

3rd LAS – Youth forum- Assilah, Morocco

TRANSIT AND IRRGULAR MIGRANTION-(TIM)

Methodlogy:

Playing games that could help to make the introduction easier and faster, arranging by names alphabetically, and drawing,

Sharing the experiences, backgrounds and sometimes suggestions.

making stories about the TIM people by saying one sentence and the next one continue the story by one sentence

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Energizers to begin each discussion.

Background:

15/11/2009

First, we start by introducing ourselves, and then we had discussed the points and subjects that we are going to talk about in following days which they are:

- sharing experiences and personal backgrounds connected to TIM.
- to raise awareness about representations, images and the reality of TIM.
- understanding the barriers and problems connected with TIM.
- identifying the solution to the problems and ways to overcoming the barriers connected to TIM.
- identifying the role of youth organization in implementing and promoting the solution.
- developing projects and ideas for overcoming barriers connected to TIM

After that, we have come up with the expectations of the group which is mainly focused on four sections :

How to decrease the TIM?

Is it the right way?Is it the only way?

Knowledge about migration in the other communities.

Solve the problems of migration.

Understanding TIM.

Increase the awareness about TIM.

Practical solutions.

Work on a network back home.

Then, the facilitators asked to think about what do we think are the positive things about TIM??!!

And we have come up with the following thoughts:

Getting better life- opportunities- education- skills- financial improvement- new culture- patience – adventure.

After that, the facilitators asked what do we think are the obstacles that the TI migrants face??!!

And we have come up with the following answers:

Language-Age-Health-Culture-Conditions of life-Racism-Policies of Northern countries.

To sum up, we have concluded our conversation saying how did we find the workshop??

And we have come up with the following :

The games were effective- knowing new people, new perspectives, and new way of thinking- Interesting-networking is a good idea for keeping connected.

16/11/2009

The background: "The speaker source"

It was mainly a lecture to give a statistics about the migrants from Africa to the transit countries in North Africa and then to Europe. We cannot get a specific number of those migrants and they say that they are 20 thousands.

80% of males take the risk for migration in Northern African countries and their age among 27.5%.85% are singles and 31% without an educational level which is sometimes divide by Primary, secondary or university levels. Those migrants come from Nigeria- Ghana- Senegal- and 40 other countries. They are aiming to get Europe but this first step to get to the Northern African countries.

Some questions, perspectives, and negotiations about what we have talked above were:

-So at least we have the rest migrants which they are 69% who have educational levels?!?!

- How the difference quality of education could be??

Then, he started saying some stories about Tanja people here in Morocco.

after that he asked a question to hear our opinions:

what do you think about the migrant that have been so long in the migrant country like 10 years and more would that mean he/she is a resident???

How the African migrants describe the Moroccan behavior with them??

How the Libyan people treat its migrant??

How we can treat the Irregular migrants when we catch them??

How we can stop the killing theme when the transit countries catch them such as among: Libya-Egypt.....Morocco- Italy.....Tunisia-Spain.

Then , he asked each one to share his experience in his country as a barrier country.

After that, he has talked about the northern Africa countries racism against their migrants in Europe. 60% of people discriminate the African migrants.74% of the Moroccan are recists.90% of them do not like to get married with Black Africans.12% of the females refuse because of the skin color. 70% of males refuse for the skin color as well.

Finally, he distributes a book of his research in Morocco about how the migrants to Morocco treated and the Moroccan behavior with them and recommended a book called "Bilel" for Fabrizio Kazi.

18/11/2009

The background:

What are the potential solutions??

Making some policies for allowing the youth in migration and support them financially.

Doing workshops, training ...etc for increasing the awareness about the TIM sequences more intensively by media, boosters, magazines.....etc.

Sustainable migration and help the migrants with financial crisis.

Update the TIM policies with the period needed.

We have to have a strong policy for the transit organizers to get punished.

Increasing the awareness about migrants discrimination such as Moroccan and African.

Lobby the lows.

Cooperate between the government and young people to promote job for young people.

Create social hotels for the transit migrants.

What is the role of youth organizations to realising or implementing the solutions??

Doing surveys to identify some statistics of the youth who need to migrate and show the result to the government so it starts work on it.

Doing some exchange programs and documentaries to increase the awareness.

Searching for the financial crisis people and help them to get an educational, jobs.....etc.

Statistics and references regarding to the TIM so we can get some information about the financial crisis people.

Insisting to arrest the TIM organizers.

Intercultural actions for increasing the awareness about migration discrimination through Media, Exhibition, and books....etc.

Project titles:

1-International evening students show movie about the TIM and have a discussion after.

2-Distribute a small book including (low, experiences..) with the national magazines about the TIM.

3-Network for helping the transit and irregular migrants.

4-Create an international centre in each country include all the NGOs to facilitate the TI migrants to go there and ask.

5-Documentary movies in each country channel increasing the awareness about TIM.

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