

### 3.5. The Intervention Logic

Implemented through a whole-of-community approach, the Action will provide support to unaccompanied minors returning from abroad, or displaced internally, through protection and family reunification, as well as economic inclusion and education assistance to youth under eighteen years of age and their families living desolate and in disparity.

The underlying intervention logic, taking into account lessons learnt and progress made since 2016, is reflective of the fact that a large part of the Afghan refugee and migrant population, specifically returnees from Iran but also returnees from Pakistan and Europe, are young people, often minors. This group is particularly vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, discrimination and radicalisation during their displacement/migratory journey. Upon return, minors and youths are often confronted with a lack of social and economic perspectives, ostracization by family/community members due to their ‘failure’ to successfully migrate and struggle with enduring psychological trauma from abuse/exploitation from their journey.

Therefore, the Action aims to address the challenges of irregular migration and forced displacement at different levels. On the macro-level the project activities are geared towards enhancing the capacity of stakeholders to better address protection issues in the context of migration and forced displacement dynamics. This entails building the capacities of local NGOs to deliver services and economic opportunities to host communities and the displaced/returnees, which are key elements of responsible migration management and effective public service delivery.

At micro-level, the intervention is designed to build the resilience and self-reliance of IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable children on the move – including their host communities to help beneficiaries to re-establish stable livelihoods and perspectives for the future and increase absorption capacity for returnees in their respective communities, thus helping to prevent further irregular migration and fostering social cohesion.