



IOM's Immigration & Border Management Programme

Border and Migration Management Assessments

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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 has been established to offer guidance and expertise to governments aspiring to improve their migration, border management and operational procedures.

The IBM team is committed to undertake actions that are both coherent and sustainable in the long term. In support of this goal, one of the main tools available is the comprehensive Border and Migration Management Assessment framework. This framework is designed to ensure that IOM gains a complete overview of the migration management structure of the surveyed country and thus allows us to properly identify genuine development needs and requirements. This approach has proved to be very effective in providing a baseline of current capacity, ensuring that activities are not duplicated, but also in attracting potential donors and providing assurance that their funds are being properly targeted and will achieve maximum impact.

IOM's assessment framework includes thorough examinations of the major elements of migration and border management. The request for an assessment is normally received from a host government after liaison with the IOM country office or after direct interest and enquiries from donors. The methodology of the assessment is decided by the host government and IOM, and a team of experts is established. The assessment is then carried out, focusing on four main areas which encompass the specific elements listed above; administration, regulatory framework, operations and information management. Once completed, the team produces a set of recommendations as well as a road map for development which is then shared with the host government. The report typically identifies short- and long-term objectives and highlights priority actions.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

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



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## BORDER AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS AT A GLANCE

- ADMINISTRATION** ●—● Structure, resources, recruitment, performance standards, training programmes, staff turnover, values and conduct;
- REGULATORY FRAMEWORK** ●—● Policy, legislation, regulations, procedures, international agreements, inter-agency and regional cooperation;
- OPERATIONS** ●—● Entry and residence, passenger processing at borderposts, intelligence, prosecutions, detention, removal, humanitarian and health considerations;
- INFORMATION MANAGEMENT** ●—● Border management information systems, alert lists, passport and visa systems, system integrity.

The scope of the assessment is defined in close cooperation with the requesting government and the assessment itself is conducted with the assistance and active collaboration of senior government officials responsible for migration and border management in the country concerned. To complete an assessment in a thorough fashion, the timeframe normally varies from two to three months.

If implemented, the assessment's recommendations significantly contribute to enhance the effectiveness of migration management in the relevant country by:

- Strengthening the capacity of States to control migratory movements to and through their territories;
- Encouraging collaboration with neighbouring States; and
- Supporting the implementation of measures to combat smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings.

## ASSESSMENT OF THE BORDER CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

With a view to future cooperation between IOM and the EU, the EU has funded a border and migration management assessment in the Republic of Mauritius, a transitional economy with large and multifaceted migration and tourism flows. Effective cooperation among the border agencies is a prerequisite for Mauritius to keep pace with development in major sectors of its own economy based principally on tourism, port facilities and the seafood industry.

In order to support and complement the various initiatives of the Mauritian Government in addressing the particular migration challenges the country is facing, the project aimed at assessing the country's current border management mechanism in place and draft a plan towards the establishment of an Integrated Border Management mechanism for managing border

procedures in one coordinated security approach. This contributes to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of all border agencies operating at airports and ports of the Republic of Mauritius.

The project assessed structures, procedures and systems of border agencies (mainly immigration, police, customs, health and agriculture) and advocated the most effective integrated border management mechanism, which takes into account the procedures and the goals of each agency. The assessment focused on an overall evaluation of the gaps in the current situation, existing migration related legislation and policies, joint capacity building initiatives among the border agencies and an appropriate data collection and sharing system to be installed at the border as well as in the respective Headquarters.

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