IOM’s Work to Counter Human Trafficking: Responding to Challenges

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• Overview of IOM.

• Overview of IOM’s approach to human trafficking.

• Overview of IOM’s activities
  - Guiding Principles: 4Ps
  - Projects.

• Concluding remarks
IOM is …

**The Migration Agency**

The global, inter-governmental organization dealing with the entire range of migration issues

- 125 Member States and 89 Observer States*
- 420 field locations in over 120 countries
- A staff of 5,600
- Over 1,770 programmes

*including 70 global and regional IGOs and NGOs
IOM’s approach towards trafficking in persons

- A comprehensive approach to trafficking in persons within the wider context of managing migration.

- Based on three principles that govern all counter trafficking activities:
  - Respect for human rights; Concern for the victim
  - Physical, mental and social well-being of the individual and his or her community
  - Sustainability through institutional capacity building of governments and civil society
IOM’s approach towards trafficking in persons cont...

• Working actively to counter the trafficking in persons since 1997:
  – Implemented almost 500 projects in 85 countries;
  – Provided direct assistance to several thousand trafficked persons.

• Wide range of activities implemented in partnership with:
  – Governmental institutions;
  – NGOs;
  – International organizations.

• Through implementation and management of the IOM victim-centred Global Human Trafficking Database, the Organization has gained extensive experience collecting information on human trafficking.
IOM’s approach involves

- Appropriate and targeted research and data collection
- Vulnerability reduction
- Targeted counter trafficking Prevention efforts
- Advocacy and policy reform
- Protection
- Prosecution
- Supporting governments and civil society: Capacity Building
- Strengthening counter trafficking networks
The Global Assistance Fund (GAF)

What is it?
- Global referral, assessment & rapid assistance mechanism for trafficked persons

Eligibility?
1. Must be identified as a victim of trafficking.
2. Identified anywhere except Australia, Europe, Japan, N. America, New Zealand.
3. Beneficiary can not be eligible for assistance under a similar regional programs.

What does it include?
- Emergency and short term assistance, including shelter, medical, psychosocial, and legal assistance, voluntary return and/or reintegration support.


☑ All GAF-assisted case data are inputted into the Global Counter-Trafficking Database.
The Global Counter Trafficking Database

Scope:
- Is currently accessible to all IOM missions
- Contains primary data on approx. **15,000** trafficked persons

Two Purposes:
1. **Case Management** - serves to collect information & monitor IOM’s assistance to trafficked persons.

How is data collected?
1. **Screening Interview Form** – assesses eligibility for assistance through one of IOM’s counter-trafficking projects.
2. **Assistance Interview Form** – includes more in-depth information on the assistance delivered.
Thank You!

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For further reading…

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