



Federal Ministry for
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth

Measures for the protection and integration of refugee women and their children in Germany

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Concept for the protection and integration of refugee women and their children

**Protection in refugee
centers**

**Information,
counselling, and
support for
refugees**

**Protection and
counselling of
pregnant refugees**

**Integration / Securing
an independent
livelihood**



I. Protection of persons living in refugee centers in Germany (I)

“National Initiative for the Protection of Refugees Living in Refugee Centers in Germany”

- I In spring 2016, the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and UNICEF launched a joint initiative to improve the protection, care and support of women and children living in refugee centers.
- I The revised “Minimum Standards for the Protection of Persons Living in Refugee Centers in Germany” were launched in June 2017 at the first networking meeting of the 100 protection coordinators involved in the National Initiative.



I. Protection of persons living in refugee centers in Germany (II) – Minimum standards

Standard 1

Refugee center specific protection plan

Standard 2

Personnel and personnel management

Standard 3

Internal structures and external cooperation

Standard 4

Prevention and dealing with situations of violence and risk management

Standard 5

Humane, protective and enabling conditions

Standard 6

Monitoring and evaluating the protection plan's implementation



I. Protection of persons living in refugee centers in Germany (III) – Two new annexes

Two new annexes

Annex 1:

Implementing the Minimum Protection Standards for LGBTI Persons

Annex 2:

Implementing the Minimum Protection Standards for Persons with Disabilities



II. Information, counselling, and support for refugees

“National violence against women support hotline”

- | In 2013, Germany introduced the National violence against women support hotline. It can be reached 24/7, is free of charge, barrier-free and available in 18 different languages – including sign language.
- | Since 2015, the national helpline is one of the key points of contact for women refugees, women migrants and women with disabilities.



III. Protection and counselling of pregnant refugees

Pilot project “Pregnancy and refugee women“

- | Outreach pregnancy (conflict) counselling at 28 locations
- | Low-threshold access to the women’s support system

Pilot project “Support network for pregnant women“

- | Establishing a network promoting professional exchange among experts supporting pregnant refugees

“Pregnant women in distress’ support hotline – anonymous and safe”

- | Anonymous advice for pregnant women in 18 different languages, at any time.



IV. Integration and securing an independent livelihood (I)

„Strong in the work place – Migrant mothers get on board“

- | Aiming to facilitate the entry into employment of mothers with a migrant background
- | Improve access to already existing opportunities for labor market integration

“Female refugees start their own business”

- | Supporting refugee women to start their own business
- | Raising awareness with regard to stakeholders in the field



IV. Integration and securing an independent livelihood (II)

“movemen – empowering male refugees”

- | Addressing the question of viable strategies, structures, and concepts for gender-focused refugee and integration work
- | Focusing on the perspectives and needs of male refugees, aged 15 to 27, to support their empowerment



Concept for the protection and integration of refugee women and their children

Protection in refugee centers

△ Constructional measures:

- KfW-program (special zero interest loan for local communities)

! Standards of protection / Courses

- „National initiative for the protection of refugees and migrants living in refugee centers in Germany“

Information, counselling, and support for refugees

- Expansion of programs in torture victim centers
- Multilingual information material
- ☎ National violence against women support hotline
- √ Association of Women's Shelters (FHK), bff, German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (KOK)

Protection and counselling of pregnant refugees

- Multilingual information materials
- ☎ Pregnant women in distress' support hotline
- Pilot project „Pregnancy and refugee women“ Donum Vitae
- Pilot project „Support network for pregnant women“ pro familia

Integration / Securing an independent livelihood

Participation in the labor market:

- „Strong in the work place“
- „POINT – Potentiale integrieren“
- „Female refugees start their own business“

Society:

- DaMigra – umbrella organization of women migrant organizations
- Discover Football - project
- Movemen – empowering male refugees



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Thank you very much for your attention

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