to companies. Moreover, training courses are periodically provided, as well as business plan guidance, workshops and talks. Partnerships have been created with national and international banks (Caixa Econômica Federal and IDB), international organizations (IOM and UNHCR), municipalities, both in Brazil and overseas, and there are perspectives for involvement of new stakeholders, such as the Chambers of Commerce.
- **Link:** www.sebrae.com.br/Sebrae/Portal%20Sebrae/UFs/MG/Sebrae%20de%20A%20a%20Z/LIVRO%20REMESSAS_vers%C3%A3o%20letr%C3%B4nica.pdf.





CUCAYO PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Ecuador.
- **Implementers:** Ecuador's National Migration Secretariat.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To promote entrepreneur initiatives through the granting of seed capital.
- **Target population:** Returned migrants who have entered Ecuador since February 2007 (due to the crises in Italy, Spain and the United States of America).
- **Context:** Its effect was not the one desired by the migrant community, as it was a competitive fund with a low impact, and the sustainability of enterprises was very low.
- **Description:** Co-financing of businesses, preferably innovating, associative and/or inclusive ones, contributing to the social and economic reintegration of migrants in Ecuador.
- **Results:** 5,767 people were trained on social and productive investment, 412 productive enterprises were financed, 2,643 direct jobs were created by the enterprises, and an amount of USD 5,145,548 was financed as seed capital. This initiative, which ended in 2013, resulted in important lessons learnt and, above all, it was a programme implemented by the human mobility authority.
- **Link:** migrationsmartpractices.ifrc.org/es/smart-practice/fondo-concursable-el-cucayo-ecuador/.





REPATRIATED ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- **Geographical scope:** Paraguay.
- **Implementers:** Secretariat of Development for National Repatriated Persons and Refugees (SEDERREC), governorates – regional agencies.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objectives:** Start-up/strengthening of enterprises of repatriated nationals and relocation of enterprises of nationals living abroad.
- **Target population:** Paraguayan nationals residing abroad and returnees.
- **Context:** To foster the reintegration of economic and human capital and returning nationals.
- **Description:** Support to the economic and social development of repatriated nationals who are starting up or consolidating a business. Entrepreneur training to contribute to an environment that improves competitiveness, and complementary financial support to the paid-up business capital, so as to sponsor the necessary incentive to strengthen enterprises. In addition, construction of a scenario so that the returning human, social and financial capital is integrated into society in favourable conditions.
- **Results:** 905 beneficiaries to date. Socialization, online registrations, entrepreneur training workshops, visits and interviews, selection of beneficiaries, delivery of complementary contributions and monitoring of beneficiaries.
- **Link:** www.repatriados.gov.py/pagina/41-programa-de-apoyo-a-repatriados-emprendedores-.html.





TU EMPRESA NATIONAL PROGRAMME

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and the rest of the world.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Production.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To support business creation and formalization for all Peruvians and foreigners living in the country.
- **Target population:** Foreigners in Peru and Peruvian returnees willing to establish their own company and formal business activity.
- **Context:** Knowing the devices for business creation and formalization support is a determining factor when returning to the country of origin.
- **Description:** Business advice and facilitation of business formalization processes.
- **Results:** Business advice was provided on 2,483 occasions to foreigners in Peru and in 194 opportunities to returning migrants, business formalization support was provided in 830 cases for foreigners in Peru and in 42 cases for returning Peruvians (2018-2021).
- **Link:** creatuempresa.produce.gob.pe/Formalizacion/Inicio.





CHILE GLOBAL

- **Geographical scope:** Chile and Latin America.
- **Implementers:** Fundación Chile Global (FCh).
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To assume risks building non-existing industries and creating businesses in various types of economic activities, focusing on the country's competitive advantages for national economic development.
- **Target population:** Entrepreneurs in the region.
- **Context:** In this framework, strategies have been developed for engaging the qualified diaspora, creating pools and mentor networks and angel funds to develop and speed up high-impact start-ups.
- **Description:** By means of four lines of impact (Funds, Ventures, Angels, Start Ups), the mentor network and the Chile Global Ventures Club, a wide range of possibilities is offered to strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in Chile and Latin America, and to support the success of the start-ups that are part of the community, in each stage of their growth.
- **Results:** Through its various models, FCh has created more than 66 early-stage companies, which have had a positive profitability, investing a total of USD 100 million.
- **Link:** chileglobalventures.cl.





HUMAN CAPITAL



RAICES PROGRAMME

NETWORK OF ARGENTINE RESEARCHERS AND SCIENTISTS ABROAD

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, in the framework of the 2030 National Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To strengthen the country's scientific and technological capabilities by developing policies for engaging Argentine researchers living abroad, and actions aimed at promoting researchers' permanence in or return to the country, covering four main aspects: acknowledgement, strengthening, integration and dissemination.
- **Target population:** Local and overseas scientific community.
- **Context:** It is sought to encourage the return of Argentine researchers living abroad, to expand the country's capabilities with the collaboration of the qualified diaspora, to promote the participation of Argentine researchers abroad in the construction of the national science, technology and innovation policy, and to favour international training and development opportunities for Argentine scientists.
- **Description:** The programme networks are spaces for engaging Argentine scientists living abroad. Organized by country of residence.
- **Results:** Recognition, strengthening, integration and dissemination of knowledge. Subsidies, awards, ongoing projects, grants, traineeships and networks overseas.
- **Link:** www.argentina.gob.ar/ciencia/raices.





DON CARLOS ANTONIO LÓPEZ (BECAL) NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF OVERSEAS GRANTS

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Education and Science, Technical Secretariat of Economic and Social Development Planning, National Science and Technology Council, Fund for Education and Research Excellence, Ministry of Finance.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To increase the number of researchers with Master's and PhD degrees in the areas of Science and Technology and of educators with Master's degrees in Education trained in various areas of knowledge.
- **Target population:** Researchers who are going to do master's degrees, doctorates or complementary postgraduate studies in the field of research; professionals who are going to do technical master's degrees; and educators who will develop training courses, educational master's degrees and doctorates.
- **Context:** Low capacity of the country to generate and apply the knowledge required for development and limited business innovation. Need to strengthen the research capabilities in the areas of Science and Technology, business innovation, public management, universities and Research and Development (R&D) Centres.
- **Description:** Pre-departure support mechanism: Links with the students while they are staying abroad. This support is processed through the application system of the National Science and Technology Council (CONACYT), and it is followed up and monitored. The General Directorate for Migration is also consulted in special and specific cases. This process is updated so that the list of returned grant holders is posted on BECAL's web page, as well as the status of return and permanence monitoring tasks.
- **Results:** 60 months after it was first executed, 2,100 grants (26 countries) have been funded through 68 national calls, covering research, innovation and teaching areas. Women account for 63 per cent of holders. Funds are fully committed.
- **Link:** www.becal.gov.py/.





SUPPORT TO RETURNING MIGRANTS

- **Geographical scope:** Suriname.
- **Implementers:** Government of Suriname and IOM.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To develop a public policy to support returning migrants and their reintegration.
- **Target population:** Fellow nationals abroad.
- **Context:** The Return Migration Law is executed by the Social Insurance Bank, although there are other related programmes. Among them, the Dutch Mediation Agency for Return has as its mission to support the voluntary return of prior asylum seekers and irregular migrants to their countries of origin.
- **Description:** IOM has developed the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme for irregular migrants who wish to return to their home countries. This programme pays for travel expenses up to a limit and offers beneficiaries a fixed amount of money that can be used to facilitate reintegration.
- **Results:** Expanding these experiences, Suriname's migration profile developed jointly with IOM suggests bringing scattered migration services together at one location, creating a single, centralized migration database, developing a migration policy, working in close cooperation with the business community and other professional organizations, conducting a labour market assessment, and focusing on the diaspora.
- **Link:** www.iom.int/es/news/la-oim-y-el-gobierno-de-surinam-lanzan-sitio-web-para-vincular-la-diaspora.





RESGATE BRAZIL PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Goiás, Brazil, and 12 countries from the European Union.
- **Implementers:** Projeto Resgate Brasil.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To facilitate the return of migrants in a situation of vulnerability or rescued human trafficking victims, to provide support and assistance (financial, legal, etc.) in the return process and work on the reception in Brazil, with a view to social reintegration.
- **Target population:** Brazilian migrants in a situation of vulnerability or human trafficking victims.
- **Context:** Due to the emigration history in the state of Goiás, the project was based in Goiânia, where it has operated for 15 years. It started with the rescue of trafficking and sexual exploitation victims and, over time, it started assisting emigrants, in general, in the process of voluntary or involuntary return and extradited and/or deported prisoners.
- **Description:** The activities to combat human trafficking are divided into three main areas: suppression (reports to help dismantle networks, and police actions); prevention (advertising and awareness-raising campaigns, ads, alliances); care (assistance to victims, reception, and guidance). In the case of emigrants, actions involve return and social reintegration in Brazil.
- **Results:** In most human trafficking cases, work starts in Europe. Only in 2020, due to the pandemic, the return of 150 Brazilians from Europe was promoted. Partnerships have been created with local organizations (from Europe and Brazil), as well as transnational ones, such as Caritas and the Red Cross, and international organizations (IOM).
- **Link:** projectrescue.ch/?lang=pt-br.





PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO BRAZILIAN EMIGRANTS IN JAPAN

- **Geographical scope:** Japan.
- **Implementers:** NGO Customer Service for Brazilians in Japan (SABJA), Brazilian consulates, Government of Japan.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To provide psychological assistance to Brazilian migrants living abroad. This assistance is provided not only in cases of depression, panic syndrome, anxiety, among others, but also to support reception and interaction, considering the difficulties in the migration process in terms of reception and interaction in the country of destination. The Japanese Government even offers this type of assistance to citizens, but the service is hindered due to the language.
- **Target population:** Brazilian emigrants living in Japan.
- **Context:** The partnership with consulates seeks to meet Brazilian citizens' needs, in this case, related to psychological and mental health; it strengthens the image of the Brazilian State in the migrant community and promotes the interaction of emigrants with the institutions.
- **Description:** Formalized in 2003, it develops actions in various areas, such as legal, medical and social assistance, Japanese courses, cultural events, etc, for Brazilians in Japan. The most outstanding aspect of this project is the provision of psychological support, developed in partnership with Brazilian consulates in the country, for over four years. The NGO covers the entire Japanese territory and has two salaried employees, in addition to mobilizing volunteers. Psychologists are paid by the Brazilian consulates in Nagoya and Hamamatsu, with the contribution of Japanese authorities. The service is provided at the consulate's headquarters or, during the pandemic, also remotely, with a previous appointment.
- **Results:** The cases of depression and mental exhaustion are the most usual ones, together with identity crises or learning difficulties in children and young people, and panic attacks and insomnia in elderly people, with a significant increase in anxiety and panic syndrome cases during the COVID-19 pandemic. Periodical publishing of an information column with psychological guidelines in the magazine Alternativa, an ethnical publication addressed to the Brazilian community in Japan. Development of joint actions with churches and sexual education activities. Partnerships with local governments, especially education departments, in the case of childcare.
- **Link:** nposabja.org/.





BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA DIASPORA PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** Venezuelan civil society on social media.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To showcase the entrepreneurs and change creators who are developing projects, establishing companies and lobbying for changes in the specialization areas.
- **Target population:** Venezuelan community at a global level.
- **Context:** In the last 20 years, over 5 million people have emigrated. The bilingual diaspora of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is rapidly expanding, and it is enriched with a new generation of young people who live, study and work in English, but still have a deep connection with their country.
- **Description:** Publishing of interviews with Venezuelan entrepreneurs living in the United States of America, in association with Caracas Chronicles as its English/Spanish bilingual media partner.
- **Results:** The project started in 2020 on YouTube, and it is still active.
- **Link:** www.caracaschronicles.com/tag/venezuela-diaspora-project/.





MAPAH.NET NETWORK

- **Geographical scope:** Peru.
- **Implementers:** Cientificos.pe, National Science, Technology and Innovation Council.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To identify the ge positioning of Peruvian researchers abroad.
- **Target population:** Scientists, scholars, undergraduate and graduate students abroad.
- **Context:** The Peruvian scientific community abroad is not sufficiently visible or connected.
- **Description:** This device is possible by means of Open Street Maps. The use of filters by country or area of knowledge and the links to academic pages and social media, both at a national and international level, such as ORCID, DINA and Research Gate, provide further information on the profile of researchers that are part of the MapaH network.
- **Results:** The main regions where the members of the community are located are the United States of America and Europe.
- **Link:** comunidad.mapah.net/cientificospe.





SINAPSIS, MEETINGS OF PERUVIAN SCIENTISTS IN EUROPE

- **Geographical scope:** Barcelona, Berlin, Ghent, Paris, and Turku.
- **Implementers:** National Science, Technology and Innovation Council (Concytec) and Innóvate Perú, Directorate of Science and Technology of the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Peru in Finland (latest edition).
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To facilitate the cooperation among researchers and to strengthen the bonds with Peru.
- **Target population:** Peruvian scientific community.
- **Context:** The Peruvian scientific community abroad needs further cooperation to spread scientific evidence and culture, as well as to contribute to the country's sustainable development objectives from a scientific standpoint.
- **Description:** Organization of scientific meetings. Over the years, the event has improved its positioning, seeking recognition at an institutional level.
- **Results:** Over 100 Peruvian scientists have participated in previous editions.
- **Link:** www.sinapsis-peru.org/.





RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR PERUVIAN UNDERGRADUATES: REPU PROGRAMME

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and the rest of the world.
- **Implementers:** REPU.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To supplement the training of national undergraduate students with scientific research internships.
- **Target population:** Peruvian undergraduate students.
- **Context:** There is an information and capacity gap to access the postgraduate programmes of the best universities in the world.
- **Description:** Organization of scientific research internships at the best institutions in the world, as well as other activities promoting professional development. The COVID-19 pandemic has limited the platform activities for 2021 until universities reopen. Only the computer science branch has been opened remotely.
- **Results:** Over 100 students trained.
- **Link:** www.repuprogram.org/.



NATIONAL SKILLS CERTIFICATION EXAM FOR YOUTH AND ADULT BRAZILIANS ABROAD

- **Geographical scope:** Every country with organized Brazilian communities and consular representation.
- **Implementers:** National Institute for Educational Studies and Research Anísio Teixeira, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Itamaraty and the consular network.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To assess the knowledge of those people who have resumed their studies abroad because they could not complete primary or secondary school at the appropriate age in Brazil, and to issue the certificate of completion for these levels.
- **Target population:** Brazilian community abroad.
- **Context:** The National Examination for Certification of Youth and Adult Competencies has been in place since 2002 and allows for the certification of primary or secondary education. Application for this certification by Brazilians living abroad results from the partnership of participating institutions.
- **Description:** Annual editions, where Brazilians who live abroad and are interested in applying for certification can register for free on the official website of the project. Examination dates are published in a notice. The examinations assess contents defined by the national common curriculum base in keeping with the national curriculum parameters in various subjects, such as Portuguese Language, Arts, Mathematics, History, Geography and Science, according to the level (primary and secondary school). There are four objective tests, each one with 30 multiple choice questions, in addition to an argumentative essay covering a topic of social, cultural or political relevance.
- **Results:** At present, officers from consular offices around the world are in charge of the applications for certification. The exam can also be taken by citizens living abroad who have been deprived of their liberty and comply with the socioeducational measures. Examinations are taken annually on a single day (morning and afternoon).
- **Link:** enceja2022.inf.br/como-fazer-a-prova-do-enceja-2022-no-exterior/.





CASA DO TRABALHADOR BRASILEIRO/ CASA DO MIGRANTE EM HAMAMATSU E FOZ DO IGUAÇU PROJECT

- **Geographical scope:** Japan and Foz de Iguazú – triple border region (Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay).
- **Implementers:** Municipalities from Argentina and Japan, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To assist Brazilian workers living on the local border (with Argentina and Paraguay), also to assist immigrants from neighbouring countries who live or work in Foz de Iguazú and in Hamamatsu, Japan.
- **Target population:** Community of Brazilians working in industrial areas.
- **Context:** The headquarters of the Foz de Iguazú unit is located in Vila Portes. It is an office made up of representatives from public interest institutions and entities with diverse experience of human mobility and a wealth of reflections and actions related to labour matters. Employees and volunteers work there. The Hamamatsu unit was also supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Itamaraty and the local consular network.
- **Description:** The project began in 2008 as a result of a cooperation agreement signed by the municipality of Foz de Iguazú and the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Labour, and the pilot project was implemented in 2010 in Hamamatsu, an industrial Japanese city with the largest Brazilian community in the country. Since 2014, it has been operating in the headquarters of the Brazilian Consulate General, providing labour and legal information to Brazilian citizens living in Japan. The project resulted in the creation of the current Municipal Committee for Migrants, Refugees and Stateless Persons, created by Decree 27904 in 2019. The Hamamatsu unit addresses the working skills and potential acquired by emigrants in Japan to facilitate their integration into the Brazilian labour market, and provides assistance and guidance for labour purposes.
- **Results:** The Foz de Iguazú unit monitors work retirement procedures, develops projects aimed at training and professional integration of migrants through advertisements or partnerships, and helps with assistance applications of the National Employment System (SINE). The Hamamatsu unit also provides services and guidance on local labour and legal issues, documentation and training events. Partnerships between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Itamaraty and the consular network, Government of the state of Paraná, local (Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay) and transnational civil society organizations, Caritas, National Migration Council, Federal University for Latin American Integration (UNILA), Western Parana State University (UNIOESTE), SEBRAE, among others.
- **Link:** www.alternativa.co.jp/Noticia/View/2307/Casa-do-Trabalhador-comeca-a-funcionar-em-Hamamatsu.





CALDAS NETWORK

- **Geographical scope:** Global.
- **Implementers:** Colombian Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias).
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Target population:** Colombian academic and scientific community.
- **Context:** It originated in a period of great scientific activism in Colombia and Latin America, when several States gradually transitioned from dictatorship to democracy and the end of the Cold War posed challenges to high-level research. Between 1991 and 2006, an active group of researchers was established at an international level, which operated in nodes at the main universities and scientific research centres.
- **Description:** It was the greatest global scientific cooperation exercise in Colombia in which a large number of researchers from internationally recognized research centres participated. Another major fact was that a large part of the research projects were cofunded and supported by scientific cooperation entities from various countries.
- **Results:** 874 scientific nodes around the world. Once the Caldas Network finished, the programmes aimed at supporting PhD training abroad targeted public entities, such as Colciencias, Icetex and Banco de la Republica, which are funded by public resources and loans from multilateral banking, with mixed resources, such as Colfuturo. Between 2006 and 2014, over 1,800 Colombians were awarded PhD degrees, going from two PhD holders for every million inhabitants in 2006 to eight for every million inhabitants, reaching 390 in 2014.
- **Link:** www.eltiempo.com/archivo/documento/MAM-854280.





MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE ALSACIA ANDES ASSOCIATION

- **Geographical scope:** Ecuador and France.
- **Implementers:** Alsacia Andes Association, Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador and French Embassy in Quito.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objectives:** To train medical professionals and to create networks allowing for a better use of human, technical and scientific resources for the development of communities.
- **Target population:** Ecuadorian medical community.
- **Context:** Coordination with French health bodies aiming at development in the Andes, by means of several medical programmes and training sessions, with the support of prestigious universities around the world, mainly French ones.
- **Description:** The winners of the one-year scholarships become part of AAA and, on their return, they participate in certain activities with social organizations that, in cooperation, provide medical care in vulnerable areas of Ecuador for three years. Through articulation and coordination, training benefits can be extended for the purposes of developing communities of origin.
- **Results:** Nine consecutive editions.
- **Link:** www.edicionmedica.ec/secciones/profesionales/medicos-ecuatorianos-ya-pueden-postular-a-las-becas-de-alsace-andes-para-medicina-interna--98275.





COOPERATION WITH SCIENTISTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Geographical scope:** Uruguay and the rest of the world.
- **Implementers:** National Research and Innovation Agency.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To create points of contact between the supply and demand of qualified professionals, project incubators, electronic platforms and transitional and/or circular returns.
- **Target population:** Uruguayan scientific community.
- **Context:** The national innovation system has been implemented as part of the identification of new technical needs for labour with various levels of specialization, and qualified migrants are part of a strategic stock of knowledge.
- **Description:** Development of Plataforma Peregrina, a programme to engage with national researchers based abroad, which allows for their integration in the database of the national research system (currently online). It is a strategy also replicated by the Pasteur Institute, established since 2006 in Montevideo.
- **Results:** Cooperation projects with overseas universities, governments and institutions since the 1980s; professionals abroad, particularly in Latin America, Europe, the United States of America and Israel have actively participated in associations, thematic networks, advisory councils and in the framework of “casas” of Uruguay. These organizations conduct magazine publishing activities, organize exhibitions and cultural events. The CIDELA and MICAL programmes, as well as the Uruguay Encuentro Network, under the Polo MERCOSUR Foundation, a space for academic exchange among universities from Europe and the Southern Common Market, stand out.
- **Link:** www.anii.org.uy/inicio/.





CULTURAL CAPITAL



FUNERAL ASSISTANCE ABROAD FOR VICTIMS FROM GOIÁS

- **Geographical scope:** All the countries with citizens from Goiás and their families.
- **Implementers:** Government of Goiás.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To provide financial assistance to the families of citizens from Goiás killed abroad, who lack the economic means to transport the ashes, bones and bodies of victims to Goiás.
- **Target population:** The families of citizens from Goiás killed abroad.
- **Context:** Due to the history of emigration and the situation of vulnerability in the state of Goiás, not only of emigrants but also of the families remaining in Brazil, the need for public policies on this issue emerged.
- **Description:** Law No. 17107/2010 established, at the level of the Office of the Secretary-General of Government, the programme Auxílio Funerário aos Goianos Vitimados no Exterior. This project, which was hierarchically under a Secretariat of State, is currently assigned to the Office of International Relations, where there is a department for consular affairs of state of Goiás, with an officer who refers matters. To access benefits, the victim's family must prove that the deceased person was a native of the state of Goiás or that his/her family members have been living in the state for, at least, five years.
- **Results:** Assistance for families of victims; interaction with the internal structure of the state Government, such as the department of finance, for instance. In some cases, it is necessary to contact the Consular Assistance Department of Itamaraty. In more complex cases, local organizations in countries of destination that address migration and support operations are contacted.
- **Link:** portal.al.go.leg.br/noticias/34063/projeto-do-governo-institui-auxilio-funerario-a-goianos-vitimados-no-exterior.





BRAZILIAN HERITAGE LANGUAGE OLYMPICS

- **Geographical scope:** Every country with organized Brazilian communities and consular representation.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Itamaraty, diplomatic and consular representations of Brazil.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To arouse the interest of Brazilian children and adolescents living abroad in the study of the Portuguese language, Brazil and its culture, contributing to the appreciation of the Portuguese language and to the strengthening of the national identity among diaspora members.
- **Target population:** Brazilian children and adolescents living abroad.
- **Context:** Appreciation of the language and strengthening of the diaspora's cultural ties with Brazil. There is an organization around the event leading the Brazilian Government to interact and dialogue, through representations, consulates and embassies, with emigrants and various associations of the community abroad, opening up a channel for dialogue and outreach.
- **Description:** Tests are divided into two categories, based on age, and are addressed to Brazilians between 9 and 15 years of age. They are completed in stages, they have a scoring system and a symbolic prize is awarded. In 2021, they were executed by consulates in 18 cities in 13 different countries.
- **Results:** Tests performed in various regional classification stages. In some countries, organizations and associations are coordinated to offer free preparatory courses for child and young participants. Supported by the Council of Representatives of Brazilians Abroad.
- **Link:** www.xn--heranabrasileira-gpb.com/ol.





SOY MIGRANTE PERUANO INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and the rest of the world.
- **Implementers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM.
- **Status:** Completed.
- **Objective:** To reflect on the migration phenomenon from the point of view of Peruvian migrants and to promote dialogue on the benefits brought by human mobility, as well as its challenges.
- **Target population:** Fellow nationals abroad.
- **Context:** Need for visibility and recognition of the Peruvian community living abroad.
- **Description:** Photography competition.
- **Results:** The competition is internationally disseminated through Peruvian consulates and associations of Peruvians abroad, as well as the social media of the institutions involved. In addition, it is divided into two categories: amateur or professional, and three winners are elected for each category.
- **Link:** peru.iom.int/es/news/se-presentaron-los-ganadores-de-la-2deg-edicion-del-concurso-de-fotografia-internacional-soy-migrante-peruano.





BILINGUAL PROGRAMME

ENGLISH-PORTUGUESE DA DOWNTOWN DORAL CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (MIAMI)

- **Geographical scope:** Miami, the United States of America.
- **Implementers:** Centro Cultural Brasileiro-USA and the Miami-Dade County Education Department.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To offer free and quality classes of the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture to children of Brazilian immigrants and the local population so as to expand horizons, disseminate the knowledge of the culture of origin and to strengthen the cultural and emotional ties.
- **Target population:** Second generations and local population.
- **Context:** Even though the project aims at training Brazilian children, students of other nationalities participate, involving parents and the school community in the areas addressed. This promotes the knowledge of Brazil in the local reality, makes the community visible, and fosters the integration of immigrants through education, in addition to contributing to preserving identity ties.
- **Description:** At present two schools offer the programme, which took around four years to be developed. In those schools, the study load up to eighth grade is divided as follows: 60 per cent in English and 40 per cent in Portuguese. Thus, pupils learn the contents of all subjects (science, mathematics, etc.) in both languages. There are Brazilian teachers, own academic materials, activities and intercultural events.
- **Results:** Classes, courses, training sessions, talks, events, extracurricular activities, among other academic activities developed. Partnerships with the Brazilian Consulate General in Miami, Miami-Dade County Education Department, local organizations.
- **Link:** ddces.org/.





PARAGUAYAN SCHOOL IN NEW YORK

- **Geographical scope:** New York.
- **Implementers:** Paraguayan Centre in New York and the Paraguayan Ministry of Education and Science.
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To preserve the cultural identity so that children know the roots of their parents.
- **Target population:** Children between 4 and 15 years of age.
- **Context:** Children of Paraguayans living in New York did not speak Spanish or Guarani (they only speak English). Some of them can speak Guarani, but cannot write it. Loss of national culture. The initiative was based on the example of the Argentine School in New York.
- **Description:** In 2007 it was recognized as Paraguayan School in New York (through Resolution 9096/20/2007 of the Education and Technical Ministry). Classes are taught on Saturdays, with curricular contents from Paraguay, exclusively prepared for this institution.
- **Results:** Annually, around 60 to 65 children of a middle socioeconomic level and with an equitable gender balance attend classes.
- **Link:** es-es.facebook.com/EscuelaPyaNY.





AUTÉNTICA COCINA PERUANA CERTIFICATION

- **Geographical scope:** Peru and the rest of the world.
- **Implementers:** San Ignacio de Loyola University and Marca Perú (PromPerú).
- **Status:** Active.
- **Objective:** To ensure a true Peruvian gastronomy experience for diners all around the world. To promote the consumption of Peruvian products and superfoods. To position Peruvian cuisine abroad. To promote restaurants offering the Authentic Peruvian Cuisine around the world.
- **Target population:** Diners and professionals of Peruvian cuisine around the world.
- **Context:** Given the development of Peruvian cuisine around the world, the opening of countless Peruvian restaurants in various countries and the growing global interest in knowing and enjoying this cuisine, the quality and origin of supplies, as well as respect for techniques, must be ensured.
- **Description:** Certification of restaurants promoting Peruvian cuisine. Techniques are expected to make restaurants visible, promoting and sustaining this cuisine over time.
- **Results:** Over 39 Peruvian restaurants certified in nine countries.
- **Link:** www.cocinaperuana.pe/en/.

