



The migration and mobility landscape in South, Southeast, and Central Asia is dynamic, diverse, and complex, characterized by circular and seasonal migration, regular and irregular migration, large populations of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced people, and stateless persons.

Many migration trends in the two sub-regions remain irregular in nature as legal channels can be costly, time-consuming and bureaucratic. As a result, many migrant workers fall victim to exploitation, violence and abuse, including, but not limited to, labour exploitation, debt bondage and general threats to themselves and family, often as a means of control by employers, agents or recruiters.

In response to these challenges, the Asia Regional Migration Program aims to strengthen the capacities and resources of Governments in Asia to manage the complex migration flows in the region, particularly migrants in vulnerable and crisis situations, through enhanced structures, policies, processes, safe and legal migration pathways, and effective partnerships at the national, sub-regional, and regional level.

The program has been strategically conceptualized to serve and respond to a framework of three common outcome areas: (I) migration management; (II) partnerships; and (III) crisis response. These outcome areas interconnect with the long-term goals of helping governments and key national stakeholders to improve their migration management capabilities and more robustly cooperate with their regional partners on migration issues, while also seeking to reduce migrant vulnerabilities. The program is further aligned and contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Global Compact for Migration, and its guiding principles.

## KEY FACTS



### Donor

United States Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)

### Project Duration

1 October 2021 - 30 September 2022

### Geographical Coverage

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam

### Management Site

Bangkok, Thailand

### Target Beneficiaries

Government Officials, Civil Society, Vulnerable Migrants, including Victims of Trafficking and Labour Exploitation, Migrants in Crisis, Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Migrants in Detention, Child Migrants and Unaccompanied Minors

## CORE PILLARS OF IMPLEMENTATION



### MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

1. Provide consolidated datasets, flow monitoring reports to government counterparts.
2. Equip Governments with the knowledge and tools to identify the individual needs of vulnerable migrants, including, but not limited to, victims of trafficking.
3. Enhance the capacity of Governments to provide effective direct assistance and protection-oriented support to vulnerable migrants in accordance with international standards and best practices.
4. Ensure Governments have access to high quality tools and greater in-house expertise to promote safe and regular migration channels, reduce migrant vulnerabilities, and prevent exploitation and abuse.



### PARTNERSHIPS

1. Strengthen bilateral cooperation agreements and mechanisms between and amongst sending and receiving countries to manage migration more effectively
2. Strengthen regional platforms for dialogue and facilitate information sharing amongst multi-stakeholder coordination fora and mechanisms



### CRISIS RESPONSE

1. Improve the capacity of government officials to develop and implement emergency consular contingency plans to protect citizens abroad in crisis situations
2. Equip countries of destination with the knowledge and skills to implement emergency migration management tools to assist migrants in crisis.



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