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”

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.

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

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

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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
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- "Protection in refugee centers" focuses on constructional measures, standards of protection, and courses.
- "Information, counselling, and support for refugees" includes expansion of programs, multilingual information materials, national violence against women support hotline, and associations like Women's Shelters (FHK), bff, German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (KOK).
- "Protection and counselling of pregnant refugees" highlights the expansion of programs in torture victim centers, support for pregnant women, and hotline services.
- "Integration / Securing an independent livelihood" emphasizes participation in the labor market through initiatives like "Strong in the work place“, "POINT – Potentiale integrieren“, and "Female refugees start their own business“.
- "Society" includes umbrella organizations such as DaMigra and Discover Football - project.
Thank you very much for your attention

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