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Online Job Management System

An interactive website and job portal was launched on the 18th June 2014. www.mauritiusjobs.mu was developed to facilitate the recruitment and selection of workers under the circular migration programme with Italy. This project is co-funded by the European Union and the Italian Ministry of Labour and social policies.

The Process

After the registration process and validation by the IOM, the international employer will be able to post a job advertisement and search for candidates corresponding to the profile they are looking for. The main asset of this initiative is that it is an interactive website whereby jobseekers and employers are both notified by mail whenever a particular candidate is shortlisted by an employer or if a jobseeker has applied for an international job respectively.

Jobseekers are able to upload relevant documents such as CVs, academic &

technical certificates and testimonials on the system and these documents can be viewed by the employer at any time and this significantly helps during the selection process.

IOM monitors the recruitment process and support during the selection of candidates. Moreover, IOM assists international employers in scheduling Skype interviews, practical and written tests, visa processing, financial literacy training, cultural orientation and pre departure training with selected candidates.

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Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment, Mauritius, Hon. Shakeel Mohamed, along with the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada – Hon. Jason Kenney

HIGH LEVEL PROMOTION MISSION TO CANADA

Consolidating facilitated labour mobility schemes for the benefits of Canada, Mauritius, labour migrants and members of Mauritian diaspora

This high level mission aimed to meet the following overall objectives:

1. Carrying out a first evaluation of the project with Prud'homme International Inc in Saskatchewan
2. Expanding employment opportunities for Mauritians in other sectors, with a special focus on the hospitality/tourism sector;
3. Strengthening bilateral relations at the provincial and federal level, especially in the context of immigration reforms at the federal and Quebec level
4. Initiating contact with Mauritian diaspora in Canada

Meeting with Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada – Hon. Jason Kenney (see picture)

Minister Kenney noted that important reforms had taken place within the immigration system and this derives from several abuses or scandals, eg., LMO application for Chinese workers in the extraction industry and the requirement of knowledge of mandarin and the RBC scandal with IT Indian nationals who were outsourced to manage the work. Unemployment has also rose in some cities and this should be taken as a priority concern when reviewing the immigration policies in Canada.

Meeting with Minister of Immigration et des Communautés Culturelles – Diane de Courcy

The meeting between Minister de Courcy and Mo-

hamed was a very fruitful one and focused on the importance of a common history and language. Minister de Courcy provided some information on the numbers of Mauritians in Quebec and was very satisfied with their level of integration in the quebecois community. It was agreed that a bilateral agreement was timely. Minister de Courcy indicated that it's important to devise customized agreements especially when the caseload is small and successful.



Former discussions had taken place with the former government but did not materialize. Minister de Courcy therefore suggested that we set targets and a joint technical committee be created to assess the possibility of a bilateral agreement and come up with recommendations by end of December. If there are limited challenges to such a partnership, then an agreement could be sought and formalized by spring 2014.

HIGH LEVEL PROMOTION MISSION TO CANADA

Technical Meeting with Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Minister Mohamed made an opening statement by indicating the proposed points of discussion, namely Destination Canada, International Experience Canada (IEC). Mr Davidson firstly indicated that they were pleased that a CANVAC would be opened shortly in Mauritius as this would speedup the visa process. On the issue of IEC, the latter will now be managed by CIC and not the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



As regards Destination Canada, Mr St Germain gave a brief intro on the aim of the programme and countries involved up to now. There is clearly a wish to expand with other employers and countries, namely Senegal and Mauritius will surely be considered for the next round. The model is however being reviewed as employers were fully funded by the Government to join the job fairs abroad. On the issue of Quebec, it was agreed that Mauritius would inform CIC on the negotiations in order to prevent any confusion btw both levels of governments.

A final point was raised on the issue of Mapping of Diaspora. Minister Mohamed explained that the Government of Mauritius was only starting to think about better structuring the engagement of Mauritian diasporas and this starts with better understanding the numbers and profiles of Mauritians abroad. The Minister would therefore interested to receive any information on Mauritians in Canada or any assistance on how to engage further with its diasporas.

Meeting with Chisholm

A courtesy call was organized with the Chief Operating Officer of Chisholm in Toronto, Mr Gregg Badger, as Chisholm has facilitated with IOM the mobilization of over 150 workers in Quebec in the pork processing industries (Olymel, Lucy Porc). Another recruitment project has already started with Conestoga Meats in Breslau, Ontario and an initial request for 60 hairdressers was shared with IOM and MLIRE.

Visit to the Conestoga Meat Plant

A quick visit of the plant was organized and a working sessions was held btw Chisholm, HR, Plant Manager and IOM to finalize the list of 7 Mauritians who will be coming by Mid November 2013.



Meeting with Mauritian Diaspora in Montreal and Hon. Consul – Richard Gervais

Around 30 Mauritians were invited to a cocktail with the Mauritian Delegation held at the Honorary Consulate of Mauritius in Montreal. Amongst the invited guests were successful Mauritian entrepreneurs residing in Montreal (such as Mr Michel Wong, Mr Delia, Mr Labelle etc). Some initial discussions with Mauritians present confirmed their interest to further engage themselves with Mauritius, especially those who would be retiring soon and therefore interested to move to Mauritius for 6 months every year (during the winter period in Canada). Another Mauritian indicated that he is already doing business in Mauritius and would like to open a recruitment company soon in order to bring Mauritians to work in Canada.



VOICE OF MIGRANTS



Témoignage of a successful labour migrant

Ashish was a qualified mechanic in Mauritius and he was aspiring for further work opportunities abroad. So, in 2012, via the Labour Migration Programme, he seized the opportunity to live and work in Canada. Ashish left for work in Canada on the 25 June 2012. He was hired by Gateway Repairs Ltd., a Canadian company, as a truck and trailer technician.

When Ashish first arrived in Canada, everything was new, the culture, environment, and the place of work. He states that it was easy for him to adapt as he was supported by his manager and colleagues. After a few month of hard work, Ashish was promoted as signing officer for the company and a certified technician to sign for the safety of trailers and semi-trailer. He then was further promoted as a leader of night shift.

Ashish is very happy about his Canadian experience so far. He says “I really like to live and work in Canada...” and “this is my best job I ever have”.

His future plan is to buy a house next year in Canada and also invest in an apartment building in Mauritius.

His advice for Mauritians who are thinking of going to Canada through the Labour Migration Programme is that “if you want to be successful in life so join me in Canada. Life is hard everywhere but it easier to be successful some place than another. Canada is the place where u can have a better life... a better future and earn more money you ever dream...” Ashish reported having saved one million rupees in just 10 months of work.

Ashish thanks the main stakeholders of the programme for their support and for making his dream come true.

Assistance to a stranded migrant in Madagascar

Mr. Tin Tun, a national of Myanmar, has been living as a stranded migrant in Madagascar for the past 13 years. Before arriving in Madagascar, Mr. Tin Tan had moved from his home town in 2000, Lamaing in Myanmar, to work in the construction field in Thailand. He then was offered a 3 year contract to work on a Thai fishing boat in Mahajanga, Madagascar.

Working conditions on the fishing boat were harsh and upon negotiations with the captain, Mr. Tin Tun decided to stay in Mahajanga to find another job.

A year later, in 2003, the fish processing factory had to close down and Mr. Tin Tun found himself stranded in Madagascar with no money. He decided to start working again as a fishermen and did so for 11 years. In the meantime, he had also settled down with a Malagasy women and together they have 2 children.

Mr. Tin Tun had no contact with his family since 2000, and it is only in September 2013 that he was informed by an old friend through an online social media, that his mother was terminally ill with cancer. With no money to travel back home, Mr. Tin Tun contacted IOM to assist him to return back to his country. With the help of the embassy of the Union of Myanmar in Pretoria and IOM, a new travel document was issued on 10 April 2014 and he was able to travel back home on 19 May 2014. All travel expenses were borne by IOM.



MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MIGRATION PROFILES FOR THE SOUTH INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND STATES



Since the January 2013, IOM has been implementing the project entitled, «**Mainstreaming Migration into development planning through Migration Profiles in the South West Indian Ocean Region**» in Mauritius, Seychelles and Comoros. Earlier, in August 2012, a similar project, ‘**Migration Profile for Madagascar: A Tool towards the Development of Strategic Policies**’ was launched in Madagascar.

While migration to and within the Indian Ocean region has been increasing in recent years, available information and data on migration patterns are lacking. A better understanding of current migration trends is essential for policymakers to formulate intervention harnessing migration’s beneficial effects and mitigating its negative consequences. The proposed projects aim at targeting 4 Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) Member States namely, Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles.

A National Technical Working Group (NTWG) comprising of representatives of government and private entities and also of members of international and inter regional agencies has been set up in each of the four countries to monitor the implementation of the project with regular proactive meetings.

Migration Profiles go beyond simply compiling a statistical report on migration. They also provide a framework for bringing existing information from different sources together in a structured manner at both national and regional levels and a means to identify and develop strategies to address data and policy development needs. Migration Profiles intend to strengthen the evidence base and to encourage evidence-based migration policy making. Promote discussion about migration policy, coherence and

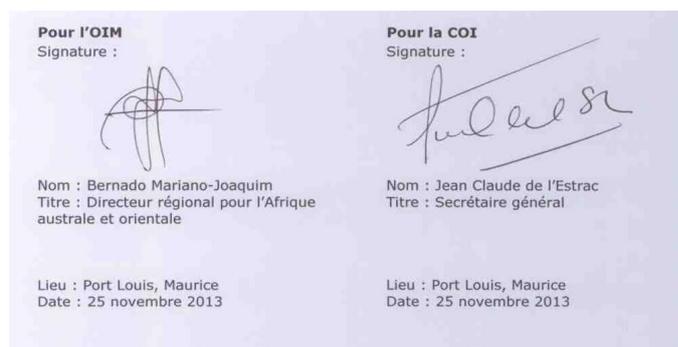
coordination between a large range of ministries.

Rather than an end to itself, a Migration Profile is the beginning of a process. In order to become a policy making tool, Migration Profiles need to be government-owned and updated regularly.

“MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT: MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION INTO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION MEMBER STATES” 25-26 November 2013, Le Labourdonnais Hotel, Port Louis - Mauritius



The General Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are organizing a regional workshop on the integration of migration into development planning of the Member countries of the IOC, on 25th and 26th November 2013, in Mauritius, to identify regional priorities in this area.



The signed agreement between IOM and the IOC in the presence of the Minister of Labour Industrial Relations and Employment, Shakeel Mohamed

Migration Profile for Madagascar: A Tool Towards the Development of Strategic Policies

The **National Migration Report for Madagascar** was launched on the 30th May 2014 in presence of the Prime Minister of Madagascar, Dr Roger Kolo, the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms Fatma Samoura and the IOM Regional Director for Southern Africa, Mr Bernardo Mariano.

The implementation of the Migration Profile project in Madagascar, the latter has proven to be timely and very relevant for the country. Numerous challenges had been identified and raised by the Government, development partners and other important stakeholders of civil society. However, there were no consolidated document, which provided pertinent and accurate data on migration flows and stocks, and challenges in the context of the big island. The Migration Profile is an attempt to emphasize on the importance of evidence based policies and importance to collect and analyze on a systematic basis data related to population and migration. Such initiative has opened the door to various potential interventions with the Government of Madagascar, namely in the field of counter trafficking, labour migration, migration & environment and border management. The Prime Minister, Dr Roger Kolo,

added once again the importance of developing a migration policy in Madagascar and setting up a permanent team in the country, which would be able to follow up on the recommendations and migration profile exercise on the long term. The Prime Minister of Madagascar quoted, *“In Madagascar, migration is a little known phenomena yet common practice for both internally and internationally. It is essential to identify the participation of migrants in development and benefit from the movement without causing economic and social tensions. [...] Thanks to the support of IOM, Madagascar now has a national migration profile that will serve as a basic tool for the development of the strategic migration policy.”*

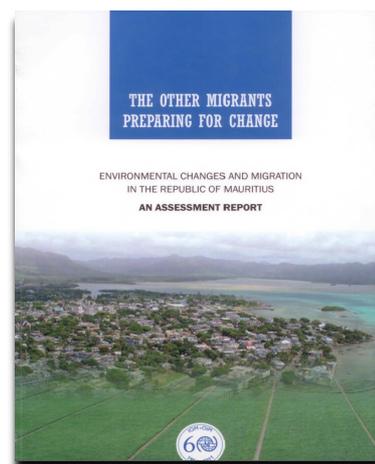


Official launching of Migration Profiles in Madagascar

MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Environmental changes are increasingly acknowledged as important drivers of Migration. Recognizing IOM has long been engaged in working with communities affected by environmental changes. The impacts climate change, which are already felt in some parts of the world, have led people to migrate, either as a way to adapt to these changes or they have failed to adapt in situ.

In December 2010, IOM with the collaboration of IDRI, Francois Gemenne and Alexandre Magnan mainly, has launched an assessment report on 'Environmental changes and Migration in the Republic of Mauritius' in the course of the 'Other Migrants - Preparing for Change' project. The report was prepared following the researches in key affected areas, where environmental changes were causing significant consequences on the daily lives of people. The coastal areas and Rodrigues were identified to have more vulnerable communities. The project recommendations was very timely and helpful to help these communities in terms of adaptation.



'Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy (MECLEP)' started in January 2014 in six pilot countries including Mauritius. The 'Other Migrant - Preparing for Change' was a key factor for the inclusion of Mauritius in MECLEP. MECLEP will look more at the implementation of adaptation policies and a second and more in deep assessment will be made on the context.

MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: EVIDENCE FOR POLICY (MECLEP)

MECLEP aims to contribute to the global knowledge base on the relationship between migration and environmental change, including climate change. The innovative research will aim to formulate policy options on how migration can benefit adaptation strategies to environmental and climate change. The 6 project countries are Dominican Republic, Haiti, Kenya, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea and Viet Nam.

Environmental change is one of the major concerns for the international community. Although precise estimates are unavailable, it is commonly understood that due to changes in the environment, more and more people will migrate in coming years, in particular within and between developing countries. At the same time, migration will most likely have a growing impact on the environment. For example, internal migration to cities is expected to continue to increase. Today, over half of the world's population lives in urban areas, many of which are in coastal areas and are particularly vulnerable to sea level rise. The effects of these changes will vary and the impact will differ between each region of the world. Despite a growing body of studies on the topic of migration, environment and climate change, there is still a lack in reliable data and policy oriented research which can respond to the increasing demand and reflect the needs of policymakers. The MECLEP project will therefore fill an important gap as it is a policy oriented programme of work based on three main components of activities. The MECLEP project will therefore fill an important gap as it is a policy oriented programme of work based on three main components of activities.

There are 3 main project activities and outputs are:

1. Research

- Strengthen knowledge and information and sharing with new evidence
- Explore how migration can contribute to adaptation strategies in diverse settings
- Conceptual terminology assessment
- National country-level assessments and household-level surveys
- Final comparative report with migration-and-environment scenario building

- Local researcher capacity-building workshops
- Global online information-sharing platform

2. Capacity-building

- Enhance government capacity to take action on environmental migration
- Training manual on migration, environment and climate change
- Training workshops in the 6 pilot countries

3. Dialogue

- Facilitate policy coherence and cooperation nationally and regionally
- National level technical working groups
- National policy consultations



MECLEP is 80% funded by the European Union and the total budget of EUR 2.4 million for the project. The global research coordinator is the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin with François Gemenne as main research partner supported by an International Research Consortium.

National Activities for the year 2014:

- ✦ **Preparation for implementation** of MECLEP project in Mauritius: Feb 2014
- ✦ **First Steering Committee & TWG meeting:** May 2014
- ✦ **Venue of MECLEP Technical team and International research partner:** July 2014
- ✦ **National Assessment and household survey:** September 2014

CIRCULAR MIGRATION WITH ITALY

COLLABORATION IN THE AGRIBUSINESS, FISHING AND TOURISM SECTORS

Circular Migration project between Italy and Mauritius

Objectives of the Project

The project aims at achieving the following objectives:

- Reinforce the capacity of Mauritian authorities in managing planned migration and preventing illegal migration
- Promote circular migration as a means to prevent brain drain and reinforce the capacity of local people in key sectors namely agro-industry, fisheries and tourism
- Enable the Italian private sector to draw from the pool of human resources available in Mauritius to meet part of its needs for seasonal labour

Activities of the Project

The pilot project provides for the following activities:

- Exposure of 30 Mauritian public officials to the Italian legal and institutional framework on labour migration management.
- Development of an online system to facilitate the registration of job applicants and the selection by Italian employers.
- Training in agribusiness for 30 Mauritian operators at the Istituto Agronomico Mediterraneo di Bari (IAMB), a centre of excellence for research and training in sustainable agriculture
- Training and placement in Italy for 70 Mauritian workers to acquire experience in the fields of tourism and fisheries
- Reintegration of workers on their return and assistance in setting up business enterprises

The circular migration cycle

The circular migration project with Italy is the first project in Mauritius which will focus on the whole process from the selection of workers through to their pre-departure training and monitoring of their stay in Italy, and up to the follow up and reintegration on their return. Prior to their departure, the workers will be given basic language training and a cultural orientation to facilitate their integration in Italy. IOM will arrange for their air tickets. During their stay in Italy, they will be offered job related training. On their return, the project provides for complementary training for reemployment, and fi-

nancial and technical support to those who are willing to set up a business related to the area where they have acquired experience.



Training in agribusiness : an example of north-south cooperation in capacity building

The second activity implemented within the pilot project was the training of 31 operators involved in the agribusiness sector. The training took place in Bari, Italy from 7 to 19 October 2013

Following a sensitisation programme organised in June 2013 with the support of the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security and the Agricultural Research & Extension Unit in different regions of Mauritius and Rodrigues island, applications were invited through the press. 109 applications were received at IOM in July 2013. A selection exercise was carried out in several stages: screening of applications, followed by site visits to the farms of shortlisted, and finally interview of the shortlisted candidates by panels comprising representatives of IOM, Ministry of Labour, IR & Employment, Ministry of Agro-Industry or the Commission of Agriculture (for Rodrigues) and the (IAMB), 14 SME growers/agro-processors from mainland of Mauritius, 5 growers/agro-processors from the island of Rodrigues, and 3 support organisations (including one cooperative from Rodrigues) were selected through the interview exercise.

IAMB commended the participants for their keen interest in the training. On their return, participants submitted a report outlining the project they intend to develop as a result of the training.

MIGRATION AND HEALTH

As a sequential action to the study, *“An Assessment of the Health and Socio-Economic Vulnerabilities of Rodriguans in Mauritius (2012)”*, IOM Mauritius has received funding to implement a new project entitled, *“Improving the Integration Process of Rodriguans migrating to the island of Mauritius and Foreign Migrant Workers in Mauritius”* which falls within the context of our regional project Partnership on Health and Mobility in East and Southern Africa (PHAMESA) funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

This new project aimed at improving the integration process of both Rodriguans migrating to the island of Mauritius and foreign migrant workers working in Mauritius. The main activities included:

A 3 day Training on Migration and Health for Migration Health Advocates in the Republic of Mauritius - A Focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health including the prevention of HIV/AIDS/STI” which was organised from from the 11 - 13 September 2013 at Le Labourdonnais Hotel, Caudan, Port-Louis, Mauritius & from the 18 – 20 September at the Human Resource Centre in Malabar, Rodrigues

This training derived from priority recommendations of the above mentioned study which indeed presented many health challenges that Rodriguans, face in Mauritius, despite the free access of health services offered by the Government. In this 3 day training, we focused on sexual and reproductive

healthcare including HIV and AIDS and also addressed gender issues and human rights. The contents provided an informative and reference guidance which would assist Migration Health Advocates in their sensitisation programmes. Participants were bestowed with the necessary understanding of the relationship between migration and health, the knowledge of the distinctive challenges facing migratory populations and the capacity to design and deliver culturally-responsive health interventions focused on Sexual and Reproductive Health including the prevention of HIV/AIDS/STI to migrant workers and Rodriguans contributing to the socio and economic development of the Republic of Mauritius. To accompany this training, a training guide has also been developed based on IOM’s Service Delivery and Capacity Building framework which follows a strategic and practical approach to addressing health vulnerability and improving health outcomes in defined migration-affected areas.

HIV AIDS awareness raising and post arrival training sessions with migrant workers

IOM Mauritius is working in close collaboration with the AIDS Unit, under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life to conduct a series of training on HIV and AIDS awareness raising and post-arrival cultural orientation with migrant workers employed. As at date, 105 migrant workers (both males & females) have benefited from those training sessions.

DVD LAVANTIR



The production of an informative DVD to promote the wellbeing of Rodriguans migrating and residing in Mauritius, *“LAVANTIR – Promoting a healthy migration process of Rodriguans to Mauritius”*

The 2011 Census shows that 9,336 Rodriguans (4,311 males, 5,025 females) aged 16 years and over are living scattered in all districts but predominantly in Plaines Wilhems, Pamplemousses, Port Louis and Black River. Data gathered from IOM’s study on Rodriguans also highlighted the health and

socio-economic problems faced by many of them while settling in Mauritius which include high rate of sexually transmitted infections (STI), abortion or miscarriage, stillbirth, infant mortality, low levels of HIV knowledge, precarious jobs, poverty, poor quality lodging, high levels of alcoholism, drug abuse and prostitution. It is also a fact that some Rodriguans have succeeded their life in Mauritius.

This informative DVD shall aim at preparing Rodriguans to develop realistic expectations, skills necessary for them to adapt successfully to their new surroundings, and address their concerns and questions. to better adjust to their new surroundings in Mauritius and promoting HIV and AIDS awareness rising and impact. It will be projected in Rodrigues, on boats travelling to and from Rodrigues and among Rodriguans Communities in Mauritius.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION



Handing over of certificates to journalists and public relations

Situation de la traite à Madagascar

Au niveau international, aucune donnée quantitative ne permet d'évaluer précisément le trafic de personnes entre Madagascar et les autres Etats, mais tous les partenaires soulignent la difficulté de surveiller efficacement les 5000 km de côte et les 5 aéroports internationaux du pays. Selon les interlocuteurs, l'affaiblissement des infrastructures étatiques et le développement de la corruption seraient exploités par des réseaux de trafiquants structurés pour produire de faux documents de voyage à des personnes désirant quitter le pays par tous les moyens.

La traite des personnes à Madagascar est donc un problème complexe à la fois national et international, la difficulté résidant dans le manque de données fiables et le manque de formation des acteurs en charge de la combattre. La loi anti-traite 2007-038, en cours de réforme depuis bientôt deux ans, illustre parfaitement ce flou des concepts et explique, en partie, l'incapacité des magistrats et des policiers à l'appliquer. Lutter contre la traite implique trois éléments selon l'OIM : la prévention, la protection et la poursuite. A Madagascar, le manque de moyens, de formation et de coordination des acteurs impliqués dans la lutte contre la traite empêchent la réalisation efficace de ces trois objectifs.

Trafficking In Seychelles

Trafficking in persons is a serious global crime and a grave violation of human rights and every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of human traffickers.



The project that the IOM is currently funding in the Seychelles aims at contributing to the efforts of the Government of Seychelles to effectively prevent human trafficking, protect victims and prosecute offenders. This initiative, also directly in line with the government's priorities to capacitate law enforcement officials and raise awareness regarding high risk groups in society, will also develop and carry out a media campaign in collaboration with Switch (Pty) Ltd. The communication campaign will be launched early July 2014.

During the course of the IOM project a two-day training with journalists and public relations officers was also conducted. Amongst other components, they will be trained on how to report on trafficking within the accepted best practice and in line and with regard to the safety of victims of trafficking.

OPEN YOUR EYES TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

THE FOLLOWING MIGHT ALSO INDICATE THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED FOR LABOUR EXPLOITATION:

- Notices have been posted in languages other than the local language.
- There are no health and safety notices.
- The employer or manager is unable to show the documents required for employing workers from other countries.
- The employer or manager is unable to show records of wages paid to workers.
- The health and safety equipment is of poor quality or is missing.
- There is evidence that labour laws are being breached.
- There is evidence that workers must pay for tools, food or accommodation or that those costs are being deducted from their wages.

FORCED BEGGING AND PETTY CRIME

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEGGING OR COMMITTING PETTY CRIMES MAY:

- Be children, elderly persons or migrants who tend to beg in public places and on public transport
- Be children carrying and/or selling illicit drugs
- Have physical impairments that appear to be the result of mutilation
- Participate in the activities of organized criminal gangs
- Be part of large groups of children who have the same adult guardian
- Be punished if they do not collect or steal enough
- Live with members of their gang
- Live, as gang members, with adults who are not their parents

VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING MAY BE ALL AROUND US.

Call the Police to report suspected cases.
For additional information about Trafficking in Persons visit www.tip.sc

FORCED LABOUR
 FORCED PROSTITUTION
 FORCED DOMESTIC SERVITUDE
 FORCED BEGGING / PETTY CRIME

Canada Visa Application Center (CANVAC)



Under a new public private partnership between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the project lead, VFS Global, IOM is proud to announce the launch of the Canada Visa Application centre (CVAC) in Mauritius. The CVAC will assist with the **administrative** processing of Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) applications on behalf of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). The CVAC will assist with the following TRV categories:.

- Visitors
- Students
- Workers
- Permanent Workers * (PR Card Replacement)

IOM staffs have been well-trained on how to properly prepare Canada TRV applications and applications for a Permanent Resident (PR Card Replacement), according to strict CIC guidelines. IOM staff will check to ensure that application forms have been properly completed, signed and paid for. In addition, IOM staff will ensure that all required supporting documentation is included in the required order and that applications are properly labelled and tracked. By ensuring accuracy and avoiding omissions, IOM's assistance aims to help applicants avoid unnecessary delays or refusals due to incomplete applications and, to reduce visa processing times.

IOM staffs also facilitate the forwarding of passports and applications and the return of passports and visa or travel document decisions, to and from the Canada Visa Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

It should be noted that there is no change in Canada immigration rules. All applications will be assessed and approved by the Canada Visa Office at the High Commission of Canada in Nairobi, Kenya. IOM CVAC staffs have no say or influence over the outcome of applications. The decision to issue or refuse

a visa is made solely by Canadian Visa Officers.



Please note that the IOM does not receive Permanent Resident Visa (PRV) applications. For more information on PRV applications, please see the Citizenship and Immigration Canada's website at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/>

The CVAC can be contacted on 2302130585 during office hours for any information.

IOM CVAC staff will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all applicants' personal information by conforming with the Government of Canada's Privacy Act and IOM's strict Data Protection Principles.

The opening hours for the CVAC in Mauritius are as follows:-

Client Hours	09:00 – 16:00
Lunch Closure	13:00 – 14:00
Application Submission	09:00 – 16:00
Passport/Document Return	13:00 – 16:00

Apply for
VISA to Canada



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Organization for Migration (IOM) is the principal intergovernmental organization in the field of migration. We are growing rapidly and currently count 155 member states. A further 11 states hold observer status, as do numerous international and non-governmental organizations. IOM's programme budget for 2012 exceeds USD 1.2 billion, funding over 2,300 active programmes and more than 7,800 staff members serving in more than 470 field offices in more than a hundred countries.

IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, be they refugees, displaced persons or other uprooted people. The IOM Constitution gives explicit recognition to the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the right of freedom of movement of persons.

IOM works in the four broad areas of migration management: migration and development, facilitating migration, regulating migration and addressing forced migration. Cross-cutting activities include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health and the gender dimension of migration.

IOM works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners.

Overall growth in the Organization – Key indicators

- Membership increased from 67 States in 1998 to 155 States in 2014 and continues to grow

- Total expenditure increased from USD 242.2 million in 1998 to an estimated USD 1.3 billion in

2013

- IOM Offices in more than 150 countries

- Active projects increased from 686 in 1998 to more than 2,600

- Operational staff increased from approximately 1,100 in 1998 to more than 8,400, almost

entirely in the Field

