



INTEGRATING MIGRANTS & REFUGEES IN LISBON

Integration Starts With
Belonging

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Lisbon Project

Our Mission:

To **build a community** that **integrates** and **empowers** migrants and refugees.

Our Programs:





EMPLOYABILITY

Goal:

Increase CMs opportunity of accessing the Job Market in Portugal

How?

- Individual CV Sessions
- Needs Assessment
- Mentoring sessions focused on preparing for the job market
- Workshops focused on key employability issues
- Training in partnership with companies and job placement support



WHO WE SERVE: THE COMMUNITY



+5,900 Members

currently active at Lisbon Project

Main Age Range

between 22-43 years old

Top Nationalities

30% from Bangladesh
19% from India
19% from Nepal
17% from Pakistan
8% Nigeria
6% from Algeria

From the 230 CMs registered in the Employability Program in 2024:

Qualifications

65% have a university degree or higher

Legal Status

41% have Manifestation of Interest
29% have a residence permit

Language Skills

50% have excellent English language skills
30% have good English language skills
20% have basic skills or cannot communicate in English

93% have basic skills or cannot communicate in Portuguese
4% have good Portuguese language skills
3% have excellent Portuguese language skills

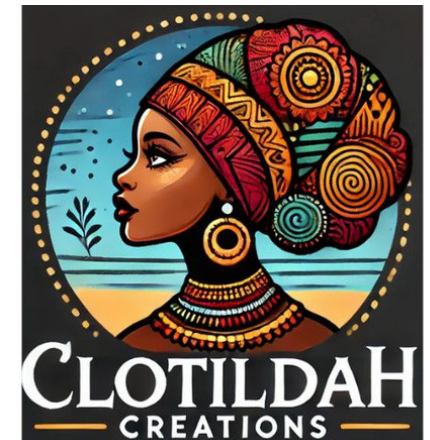
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Migration in Portugal: Current Situation



Rising Numbers

Over the past few years, Portugal has seen a significant increase in migrants. As of 2023, around one million foreigners live in Portugal, representing nearly 10% of the population—a record high.

Nationalities

The largest migrant communities come from Brazil, India, UK, Nepal, Bangladesh, Angola, Cape Verde, and Guinea-Bissau.

New Arrivals

The war in Ukraine has led to over 60,000 Ukrainian refugees arriving in Portugal, and there's also an increase in migration from South Asia and Africa, especially for work opportunities.





Main Challenges Faced:

01



Bureaucratic/ Legal Delays

- Transition of the Immigration Agency from SEF to AIMA
- Lack of Recognition of Foreign Qualifications
- End of Manifestation of Interest

02



Employment Barriers

- Lack of Stable Employment Opportunities
- Legal and Language Requirements
- Vulnerable to Exploitation

03



Language Barriers

- Lack of Accessible Language Courses
- Leads to less integration and a higher discrimination, particularly for job search and housing

04



Housing

Portugal is going through a severe housing crisis, with skyrocketing rents in main cities. Migrants also tend to suffer discriminations when trying to rent an apartment



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WHAT DOES INTEGRATION LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

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