

# STRENGTHENING BORDER SECURITY TO PREVENT MIGRANT SMUGGLING & RELATED CRIMES IN CAMBODIA

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## Background & Objectives

In 2012, IOM Mission in Cambodia conducted three separate provincial 5-day comprehensive capacity building training sessions for 120 frontline border control officers from immigration, maritime police and land border patrol units. Officers were trained on several training modules covering topics on UN-TOC and Protocols, Protection, Document Examination, Smuggling Methods, Interview Techniques, Information Sharing, Health Protection, Detention and Return.

Based on the evaluation of these trainings and recommendations from government partners a need was identified to constantly update knowledge and technical skills to improve capability of staff through the establishment

of a Training of trainers to enhance capacity of local trainers and to ensure sustainability.

The objective of the current Project is therefore to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Interior to establish a pool of regular trainers and training programs on people smuggling to improve the capacity of frontline border control officers to effectively prevent, investigate and suppress migrant smuggling and related crimes in Cambodia.

Presently, IOM has conducted this training of trainers (ToT) at the national level for 20 training officials from the Departments of Immigration, Border Patrol, including Police Academy of Cambodia, and is roll-out provincial trainings



National Law Enforcement Officers from Departments of Immigration, Borders and Police Academy with IOM Trainers at the Training of Trainers Course conducted in Phnom Penh. (Photo taken by IOM on 30 October 2013)

### MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PARTNERS

Police Academy of Cambodia  
Department of Immigration  
Department of Maritime Borders  
Department of Land Border Patrol  
Department of Anti-Human Trafficking & Juvenile Protection

## TRAINING TOPICS

- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
- Migrant Protection & Human rights
- Basics of Border Control
- Document Production (substrates, printing techniques, personalization)
- Forgeries and Counterfeits
- Fraudulent Documents
- Smuggling Methods
- Identifying Smuggled Persons
- Interviewing Techniques
- Information Sharing
- Teaching Techniques

## Main Activities

- National level Training of trainer on People Smuggling modules for 20 National Trainers from the Departments of Immigration, Land & Maritime Border Police, Anti-Human Trafficking & Juvenile Protection and Police Academy of Cambodia.
- The five separate provincial three-day trainings designed by IOM's Immigration and Border Management Unit, covering a range of border control topics and providing 125 frontline officers with practical tools and skills to effectively manage border checkpoints, examine documents and interview travelers prior to allowing or refusing entry into the country.
- A comprehensive survey of Cambodia's border checkpoints will be conducted to assess the institutional, technical and human resource capacity at the checkpoints, as well as to identify existing gaps in infrastructure to inform future actions.
- To ensure training modules on people smuggling are integrated into National curriculum, IOM and the National Trainers will conduct 2-day training for National trainers at the Police Academy of Cambodia (PAC).



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