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## OVERVIEW

The establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) marks a major milestone for the regional economic integration agenda and has driven significant change in the job market and economic landscape for all countries in the region, including Thailand. Enhanced economic connectivity however also renders the region more vulnerable to the threats of transnational organized crime, including human trafficking and people smuggling. Organized criminal groups have shown that they can re-adapt their methods to exploit new opportunities or overcome counter-action.

Recognizing that these threats will continue to pose challenges to Thailand, IOM will work with the Royal Thai Police to conduct a rigorous border and migration management assessment to provide a complete overview of the migration management structure of Thailand and enable the development and delivery of tailored interventions based upon genuine institutional needs and requirements. This is to ensure that sustainable structures, capacity and mechanisms are in place to allow for the effective interception of human smuggling and trafficking cases on a consistent and timely basis with special consideration paid to the needs of vulnerable migrants.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

**COMPONENT 1:** Conduct a Border and Migration Management Assessment conducted on administration, regulatory framework, operations, information management and intra-agency cooperation.

**COMPONENT 2:** Establish a Technical Working Group (TWG) to develop specialized training curriculum on intra- and inter-agency cooperation on investigation and countering transnational crime based on findings from the Border and Migration Management Assessment .

**COMPONENT 3:** To ensure border management and law enforcement officials adopt joint good practices and new approaches in countering transnational crime, a 5-day Training of Trainers (ToT) will be organized based on the training curriculum developed as part of component 2.

**COMPONENT 4:** Organize one 4-day multiple-agency workshop to strengthen cooperation and enhance communication among various government agencies involved in the prosecution process.

## KEY FACTS



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Bangkok, Thailand

**Project Partners:**  
Thai Immigration Bureau,  
Royal Thai Police,  
Thai Police Cadet Academy

**Project Beneficiaries:**  
Thai Immigration Bureau,  
Police Education Bureau,  
Tourist Police Bureau,  
Marine Police Division,  
Foreign Affairs Division of  
the Royal Thai Police,  
Ministry of Interior,  
National Security Council,  
Customs Department

