

IOM – UNHCR Draft Framework

for the Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to Facilitate the Protection and Assistance of Trafficked Persons



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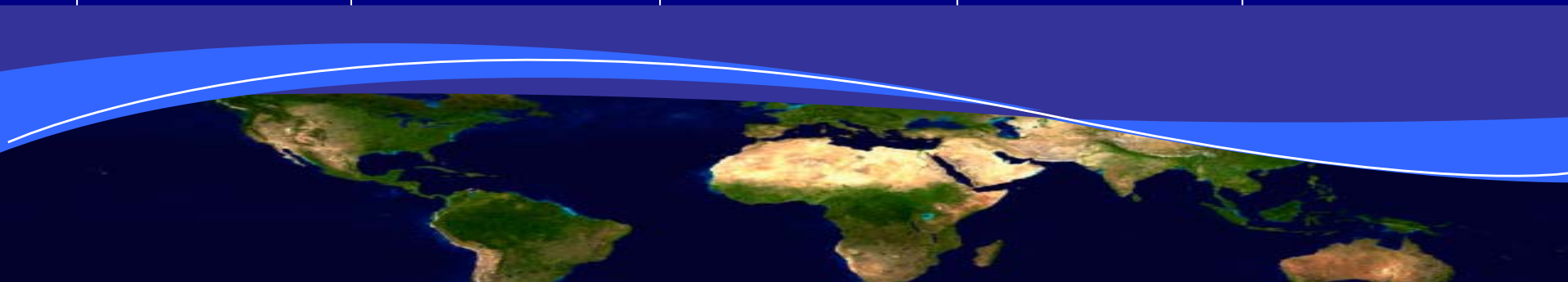
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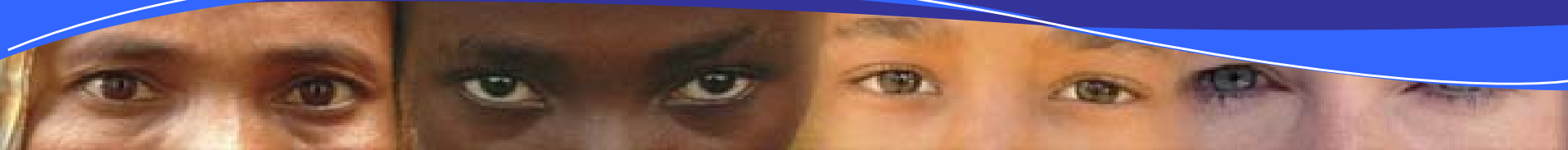
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Project Impetus

1. Specific cases of trafficked persons who were falling through gaps in existing protection and assistance framework, incl.
 - Identified VoTs who may be eligible for asylum.
 - Refugees who may be in need of special VoT-tailored support.
 - Other (eg. VoTs in need of resettlement)
2. Realization that both organizations could improve the range of protection and assistance options available to victims of trafficking by developing stronger cooperation framework.

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Project Objectives

Overall Objective

Enhance protection for trafficked persons by combining available expertise, capacities, and potential of both agencies.

Specific Objective

Encourage the development of SOPs between IOM and UNHCR at regional/country mission level in order to provide the best possible protection and assistance to trafficked persons.

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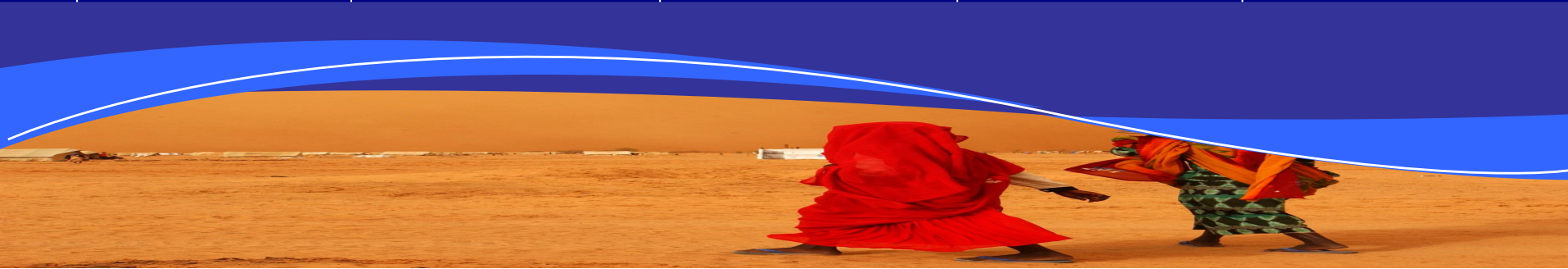
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Project Methodology

- Project funded by US State Department's Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM).
- IOM and UNHCR convened a workshop in Malta in November 2008, involving key organizational experts to draft a *Framework for the Development of SOPs*.
- Training workshops held/to be held to build:
 - cooperation at national/regional levels, and;
 - our own capacities and cooperation.

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Principles of Cooperation

1. Commitment to ensuring best available protection and assistance for VoTs.
2. Self-determination of trafficked persons.
3. Application of international human rights law and standards.
4. Respect for each other's mandates, expertise, roles, capacities and internal processes.
5. Transparent collaboration and cooperation.
6. Respect for data protection and responsible information-sharing.
7. Inclusive consideration of the role and function of other partners.

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Key Areas for Cooperation

1. Identification of trafficked persons
2. Protection of and assistance to trafficked persons

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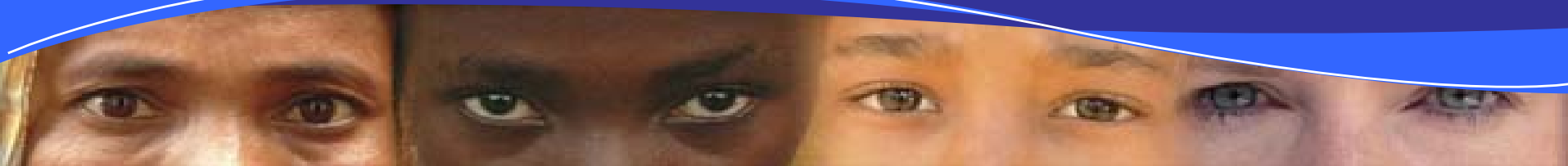
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Coordination for the Identification and Protection of Trafficked Persons

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Agency 1 alerted to IC

Referral does not indicate other agency's involvement may be required

Referral indicates other agency's involvement may be required

Contact other agency to see if also involved and if planning to interview

Make joint decision on who should conduct initial screening

Identification

Initial screening

Situation may be conducive to in-depth interview taking place at the same time

Share findings & decide on agency to conduct in-depth interview

In-depth interview

Briefing of other agency

Follow-up interview by second agency if required

Initial Assessment / Status Determination



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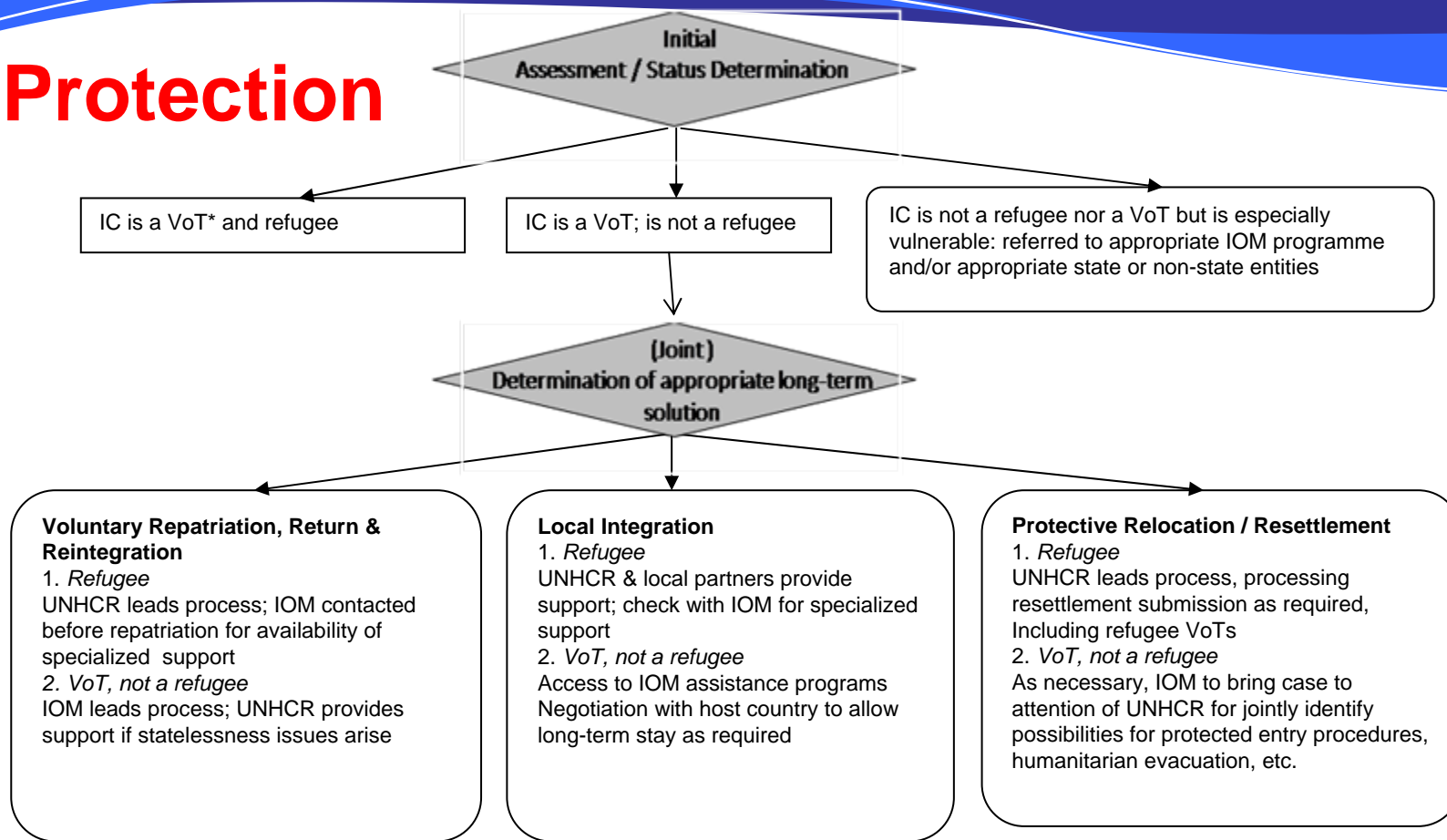
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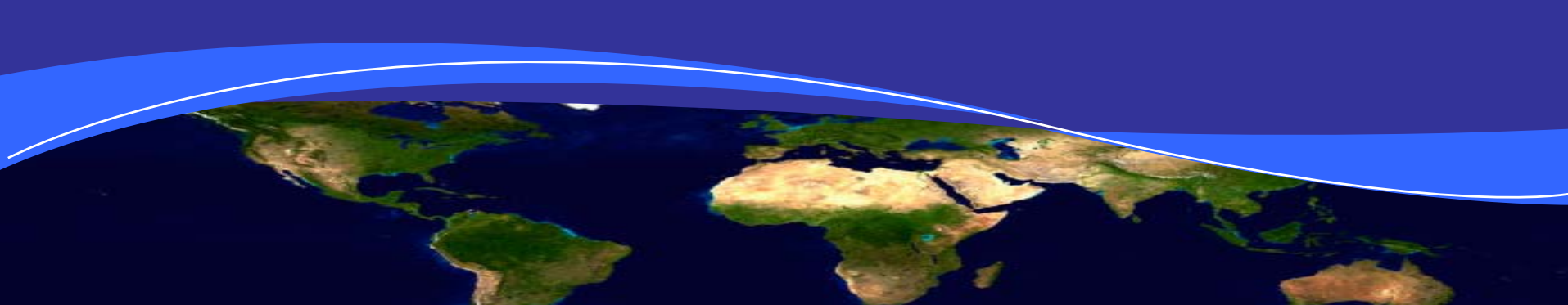
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