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OVERVIEW

In light of the rising volume of Rohingya refugees and complex risks of irregular migration, including the new threat of COVID-19, IOM aims to improve awareness and sensitization of protection risks of Rohingya refugees and migrants by providing channels at the regional, national and local levels.

Funded by the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO), IOM responds to heightened protection risks due to COVID-19 of Rohingya refugees and other migrants undertaking maritime and land movements in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand through improved coordination, advocacy and response measures.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Strengthening coordination and advocacy

Responding to transboundary challenges, IOM strengthens coordination and advocacy on the movement of Rohingya refugees and migrants by bridging information sharing gaps among regional partners. A coordination mechanism co-chaired by IOM ensures that partners are better equipped with up-to-date data, guidelines and information on the specific needs of Rohingya refugees and migrants. Partners also advocate for search and rescue, disembarkation of vessels in distress, screening and referrals and timely solutions.

Addressing Xenophobia

Amid misinformation and xenophobic responses on COVID-19 placing Rohingya refugees and migrants at increased risk, IOM engages in awareness raising campaigns on their rights and needs, including through public screenings, media workshops and social media. The campaigns are conducted in partnership with the Rohingya refugee community and promote messages of inclusion and tolerance.

Supporting authorities

IOM provides technical support to authorities managing the arrival of refugees and migrants to strengthen and adapt COVID-19 responses to be better prepared in managing disembarkation and land arrivals, life-saving assistance and care in reception locations, in coordination with partners.

Strengthening protection

IOM strengthens protection of Rohingya refugees and migrants with health and service support in a safe and dignified manner. In coordination with partners, IOM addresses and mitigates protection risks by strengthening referral mechanisms, raising awareness and capacity-building on protection mainstreaming. Direct health and other humanitarian support are also delivered to Rohingya refugees and migrants.

KEY FACTS

Donor:

European Union
Civil Protection and
Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)

Project duration:

July 2020 - July 2022

Countries covered:

Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand

Management site:

Bangkok, Thailand

Project partners:

Relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, Geutanyoe Foundation and UN Partners

Target beneficiaries:

Rohingya refugees and migrants, host communities and governmental and non-governmental partners in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand



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