

In recognition of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, it is more imperative than ever to include nontraditional actors like diasporas and local communities in efforts to mitigate harm and risk to affected populations. IOM remains committed to the inclusion of and capacity exchange with diasporas and related organizations.

As the end of 2022 draws closer, we take a look back at the last few months' of Diaspora Engagement Unit (DEU) activities, updates, new resources published, events past and future.

If you would like to learn more about our projects or find out how to get involved in any of our initiatives, please contact us at diasporaforhumanity@iom.int.

All the best,
the Diaspora Engagement Unit

Free shelter training for diasporas now available



Thanks to the inputs and collaboration from our partners, the "Developing Community Resilience: Shelter and Settlement Assistance Training for Diasporas" is now live on [DisasterReady.org](https://disasterready.org).

The free, self-paced online training is geared towards diasporas who are interested in learning how to effectively contribute to humanitarian assistance before, during and after crises, help communities access safe shelters, and make their community more resilient.

You will need to create a free account on the Disaster Ready platform to be able to access the course.

[Click here](https://disasterready.org) to view the course

Join IOM and NaFFAA for virtual events Oct 14 and 15



On Friday, October 14th at 12:30pm ET (4:30pm UTC), join IOM and the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) for the official launch of the FilAm Alerts Program, an effort to streamline and efficiently coordinate resources and relief programs for the benefit of the Philippines.

In celebration of Filipino American History Month, NaFFAA in partnership with APIAVote will host a national webinar on Saturday, October 15th at 11:30am ET (3:30pm UTC) for its FilAmVote program in advance of the United States' midterm elections. This nonpartisan event will feature national leaders who have dedicated their service in ensuring a civically engaged Filipino American electorate.

[Watch the event recap](#)

Diaspora Voices: Combating the Climate Crisis



The second session of the 2022 Diaspora Voices: Combatting the Climate Crisis series took place on August 9th, the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The session explored food insecurity and sustainability, and the interconnectivity between traditional and modern practices.

[Watch the full recording here.](#)

The third and final session of this year's Diaspora Voices series took place on Tuesday, October 11th, and the recording will be available in the coming days.

[Learn more about Diaspora Voices](#)

COVID-19 relief sub-grantees begin activities



As part of the USAID BHA-funded project, "Supporting COVID-19 Response and Relief at the Country Level Through Disbursement and Facilitation of Sub-Grants for Selected Diaspora Organizations," our seven implementing diaspora partner organizations have begun their respective interventions in Tunisia, Zimbabwe, and Lebanon.

[Read more about our partners and their work](#)

Participate in the iDiaspora photo competition



iDiaspora has launched its first Photo Contest! IOM, the Iber-routes Program, and the Iberoamerican General Secretary (SEGIB) are looking for photos that express deep connections between diasporas and their communities. The contest is open to anyone regardless of their location or country of origin. To participate, upload up to 3 photos either as an amateur or professional.

Don't miss this great opportunity to showcase your talent and win great prizes! The deadline is November 4th, 2022.

[Submit your photos today](#)

Partnering with Meta's Data for Good to Test Campaign Strategies



One of the 'statistics' assets on Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

We partnered with Meta's [Data for Good](#) team to develop a dual campaign to test social media strategies' efficacy. The theme was 'the impact of safe shelter on women and girls in the Philippines', and addressed different dimensions of having and not having safe shelter, including: education, gender-based violence (GBV), severity of natural disasters, and more. To facilitate these important campaigns, Meta donated \$80,000 in ad credits towards this nonprofit, nonpartisan social issues campaign.

Final data and reports will be available in the next quarterly newsletter.

[Read more on iDiaspora](#)

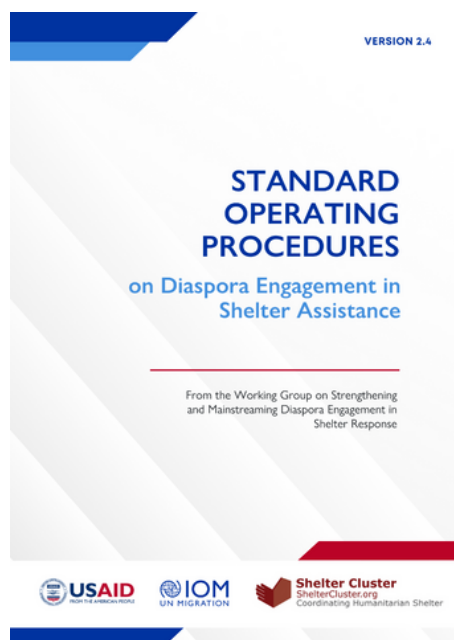
UDiON Foundation and disaster risk reduction



In September, we worked with the [UDiON Foundation](#) to promote disaster risk reduction (DRR) messaging. Posts included information like the above ("Tips to Stay Safe in Cyclone Season"), preparing for rain, building strong foundations, and more.

[See more of UDiON's work](#)

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for diaspora engagement published



As part of the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)-funded project, "Consolidating and Operationalizing a Framework for Diaspora's Engagement in Humanitarian Assistance – Phase II," and in coordination with humanitarian and diaspora experts, a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) has been developed.

The SOPs are a step-by-step procedure for a more coordinated and effective engagement of diasporas in the Shelter & Settlement response, with the ultimate goal of expanding and improving assistance in the shelter sector, at different stages of the crisis management cycle, for communities affected disaster.

[Explore the SOPs](#)

Save-the-date: 2022 DEU wrap-up



Mark your calendars for a special event celebrating the accomplishments, milestones, and partners of IOM's Diaspora Engagement Unit. The event is tentatively scheduled for early December 2022, with time and location TBD.