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### PROJECT TITLE:

## Migrant Information Centres - Support to Social Inclusion of Migrants in Bulgaria

The project is funded by the National Program of Bulgaria under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2021-2027 with the financial support of the European Union and the budget of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The overall **objective** of this project is to improve the social, economic and cultural integration of third – country nationals (TCNs) in Bulgaria by providing comprehensive integration services. This approach is aimed at bridging the gap between emergency support, initial adaptation and long – term inclusion, addressing the specific needs of migrants and easing pressures on Bulgaria’s social system to migration and displacement.

The project will support the integration of third country nationals (TCNs) by enhancing their access to services and direct assistance at Migrant Resource Centers (MRCs) in Sofia, Varna and Burgas and IOM Bulgaria’s Sub – office in Harmanli.

The project will focus on series of targeted initiatives designed to address the specific needs of TCNs to overcome administrative and legal barriers for initial inclusion in Bulgarian society. The key activities will include:

- Organizing initial assessment to identify migrants most urgent needs.
- Organizing individual consultations and information sessions on topics identified as challenging by TCNs.
- Organizing written translation of documents, as well as legalization of official documents.
- Providing support in medical services, such as purchase of medicines and payment for medical exams etc.

The project will also focus on direct support to migrants and their families to overcome economic barriers for social inclusion in Bulgaria and have increased access to cultural activities and social inclusion. The key activities will include:

- Organizing financial support to cover urgent necessities, including food and hygiene items, etc.
- Distributing vouchers for food to vulnerable individuals and families.
- Organizing accommodation support for TCNs in vulnerable situations who are in transit from residing in registration and reception centres.
- Bulgarian Language Courses for beginners and intermediate levels (A1, A2, B1 levels for adults).
- Professional orientation in view of labour market inclusion by providing job counselling sessions.
- Organizing visits to historical and cultural monuments and landmarks.

The guiding principle in the implementation of all activities under this project will be inclusivity, empowerment, coordination and sustainability to provide a comprehensive and coordinative approach that addresses the specific and enduring needs of third – country nationals (TCNs) in Bulgaria

There will be different campaigns and at least 4 different activities. Also, it is predicted that at least 3000 migrants and TCNs will be covered by the information activities aimed at bridging the gap between emergency support to social inclusion in Bulgaria.

All project activities will be implemented in strict compliance with the principle of humane treatment and respect for the rights and dignity of TCNs.

**Start date: 10.09.2024**

**End date: 09.09.2028**

**Term of implementation: 48 months**