IOM AND IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) assists States in assessing and improving the integrity of their identity documents, especially travel documents, and related issuance and management systems, with a focus on effective, robust and internationally compliant processes. In partnership with relevant authorities, the Immigration and Border Management (IBM) Team is committed to strengthening national identity management chains, from the delivery of reliable breeder documents such as birth certificates to the safe and reliable issuance of secure identity and travel documents. IOM's Identity Management activities cover two main areas:

Travel document and related issuance systems

The IBM Team assists governments in assessing, planning and implementing improvements to their travel documents and related issuance systems, referencing the applicable travel document standards of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). In addition to participating in various ICAO working and consultative groups, IOM is actively supporting new developments in the field of identity management through its "Advanced Seminar on ICAO Compliant E-Travel Documents" as well as its online publication "Documents: the Developer's toolkit". A strong area of focus is the provision of commercially neutral technical expertise to address Member States' requests for travel document handling and issuance assessments, an audit tool developed and implemented as part of ICAO's Implementation and Capacity Building Working Group.

Travel document inspection

Border management officials in many countries also benefit from the IOM's specific training curriculum on travel document inspection and use of associated equipment, supported by IOM's flagship training tool in this field: the "Passport Examination Procedures Manual", available in nine languages. Training delivery usually includes provision of inspection equipment, either for primary or secondary line, with the emphasis on strengthening institutional capacities for recurrent in-service training programmes.

OUR OBJECTIVE

SUPPORT STATES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND RELATED ISSUANCE SYSTEMS

STRENGTHEN BORDER OFFICIALS' TRAVEL DOCUMENT INSPECTION SKILLS THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF TAILORED TRAINING COURSES

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IDENTITY MANAGEMENT PROJECTS ARE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED IN ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD:

AFGHANISTAN A noteworthy IBM project in cooperation with Australia's Department of Immigration and Citizenship in Afghanistan achieved the introduction of the first machine readable passports as well as improved integrity within the issuance and management systems. IOM helped complete the construction of the new Central Passport Department office of the Ministry of Interior, delivered additional training for the staff in Kabul as well as in different provinces.

BELARUS IOM, in partnership with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), assisted the Government in setting up a Machine-Readable Travel Document (MRTD) system in line with latest internationally agreed standards. The project "Strengthening migration management in the Republic of Belarus" is aimed at:

- Developing MRTDs with biometric features;
- Reviewing legislation and institutional practices related to biometric MRTDs and ensuring they are in accordance with international standards;
- Reviewing and assessing IT and data storing capacity to incorporate biometric technology in MRTDs;
- Bringing best practices and technical expertise on biometric applications to Belarus through study trips and exchange of experience.

SRI LANKA Sri Lanka's identity documents had no high security features and the absence of online, real time verification made the passport issuance process vulnerable to fraud. Within the Migration Management Programme, funded by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, IOM provided assistance to improve identity management in the passport issuance process by introducing biometrics comparison technology (finger and face identification) to ensure compliance with the "one passport – one person" policy. The programme also enhanced interoperability by linking the base document databases for verification to the Department of Immigration and Emigration for improved identity management, resulting in an Integrated Enquiry Management System. This can be electronically linked with Birth, Marriage and Death, National Identity Card and the driving license databases.

IOM's Immigration & Border Management Programme

Identity management

INTRODUCING IOM'S

MIGRATION INFORMATION AND DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM (MIDAS)

MIDAS, the Migration Information and Data Analysis System developed by IOM, is designed to collect, process and store travellers' information at entry and exit border posts for the purpose of identification, collection and analysis. MIDAS aims to enhance border facilitation and boder movement control through information gathering and connection to national and international alert lists, including Interpol's I-24/7 Global Communication System and its Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database. MIDAS provides high quality performances for States that do not have or currently operate an inadequate data capture system at their borders.

For more information on MIDAS, please consult the Infosheet on MIDAS

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