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- Helped more than 1.5 million migrants return voluntarily to their countries since 1979.
- Helped thousands of returning migrants to reintegrate within their communities.
- Assisted over 100,000 persons trafficked for forced labour or begging, sexual exploitation, organ removal and other purposes since the mid-1990s.
- Protected 130,000 migrants vulnerable to violence, exploitation, and abuse in 2015 and 2016 alone.

IOM is committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Targets 10.7, 5.2, 8.7 and 16.2, which call for facilitating the orderly, safe, and responsible migration and mobility of people, and for the eradication of trafficking in persons, forced labour, child labour, and modern slavery, as well as Goal 17.

IOM believes that migration which takes place in a safe, orderly and dignified manner is beneficial for migrants, governments and societies.

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Together with its partners MPA has:

- *Helped more than 1.5 million migrants return voluntarily to their countries since 1979.*
- *Supported returning migrants to reintegrate within their communities.*
- *Assisted close to 100,000 victims of human trafficking since 1994.*
- *Assisted more than 60,000 vulnerable migrants in 2017 alone.*



IOM effectively contributes to protecting and assisting migrants in need through seven practice areas:

DATA AND ANALYTICS

IOM leverages its unique operational data from assisting victims of trafficking and other migrants vulnerable to violence, exploitation, and abuse, as well as its Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programmes to develop the evidence base for policy and programming.

RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

AVRR is an indispensable part of a comprehensive approach to migration management aimed at the orderly and humane return and sustainable reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host or transit countries, and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin, including migrants in vulnerable situations. Under certain conditions, IOM can provide post-arrival and reintegration assistance to migrants returning under the auspices of other stakeholders than IOM, or returning with their own means.

IOM developed a Framework, which articulates key principles of engagement and programmatic commitments on AVRR, calling for the adoption of coordinated measures, policies and practices between stakeholders responsible for migration management and development at the international, national and local levels.

As part of its Integrated Approach to Reintegration, IOM has created an index with standardized indicators to measure reintegration sustainability and is currently developing capacity-building tools to strengthen reintegration assistance. IOM has also set-up innovative communication tools to give voice to returnees and promote engagement on voluntary return and reintegration.

MIGRANTS IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS

Over the past 20 years, IOM has provided protection and assistance to thousands of migrants in vulnerable situations, including migrants who have suffered from violence, exploitation or abuse.

Based on its unique experience, IOM has developed a 'determinants of migrant vulnerability' model, an innovative tool to holistically assess migrants' vulnerabilities and capabilities. It analyses factors at the individual, household/family, community and structural levels that contribute to vulnerability or, conversely, those that contribute to resilience, mitigate vulnerability, reduce harm and can inform comprehensive and sustainable solutions. IOM's model and the associated programmatic framework aims to assist all parties involved in migration planning and programming, protection and assistance, and sustainable development to integrate and/or improve migrant protection within their work.

PROTECTING MIGRANT CHILDREN

Migrant children, in particular unaccompanied and separated children, are most vulnerable to violence, abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking. IOM works with a wide range of partners to protect the rights of migrant children, keep them safe from harm, prevent their detention and improve their access to assistance, including through AVRR programmes.

COUNTERING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

IOM works in partnership with governments, the United Nations, international and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and development partners on all aspects of counter-trafficking responses – prevention, protection, and prosecution.

Since the mid-1990s, IOM and its partners have provided protection and assistance to nearly 100,000 men, women and children, who were trafficked for sexual and labour exploitation, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude, or for organ removal.

IOM takes a comprehensive approach to addressing human trafficking. Respect for human rights, the physical, mental and social well-being of the individual and his or her community, and the sustainability of our actions through institutional capacity development and partnerships are at the centre of all of IOM's counter-trafficking efforts.

ADDRESSING EXPLOITATION IN BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

IOM engages with businesses to prevent and mitigate the risks of labour and human rights violations in their operations and supply chains, including human trafficking and associated forms of abuse and exploitation. IOM also provides guidance and advisory services to private sector entities and public actors to ensure that remedies are available to victims where harm has occurred.

THE GLOBAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The Global Assistance Fund (GAF) is an emergency mechanism to provide comprehensive support to migrants in a vulnerable situation globally. This support includes immediate protection and personalized assistance to victims of trafficking; unaccompanied or separated migrant children; migrants subject to, or at risk of exploitation, abuse and violence; and migrants in extreme psychological and physical distress. Since its establishment in 2000, the GAF has helped 2,700 victims of trafficking and other migrants vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse, including through AVRR.