

Towards a more **activated** resettlement

Developments of pre-departure and post-arrival
services for effective integration in Sweden

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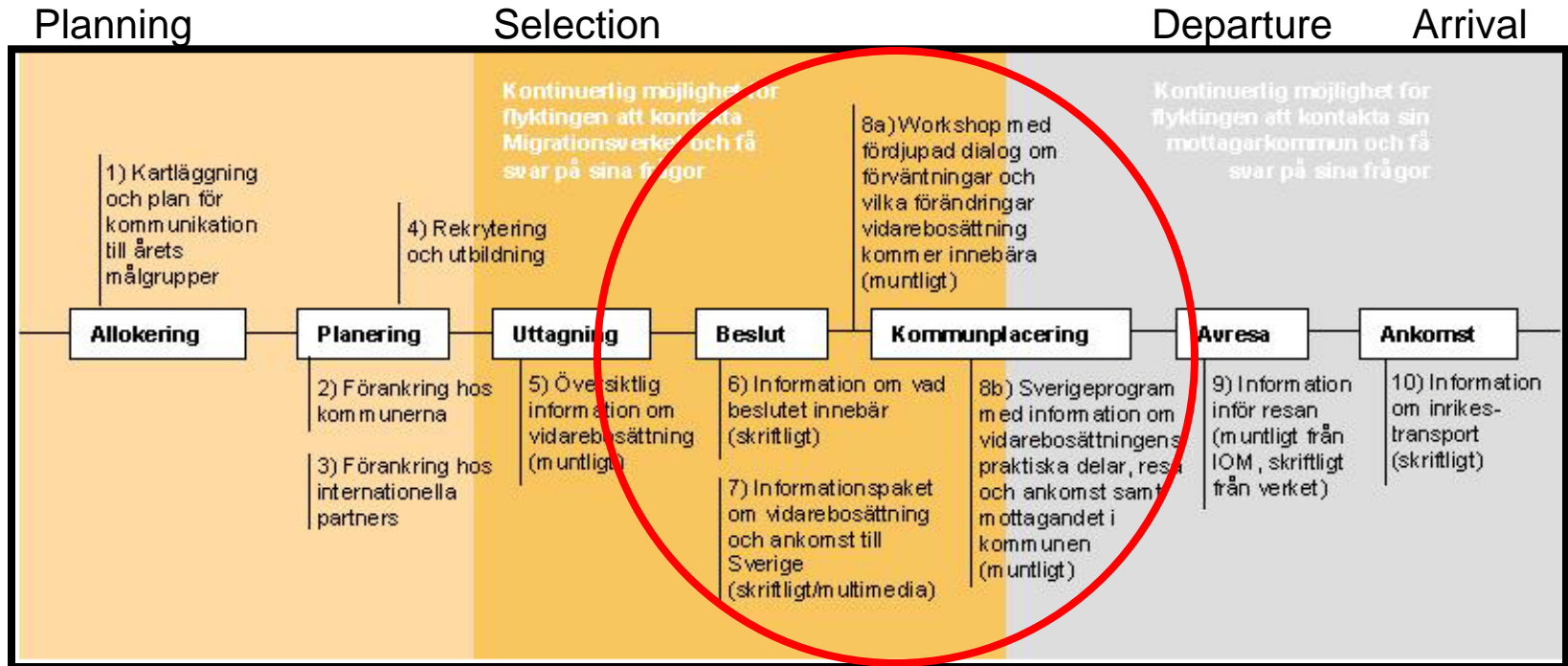
- Background and current developments
- A new communication strategy for Swedish resettlement
- Development of pre-departure preparations
- Activating the receiving community
- Central questions for further development and discussion

Background and current developments

- Large experience in resettlement, but still need for developments
- More needs to be done in order to develop pre-departure preparations for resettlement (COP, managing of expectations)
- More actors need to participate in reception and integration services
- Continuous information needs to be sent out to more stakeholders in order to increase the understanding and quality of resettlement
- More power needs to be placed on the key stakeholders: the refugees

Pre-departure preparations

- Swedish Quota Communication Strategy – ERF project to develop new methods to prepare refugees prior to departure
- Consultations with resettled refugees and receiving community
- What information is needed, when, and by whom?
- Who should be responsible for resettled refugees preparations?



Continuous communication is needed throughout the process

From information to communication

- Preparations are vital for successful resettlement and integration
- Communication must be seen as an integral part of resettlement management
- No more "blindfolded" resettlement – basic knowledge for all
- Refugees to take control of their need for information
- Strengthen the links between pre-departure and arrival
- Personal meetings pre-departure only one part of the picture, should complement distributed materials
- Managing of expectations goes for refugees as well as the receiving community

Preparatory workshops

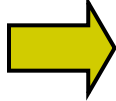
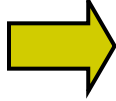
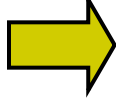
- Pilot in Syria Apr '09
- Timing
- Flexibility
- Cost effectiveness
- Initiate reflection and discussion on expectations
- Highlight refugees' questions
- Credibility
- Follow up and information sharing



A more activated local community

- A Swedish Resettlement Network, co funded by ERF
- Information campaigns to local practitioners: seminars, newsletters, experience sharing
- Where are the NGOs?
- A need for more knowledge among more actors
- How can we strengthen the receiving community's ability and understanding?
- Who is responsible for successful resettlement and integration?
The Resettler, Receiver or Resettled refugee?

Central questions for further development

- Resettlement should to a larger extent be powered by the key stakeholder: the refugee.  To which extent can refugees own their own process?
- Managing of expectations must count as a central component of cultural orientation.  How much can be prepared for a life changing experience?
- More cooperation is needed between more actors.  Who is responsible for effective resettlement and integration?

Thank you!

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