



### Why is Immigration and Border Management (IBM) important in Myanmar?

Myanmar is currently undergoing a fast-paced 'opening-up' that has seen a major acceleration of trade, migration flows and integration into the global economy. The rapidly increasing number of regular and irregular cross-border movements to and from Myanmar, lowering trade and visa barriers, and planned increases in road and air links to the rest of Asia present increasingly complex operational challenges for Myanmar's border management authorities in airports, land boundaries and coastlines. In recognition of this, IOM is engaging with the Government of Myanmar to create policy, legislation, operational systems and provide the human resources necessary to effectively respond.



#### IOM's approach to IBM:

- Building the capacity of the Government of Myanmar to combat transnational crime through comprehensive law enforcement and protection training.
- Supporting the Government of Myanmar to combat migrant smuggling through improved legislation, operational skills, induction training and cross border cooperation.

### How does IOM support Myanmar's IBM priorities?

- Strengthening the legal framework surrounding migrant-smuggling;
- Developing capacity to identify irregular migration, including through detecting fraudulent travel documentation;
- Improving knowledge and skills to investigate cases of migrant smuggling;
- Expanding the frontline officer induction training programme;
- Promoting Myanmar—Thailand cross-border coordination;
- Enhancing border management IT systems.



*“This training programme will greatly benefit the Ministry in better preparing our frontline immigration officers to manage our borders” said former Director-General of the Department of Immigration and National Registration, Mr. U Maung Maung Than.*

*Deputy Director, Mr. Kyaw Myint, added: “The Department of Immigration and National Registration is very grateful for the excellent support provided by IOM in this crucial area”.*

## Building the Capacity for the Government of Myanmar to Combat Transnational Crime through Comprehensive Law Enforcement and Protection Training

In order to support the efforts of the Government of Myanmar to address transnational crime, specifically migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons, IOM is designing and implementing a comprehensive training programme for frontline officers from the Ministries responsible for Home Affairs; Labour, Immigration and Population; and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. The project provides frontline officers with training on the two core areas of prosecution and protection so that they will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to more effectively recognise and investigate cases of migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons and identify potential victims of trafficking.



## Supporting the Government of Myanmar to Combat Migrant Smuggling through Improved Legislation, Operational Skills, Induction Training and Cross Border Cooperation



Significant gaps exist in Myanmar’s legal, operational and cross border cooperation frameworks with respect to migrant smuggling. IOM supports the Government of Myanmar to enhance its capacity to address the crime of migrant smuggling through a multifaceted institution-wide approach designed to improve the general understanding of the crime and how it relates to trafficking in persons, promote the development of counter-migrant smuggling legislation, increase skills and knowledge to detect and investigate, and encourage cross-border collaboration.

**IOM’s key partners for Immigration and Border Management (IBM) activities include the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA).**

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