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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 (BMMA) 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 Thailand’s Border and Migration Management Assessment (BMMA) Report and Joint Action Plan on administration, regulatory framework, operations, information management and intra/inter-agency cooperation.

COMPONENT 2: Conduct series of multi-stakeholder meetings on the preparation of understanding and enforcing the new Immigration Act which embeds suppression of smuggling of migrants crime provisions

COMPONENT 3: Establish a Technical Working Group (TWG) to develop specialized training curriculum on inter-agency cooperation in countering transnational organized crime based on findings from the Border and Migration Management Assessment .

COMPONENT 4: Organize a 5-day Training of Trainers (ToT) for TWG agencies based on the training curriculum developed in component 3, to ensure border management and law enforcement officials adopt joint good practices and new approaches in countering transnational crime.

KEY FACTS



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Immigration Bureau of the Royal Thai Police

Project Beneficiaries:
Thai Immigration Bureau, other police agencies of the Royal Thai Police, Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Interior, National Security Council, Customs Department, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, etc.

