



CREATING A CLIMATE FOR SAFE MIGRATION: MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

Migration is a growing and complex phenomenon that requires proactive management by governments worldwide. IOM works with government and non-government partners to promote effective migration policies, laws, and institutions that result in humane and orderly migration that benefits migrants, sending and receiving countries.



CAPACITY BUILDING MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

IOM provides migration management services in the areas of migration and development; labour migration; capacity building; technical assistance; counter trafficking; voluntary assisted return and reintegration; and facilitated movements.

LABOUR MIGRATION

IOM Sri Lanka's labour migration programme aims to complement IOM's approach to technical cooperation by supporting government and national NGO counterparts in developing migration management strategies, setting priorities, and establishing internationally acceptable standards.

IOM's regional cooperation programme with developing Asian countries in the areas of migration and asylum aims to strengthen national and regional efforts to reduce irregular migration and facilitate legal migration from South Asia to destination countries, including Europe.

The project aims to achieve this through capacity building and information campaigns promoting safe migration in migrant sending countries, and the sharing of information and best practices through inter-regional dialogue.

IOM pilot labour migration projects in Sri Lanka address the selection, preparation, and recruitment of migrant workers, including caregivers, information technology specialists, and construction workers.

Sector	Persons assisted
Labour migrants	472
Capacity building projects	>1000
Total	> 1472

MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) Focal Point Service project aims to support local and international NGOs providing services related to migration and development. The JMDI aims to promote networking, information sharing, and international best practices, as well as contributing to policy debate. It also directly helps migrants in the areas of remittance management and capacity building.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- **Consular Capacity Building in Sri Lanka**

Implemented in partnership with the Sri Lanka Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the project aims to support the efforts of the Sri Lanka Consular Service to improve service standards and decision-making by creating an operational manual to be used in staff training. The project is also redesigning the process by which requests for assistance from migrants are handled. The outcome will be an integrated process coordinated between all relevant government departments.

- **Strengthening Border Management through Application of a Secondary Inspection Regime and Enhanced Data Collection and Sharing**

The objective of the project is to strengthen border control procedures and to improve international cooperation through data sharing. It aims to introduce additional control measures by developing an electronic link between the first immigration check at the airport departure counter and the final departure check at the gate, to minimize irregular departures from Sri Lanka. The new system will also capture data from embarkation and disembarkation cards to share with other stakeholders through an Integrated Enquiry Management System.



DONOR SUPPORT

IOM Sri Lanka's migration management projects are supported by the governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and Sri Lanka, and the European Union.



ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURNS

IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) Unit supports and facilitates the voluntary return home of Sri Lankans, including failed asylum seekers, irregular and stranded migrants from the United Kingdom, the European Union, Australia, and countries of transit.

IOM services include:

- Pre-departure logistics:** information outreach and counselling, assistance with travel arrangements and airfare, medical escorts and other assistance for vulnerable returnees, and support in transit.
- On arrival assistance:** airport assistance, onward transportation and medical assistance / escorts, if needed.
- Reintegration assistance:** vocational training, job placement, referral services, business development training, and help to set up small businesses.

The programme also supports community infrastructure development in selected returnee receiving areas.

Country	Assisted Voluntary Returns from Jan. – April 2010
Australia	5
Austria	1
Belarus	1
Bulgaria	1
Timor-Leste	1
Finland	1
France	15
Indonesia	10
Italy	1
Netherlands	3
Switzerland	16
Turkey	5
UK	79
Total	139

DONOR SUPPORT

Donors supporting the AVR include the European Refugee Council, and the governments of Switzerland, France, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

Year	AVRs from 2003 - 2009
2009	291
2008	598
2007	301
2006	353
2005	332
2004	230
2003	150
Total	2255

The IOM Sri Lanka June 2010 Briefing Note will focus on Counter-Trafficking.

Photos (clockwise from top to bottom): Voluntary returnees work with a trainer on business development plans; voluntary returnees in front of their successful businesses; at the bottom are some of the AVR host community support initiatives. Photos: IOM Sri Lanka.

