



IOM'S IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

The ability to address migration issues comprehensively and cooperatively is a fundamental requirement for responsible national governance, effective international relations and full participation in international and regional institutions. While the prevailing view is that migration has been mainly a positive force for development in both countries of origin and destination, unregulated migration can have social, economic and political costs for individuals, societies and governments alike. Comprehensive, transparent and coherent approaches to immigration and border management processes, involving all countries in the migration continuum, can help minimize the negative consequences of migration and preserve its integrity as a natural social process.

As the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is increasingly called upon by States to assist in addressing complex border management challenges. The Immigration and Border Management (IBM) Team, consisting of a core group of specialists with substantial technical expertise and strong border management experience, posted to strategic locations in the field as

well as in IOM headquarters, has been established to offer guidance and expertise to governments aspiring to improve their migration, border management and operational procedures.

IBM activities are directed at helping governments create policy, legislation, administrative structures, operational systems and provide the human resources necessary to respond effectively to diverse migration challenges and to institute appropriate migration governance. Such activities are designed in partnership with the requesting government and other relevant interlocutors working closely with the IBM Team to identify needs, determine priority areas, and shape and deliver interventions.

OUR OBJECTIVE

“ ASSIST STATES IN GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CURRENT MIGRATION MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES AND PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT ”



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

IOM's Immigration and Border Management Programmes are often transversal and comprehensive by nature, and encompass the following areas of expertise:

1. BORDER AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS

IOM conducts migration and border management assessments that allow States to identify areas for development. Assessments focus on administration, regulatory frameworks, operations, and information management systems.

2. CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BORDER & MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

At the request of interested governments, IOM develops and implements Capacity Building in Migration Management (CBMM) Programmes, which focus on three areas: developing institutional capacity, human capacity and operational capacity. In this framework, the IBM Team develops and delivers training courses for migration officials.

3. INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT

IOM supports States in strengthening the operational capability of border crossing points, in enhancing border management information systems and related procedures, and in enabling concerted border management cooperation and long term regional synergies.

4. IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

IOM assists States in assessing and improving the security of their identity documents, especially travel documents, and related issuance and management systems, with a focus on effective, robust and internationally compliant processes.

5. DATA MANAGEMENT, INTELLIGENCE AND RISK ANALYSIS

IOM supports States to shape proactive migration policies through improved migration data collection and management. IOM has developed a Border Management Information System: the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS).

6. COUNTER MIGRANT SMUGGLING

IOM supports States to implement procedures that permit law enforcement agencies to more effectively target those responsible for organizing people smuggling, in addition to activities against human trafficking.

7. HUMANITARIAN BORDER MANAGEMENT

IOM assists governments and their border institutions to more effectively manage crisis-induced displacement and mass movements across borders. Well-prepared and managed crisis response at borders can improve humanitarian action and protect migrants while maintaining border security.

8. FACILITATING MIGRATION

IOM assists immigration and consular departments to better manage their visa application caseloads, by providing tailored support solutions designed to enhance data collection, streamline processes, eliminate the delay of administrative functions, improve service standards, lower costs, combat fraud and strengthen security at diplomatic missions.

THE INFORMATION SHEETS provide background on the activities carried out by IOM in the framework of its Immigration and Border Management Programmes:

- General Overview
- Border and Migration Management Assessments
- Capacity Building for Border and Migration Management
- Training for Border and Migration Management Officials
- Integrated Border Management
- Identity Management
- Data Management, Intelligence and Risk Analysis
- MIDAS: Migration Information and Data Analysis System
- Counter Migrant Smuggling
- Humanitarian Border Management
- Health and Humanitarian Border Management
- Verification Services
- Facilitated Migration Services
- Publications and Training Manuals

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