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IOM's Work to Counter Human Trafficking: Responding to Challenges

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Outline

- Overview of IOM.
- Overview of IOM's approach to human trafficking.
- Overview of IOM's activities
 - Guiding Principles: 4Ps
 - Projects.
- Concluding remarks

IOM

IOM is ...

The Migration Agency

The global, inter-governmental organization dealing with the entire range of migration issues

- 🌐 125 Member States and 89 Observer States*
- 🌐 420 field locations in over 120 countries
- 🌐 A staff of 5,600
- 🌐 Over 1,770 programmes

*including 70 global and regional IGOs and NGOs

IOM's approach towards trafficking in persons

- A comprehensive approach to trafficking in persons within the wider context of managing migration.
- Based on three principles that govern all counter trafficking activities:
 - Respect for human rights; Concern for the victim
 - Physical, mental and social well-being of the individual and his or her community
 - Sustainability through institutional capacity building of governments and civil society

IOM's approach towards trafficking in persons cont...

- Working actively to counter the trafficking in persons since 1997:
 - Implemented almost 500 projects in 85 countries;
 - Provided direct assistance to several thousand trafficked persons.
- Wide range of activities implemented in partnership with:
 - Governmental institutions;
 - NGOs;
 - International organizations.
- Through implementation and management of the IOM victim-centred Global Human Trafficking Database, the Organization has gained extensive experience collecting information on human trafficking.

IOM's approach involves

- Appropriate and targeted **research and data collection**
- **Vulnerability** reduction
- Targeted counter trafficking **Prevention** efforts
- **Advocacy** and **policy** reform
- **Protection**
- **Prosecution**
- Supporting governments and civil society: **Capacity Building**
- Strengthening counter trafficking networks

The Global Assistance Fund (GAF)

What is it?

- Global referral, assessment & rapid assistance mechanism for trafficked persons

Eligibility?

1. Must be identified as a victim of trafficking.
2. Identified anywhere except Australia, Europe, Japan, N. America, New Zealand.
3. Beneficiary can not be eligible for assistance under a similar regional programs.

What does it include?

- Emergency and short term assistance, including shelter, medical, psychosocial, and legal assistance, voluntary return and/or reintegration support.



✓ Assisted approx. 565 trafficked persons since its creation in Aug. 2000.

✓ All GAF-assisted case data are inputted into the Global Counter-Trafficking Database.

The Global Counter Trafficking Database

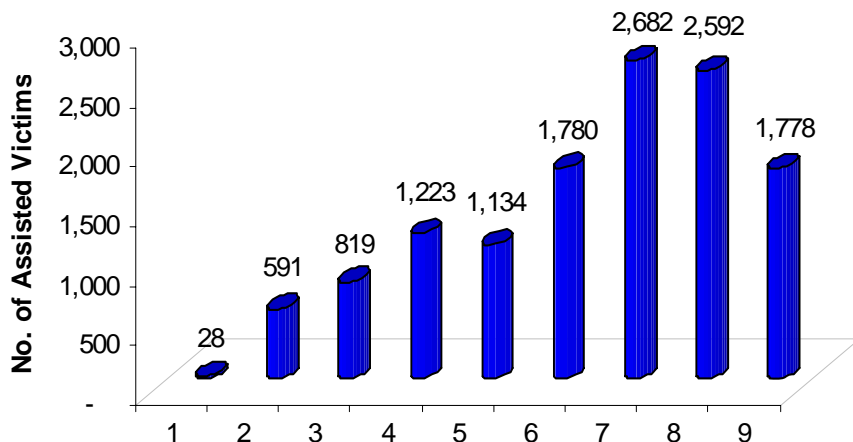
Scope:

- Is currently accessible to all IOM missions
- Contains primary data on approx. 15,000 trafficked persons

Two Purposes:

1. Case Management - serves to collect information & monitor IOM's assistance to trafficked persons.
2. Research – strengthens understanding of the causes, processes, trends & consequences of trafficking.

Year 1999-December 2007 - 12,627 Cases



How is data collected?

1. Screening Interview Form – assesses eligibility for assistance through one of IOM's counter-trafficking projects.
2. Assistance Interview Form – includes more in-depth information on the assistance delivered.

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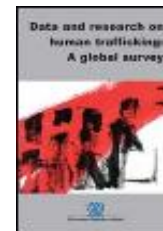
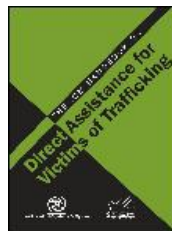
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