INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
Mission in Afghanistan

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Construction of a flood protection wall in Nangarhar province, IOM 2015

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. With 162 member states, a further nine states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants. The IOM Constitution recognizes the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the right of freedom of movement.

The IOM mission in Afghanistan was established in 1992 and has maintained an uninterrupted presence in the country. Afghanistan is one of the largest IOM missions worldwide, with over 290 staff in Kabul, eight sub offices and seven project offices.

IOM currently implements a range of humanitarian assistance, community stabilization and migration management initiatives in Afghanistan, in cooperation with Afghan government and humanitarian partners as well as local communities. Activities are carried out in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.

- IOM Country Office
- IOM Suboffice
- IOM Project Office

Mission Statement

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. As the leading organization for migration, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to:

- Assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management
- Advance understanding of migration issues
- Encourage social and economic development through migration
- Uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants

IOM AFGHANISTAN PROGRAMME AREAS

HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

Cross-Border Return and Reintegration (CBRR): IOM provides vulnerable, undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan with immediate humanitarian post-arrival assistance. The programme also targets returnees and communities hosting returnees with reintegration assistance activities to contribute to their sustainable reintegration.

Humanitarian Assistance Programme (HAP): HAP responds to the emergency and recovery needs of natural disaster-affected communities across Afghanistan by distributing Non-Food Items (NFIs) and Emergency Shelter, providing protection assistance and introducing Disaster Risk Reduction mitigation measures.

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

Afghanistan Passport Issuing System and Afghanistan Visa Issuing System (APIS/AVIS): Through the APIS/AVIS project, IOM is working with the Government of Afghanistan to introduce Machine Readable Passports and Machine Readable Visas compliant with international standards.

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR): IOM's AVRR programme offers a dignified and safe return option for migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin.

Capacity Building for the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (CBMM): IOM supports the efforts of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation to enhance its capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver services by providing strategic guidance and training, as well as technical support for beneficiary data management.

Counter-Trafficking (CT): Trafficking affects Afghanistan as a source, transit and destination country. IOM current counter-trafficking activities include prevention, technical cooperation and victim protection.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR): Disaster Risk Reduction activities help build resilience to natural disasters in vulnerable communities. IOM directly implements DRR activities and works to build the capacity of the State Ministry for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs (SMDM).

Electronic National ID Card (E-Tazkira): IOM is providing technical, operational and targeted capacity building support to the Ministry of Interior for the implementation of a biometric, polycarbonate Electronic National ID to replace the various paper civil registration/identity documents currently available.

Medical Health Assessment Center (MHAC): IOM provides medical screening and assessment services for returnees as well as Afghans being resettled abroad.

Return of Qualified Afghans (RQA): The RQA programme focuses on identifying and facilitating the return of Afghans living abroad who are motivated to contribute their skills on a short- or long-term basis for the benefit of Afghanistan's reconstruction.

MIGRATION POLICY

Migration Policy and Research: IOM conducts research designed to guide and inform migration policy and practice. The organization provides a unique space for consultation between researchers and policy makers.

Regional Consultative Processes: IOM supports the Government of Afghanistan's participation in the Almaty, Budapest, Bali and Colombo processes for informal, non-binding dialogue and information exchange on migration-related issues of common interest and concern.