

INTEGRATED

BORDER MANAGEMENT



IOM's Immigration and Border Management Division

The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Immigration and Border Management (IBM) Division supports States in strengthening the operational capability of border management systems and enhancing concerted border management cooperation between various stakeholders.

The European Commission developed the concept of integrated border management, which constitutes an essential element of IOM's programming. It encompasses national and international coordination and cooperation among all relevant authorities and agencies involved in border management and trade facilitation in order to establish effective, efficient and coordinated border management. Integrated border management seeks to enhance three levels of coordination: intra-service, inter-agency and international cooperation.



INTRA-SERVICE COOPERATION

Intra-service cooperation concerns the efficient management of processes, information and resources within migration and border management agencies. It refers to interactions between the following:

- Different administrative departments of a ministry or agency at headquarters;
- Ministry/agency and regional centres;
- Ministry/agency/regional centres and the units working at the borders; and
- Various border crossing points, border inspection points and inland control stations.



INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

Inter-agency cooperation concerns the close collaboration among all national migration and border management agencies at the central level. The three priority areas for inter-agency cooperation are as follows:

- Coordinated processing at border crossing points;
- Integrated information technology systems; and
- Awareness-raising and joint responsibilities.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

International cooperation concerns the establishment of communication and coordination channels at the local, bilateral and multilateral levels. It refers to the following:

- Local cooperation between officials on both sides of the border;
- Bilateral cooperation between neighbouring States; and
- Multinational cooperation, focusing on migration and border management issues.

By establishing close cooperation at all three levels, integrated border management seeks to ensure the streamlining of customs and immigration processes, timely sharing of information, reduced waiting periods and an enhanced capacity to detect illicit trans-border activities.

IOM's assistance focuses on capacity-building for concerted border management, including providing States with targeted technical assistance to strengthen the operational capability of border management agencies and ensure coordination so that overlap in control measures and administrative procedures are avoided.

ONE-STOP BORDER POSTS (OSBP)

A tool of integrated border management framework is the establishment of one-stop border posts (OSBP), which consist of a single, shared physical infrastructure in which the customs and border services of other countries operate side by side. This type of structure simplifies the border-crossing process for travellers and authorities alike, and fosters international cooperation and information-sharing for improved border security.

IOM'S ACTIVITIES IN INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT



Helping States develop the policies and procedures to harmonize legislation and policy across agencies and other countries.



Promoting information-sharing through the establishment of international and inter-agency working groups.



Revising standard operating procedures in line with international best practices.



Identifying suitable border management information systems.



Joint capacity-building initiatives and task forces to detect fraudulent documents and impostors.



Enhancing physical and communication networking infrastructures through the installation of information and communications equipment.



Objective 1: Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies.

Objective 11: Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner.

Objective 23: Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.



Target 10.7: Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.

Target 16.4: By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flow, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime.

Target 16.a: Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.

