



OVERVIEW

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is a Related Organization of the United Nations. IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. To advance this aim, IOM provides services and advice to governments and migrants.

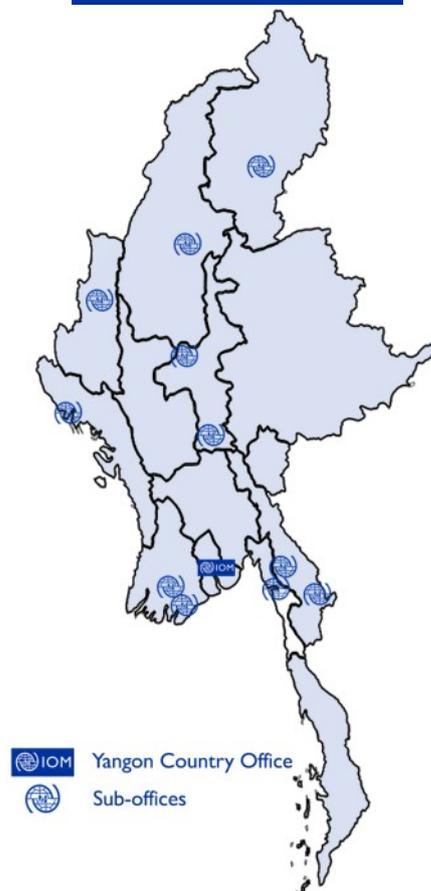
IOM works with its partners to meet the growing operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration and uphold the well-being and human rights of migrants.

Migration within Myanmar and across its long borders, which cover Thailand, Lao PDR, China, India and Bangladesh, is subject to a range of drivers which are complex. Today, over 13 million Myanmar people, or 25% of its population, are migrants whether they migrate internally or internationally. The major shifts that the country is experiencing – industrialization, urbanization, greater connectivity, peace process, regional integration and climate change, to name a few – will further induce greater movements of people. The prospect of economic growth alone suggests that nearly one-third of Myanmar’s rural population will migrate from villages to cities to take up non-farm employment in a couple of decades.

IOM Myanmar has expanded to cover all aspects of migration including labour mobility, human development, migration health, immigration and border management, migrant protection, counter trafficking, emergency, preparedness and post crisis migration management. IOM strives for promoting migration mainstreaming into government policy and programmes, building capacity of our partners and ensuring effective advocacy and protection of Myanmar migrants.

Today, IOM has a strong presence in Myanmar with over 580 staff working nationwide across 12 offices which are located in Bogale, Hpa’an, Kalay, Mawlamyine, Mawlamyinegyun, Myawaddy, Myitkyina, Nay Pyi Taw, Myingyan, Kaw Lin, Sittwe and Yangon.

IOM OFFICES IN MYANMAR



AREAS OF WORK



MIGRATION HEALTH IOM has been working to develop and deliver extensive and comprehensive health programming with a focus on HIV, TB and Malaria; Maternal and Child Health; Sexual Reproductive Health; Gender Based Violence; and Health System Strengthening for migrants, mobility impacted communities and host communities across Myanmar.



MIGRANT PROTECTION IOM's work in providing direct assistance to vulnerable migrants includes medical, legal, psychological, shelter and rehabilitation, food and clothing, formal and informal education, vocational training, and life skills training. IOM is also supporting the government's efforts to strengthen direct assistance interventions to victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants.



POLICY IOM supports whole-of-government and whole-of-society policy development and implementation processes in the area of labour migration, migration health, counter-trafficking, migration mainstreaming and the Global Compact on Migration including technical support and capacity building of



LABOUR MOBILITY & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IOM works closely with government and non-government partners at local, national and international levels to foster the synergies between labour migration and development, and to support safe, informed and gainful labour migration for migrants, their families, communities, and for Myanmar as a whole.



IMMIGRATION & BORDER MANAGEMENT

Increasing mobility and an increasing number of international routes and new border crossings create a need for strengthened management. IOM supports the Government of Myanmar in developing improved policy, legislation, operational systems and the human resource base necessary to respond more effectively to diverse migration and border challenges.



EMERGENCY AND POST CRISIS IOM works in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), developing hazard risk maps and disaster management plans, improving end to end early warning systems and community resilience and supporting governments by increasing their capacity to manage disasters and reduce the impact on communities.



MIGRATION RESEARCH IOM collaborates with government and non-government partners to carry out research to better understand Myanmar's complex and fast changing migration dynamics, address knowledge and policy gaps and promote evidence-based and inclusive discussions on migration.



MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE IOM provides logistical and operational support to facilitate safe and orderly movement of people, including refugee repatriation, assisted voluntary return of stranded migrants and family reunification. IOM's roles include transportation arrangement, pre-departure, movement and post-arrival support, health screening and coordination with stakeholders.

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