

ROUNDTABLE

Return, Readmission and Reintegration of Stranded Migrants



IOM’s work on migration management including return, readmission and reintegration of stranded migrants also encompassed a roundtable funded by the Government of Australia via the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime. The roundtable was attended by officials from agencies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration Department Malaysia, and representatives from Embassies of migrants’ countries of origin including Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Uganda, as well as Australia as contributor to the Bali Process. Delegates shared experiences, challenges and recommendations for improved collaboration and exchange to ensure voluntary, orderly and safe return of stranded migrants from Malaysia to their home countries and encourage regular migration routes in order to eradicate trafficking, smuggling and exploitation.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

IOM organized a “Multistakeholder Dialogue on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)”. The event brought together participants from UN Agencies, CSOs, academics, industry bodies, employers, migrants, the Malaysia national human rights institution, parliament, and recruitment agency associations. The half-day event provided participants the opportunity to hear from thematic experts about the GCM, as well as discuss the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) - the primary intergovernmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of the GCM. The meeting also served as a platform for attendees to share key migration challenges, priorities, and opportunities for collaboration, which included the need to strengthen engagement with stakeholders such as CSOs and migrant workers and to conduct continuous advocacy on the topic of safe, regular and orderly migration for the benefit of all.



REGIONAL DIALOGUE

Management of Irregular Migration



IOM held a three-day Regional Dialogue in Bangkok, Thailand with senior government officials in charge of migration management from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand, funded by the Bali Process Regional Support Office and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM). The roundtable, organized in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Detention Coalition, rendered officials a platform to share information and good practices in accordance with international instruments as well as discuss challenges for sustainable migration governance. Seven Malaysian delegates from agencies of the National Security Council under Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Human Resources and Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development participated in the event. Discussions included existing frameworks and operational mechanisms for the management of migration, including pathways for safe and dignified returns and readmissions of migrants, alternatives to detention and addressing trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, as well as recommendations for potential partnerships and engagements at national and transnational levels.

RESETTLEMENT

Complementary Pathways (CPath) Programme for Refugees in the Philippines

IOM Malaysia collaborated with the Government of the Philippines and UNHCR to support durable solutions for six Rohingya refugees to the Philippines, under the Philippine Government’s Complementary Pathway Scholarships Pilot Project by providing travel arrangements and medical assessments. Initiated by the Government of the Philippines in 2020, the programme admits and advances the welfare of refugees, giving them tertiary education in the Philippines, with comprehensive support and protection services.

More details on the updates can be accessed via this [Complimentary Pathways](#) article.



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COVID-19 Response to Recovery



IOM continues to support dialogues on COVID-19 lessons learnt and ways forward to engage with vulnerable populations in Malaysia and ensure no one is left behind. Two reports can be accessed online, namely [Implications of COVID Study](#) and [Needs Assessment](#). IOM also collaborated with civil society partner Project Liber8 to identify good practices and recommendations to ensure the inclusion of marginalized communities in the National Strategic Plan for Pandemic Readiness and Response.

TRAINING GUIDE

Victim Assistance Specialists (VAS) in Malaysia

In coordination with key national stakeholders including the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and Victim Assistance Specialists (VAS) appointed by the National Strategic Office to the Council for Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants (NSO-MAPO), IOM developed a “Training Guide for Victim Assistance Specialists (VAS) in Malaysia”. Funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the training guide will provide guidance and serve as a reference for appointed VAS who are responsible for supporting victims of trafficking from their rescue to their return in the countries of origin.



ASSESSMENT

Post-distribution Monitoring Assessment on Direct Assistance in Sandakan, Sabah

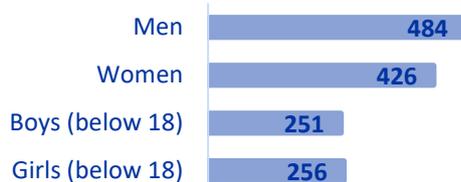
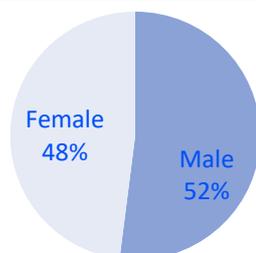


IOM Malaysia supports civil society organizations in providing direct assistance including rent, food aid, training and others to vulnerable migrant communities across the country. In Sabah, IOM partnered with local civil society organization Cahaya Society to distribute food aid, reaching over 500 beneficiaries that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) through the IOM’s Corporate Responsibility in Eliminating Slavery and Trafficking (CREST) was instrumental in providing these needed resources.

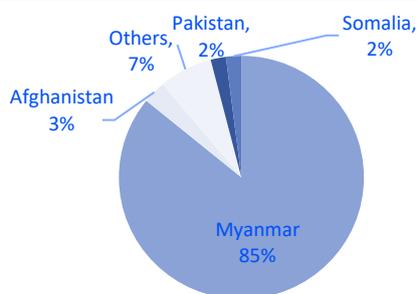
Refugee and Migration Movement Management

IOM’s support to facilitate voluntary, safe and orderly migration includes conducting health assessments and facilitating the movement of refugees resettling to ten countries, as well as support to voluntary movement of stranded migrants wanting to return home. IOM conducts health assessments for all refugees and migrants departing Malaysia; carries out TB testing and treatment; administers multiple vaccinations prior to IOM facilitating exit permission and flight booking; and conducts cultural orientation specific to the country refugees are resettling in.

Gender & Age Category of 1,417 Refugees Leaving Malaysia for Resettlement in Q3 2022



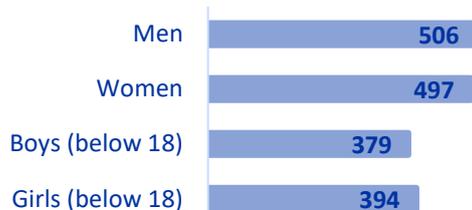
Countries of Origin of 1,417 Refugees Leaving Malaysia for Resettlement in Q3 2022



Countries of Resettlement of 1,417 Refugees in Q3 2022

Country	Percentage (%)
USA	61
Australia	20
Canada	6
New Zealand	6
Others	7

Gender and Age Category of 1,776 Beneficiaries that were Supported with Health Assessments at Migration Health Division (MHD) in Q3 2022



Overall Mission Figures at a Glance (Since 2005 Until September 2022)



107,398

refugees have been resettled out of Malaysia to third countries through IOM's facilitation.



977

non-citizens were assisted for voluntary return, readmission and reintegration back to their home country.



621

Malaysian citizens were assisted to return to Malaysia by IOM.



113,757

refugees had their health assessments conducted by IOM.

