



REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE
THE BALI PROCESS

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**ANNUAL
WORKPLAN
2022**



Regional Support Office

The Regional Support Office to the Bali Process (RSO) was established in 2012 as a unique regional mechanism that brings together relevant **Policy knowledge**, **Technical expertise** and **Operational experience** from Bali Process members and other key stakeholders to develop practical initiatives that address people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

The RSO *Annual Workplan 2022* sets out our roadmap of key forecasted activities to deliver in 2022 in our efforts to strengthen practical cooperation on countering people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime, from, to and through the Asia-Pacific region. The activities in this *Annual Workplan 2022* are informed by the guiding principles and core purposes outlined in the RSO *Strategic Plan 2021-22*.

Guiding Principles

Four guiding principles shape how the RSO develops the activities in the Annual Workplan and how we achieve our objectives.

- **Participatory and consultative** engagement with State and International Organisation Members, private sector and other partners
- **Inclusive, non-discriminatory, gender-sensitive** and supportive of **gender equality**
- In line with **international law, norms and standards**, including human rights and refugee law
- **Responsive and adaptive** to needs and emerging priorities of Bali Process Member States and International Organisations



Achieving our Strategic Purpose

The *RSO Strategic Plan 2021-22* outlines four key purposes that guide the activities of the RSO and demonstrate how we contribute to the overall work of the Bali Process. The *RSO Annual Workplan 2022* outlines activities that we intend to deliver this year and how they align with our purposes.

Purpose 1

Responsive to Bali Process Members and Working Groups

We engage with Bali Process Members to deliver activities that contribute towards commitments and undertakings arising from Bali Process meetings. We source and provide specialist technical assistance to Bali Process Members, Task Forces and Working Groups.

Purpose 2

Operational Capacity Building

We work with Bali Process Members and partners to develop and deliver fit-for-purpose operational capacity building activities relevant to the mandate of the Bali Process.

Purpose 3

Policy Development and Promotion of Best Practice

We provide support to Bali Process Members to improve aspects of migration management, responses to people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

Purpose 4

Outreach, Engagement and Advocacy

We engage and promote the work of the Regional Support Office to partners and dialogues outside of the Bali Process architecture, and publicly advocate on our issues and activities.



Quarter 1: January - March 2022

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
In partnership with UNHCR, facilitation of a Core Group Meeting on the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit Pilot Project with the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives of the Government of Pakistan			✓	
In partnership with UNHCR, the release of the Screening and Referral Toolkit mobile application		✓	✓	
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of a virtual training workshop on Addressing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons for Indonesian law enforcement officials		✓		
As part of the USP postgraduate program on international security, delivery of a session for students representing immigration and law enforcement agencies in the Pacific focusing on Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants and the role of local, regional and international stakeholders in securing borders		✓		✓
Upon request from IOM Fiji, delivery of a presentation to the Ministry of Defense of the Government of Fiji on Trafficking Victim Referral Mechanisms	✓	✓		✓
In partnership with the NEXUS Institute, the development of the Facilitator Guide #2 on Victim Protection and Support as part of the RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series on Trafficking Victim Protection		✓	✓	
Upon request from INTERPOL, delivery of a session on Interviewing Trafficking Victims as part of INTERPOL's Operation STORMMAKERS	✓	✓		✓
In partnership with UNODC, delivery of Countering Smuggling of Migrants at Sea training		✓		✓
In partnership with UNODC, piloting the computer-based vessel search simulation tool		✓		✓
In partnership with UNODC, hosting of a roundtable discussion on collaborative efforts to understand and address corruption as a facilitator of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants			✓	
In partnership with IOM, providing voluntary return and reintegration assistance to eligible migrants from Bali Process Member States	✓	✓	✓	



Quarter 2: April – June 2022

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
In partnership with UNHCR Asia and the Australian Government, the release of the Comparative Analysis of Education and Labor Mobility Pathways publication			✓	
In partnership with IOM, production of an awareness raising YouTube video outlining five important facts about the Regional Roadmap on Ethical Recruitment and Responsible Business project			✓	✓
Observation of the UNESCAP-led regional steering group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific	✓			✓
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of a virtual training workshop on Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking in Persons. Workshop content drawn from the Facilitator Guides developed under the RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of a virtual training workshop on Addressing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons by Sea for the Indonesian Maritime Security Agency (BAKAMLA)		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of a virtual training workshop on Countering the Smuggling of Migrants for Indonesian law enforcement and government officials		✓		
Participation in the APCSS Comprehensive Security Cooperation Course				✓
In partnership with the NEXUS Institute, the development of the Facilitator Guide #3 on Recovery and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims as part of the RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series on Trafficking Victim Protection		✓	✓	
Development of the RSO online learning platform		✓		
Integration of VCA into RSO training curricula related to Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants to ensure victim perspectives are considered into anti-trafficking and smuggling processes		✓		
In partnership with ABF and MMEA, joint facilitation of Operation Redback		✓		✓
Update of the RSO-UNHCR Comparative Analysis of Education and Labor Mobility Pathways for Admission of Refugees and Asylum Seekers			✓	✓
In partnership with IOM, providing voluntary return and reintegration assistance to eligible migrants from Bali Process Member States	✓	✓		✓



Quarter 3: July – September 2022

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
In partnership with PROSPECT, NEXUS Institute and ACWC (ASEAN), hosting of a Thematic Dialogue on Trafficking Victim Protection and Support: Victim Assistance and Referral		✓	✓	✓
Hosting of the Bali Process 20 th Anniversary RSO Roundtable: Constructive Dialogue on Irregular Migration, People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons	✓	✓	✓	✓
In partnership with UNHCR, hosting a joint webinar on Implementing the Recommendations of the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit Pilot Project			✓	✓
In partnership with IOM, the production of the Policy Paper on Promoting Safe Migration between Cambodia and Thailand post COVID-19 and Best Practice Guide			✓	✓
In partnership with IOM, conducting a desktop review on good practices and legal aspects of returns, readmission, and alternatives to detention in Bali Process Member States	✓		✓	
Delivery of a virtual training workshop on Addressing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons for the Immigration Department of Malaysia		✓		
In partnership with CIFAL, the delivery of a special course on the 3P Paradigm, a fundamental international framework, to combat Trafficking in Persons		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of an in-person training workshop in Semarang, Indonesia on Investigating Smuggling of Migrants for Indonesian law enforcement officials		✓		
Delivery of an in-person workshop in Suva, Fiji on Addressing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons for Pacific law enforcement and government officials		✓		
In partnership with the PPA, delivery of the Basic Course on combating Trafficking in Persons for cadets in Hanoi, Viet Nam		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of an in-person training workshop in Semarang, Indonesia on responding to Trafficking in Persons for front-line border officers		✓		
In partnership with the NEXUS Institute, development of the Facilitator Guide #4 on Special and Additional Measures for Trafficked Children as part of the RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series on Trafficking Victim Protection		✓	✓	
In partnership with UNODC, delivery a workshop on strengthening response to Smuggling of Migrants in Viet Nam			✓	✓
In partnership with the NEXUS Institute, release of the Victims of Trafficking Directory of Services development guide: A Tool for Practitioners and accompanying template and 'how to' video		✓	✓	



Quarter 4: October – December 2022

Activity	Strategic Purpose			
	1	2	3	4
In partnership with IOM, commencement of project: Supporting Bali Process Member States' efforts to provide streamlined reintegration assistance for returnees	✓			
In partnership with IOM, commencement of project: Supporting Bali Process Member States' efforts to provide integrated return and reintegration services to stranded migrants	✓			
In partnership with IOM, commencement of project: A Regional Approach to Addressing Immigration Issues (with a focus on Thailand)	✓	✓	✓	
In partnership with UNHCR, commencement of project: Screening and Referral Toolkit Phase 2		✓	✓	
In partnership with UNHCR, commencement of project: Operational Simulation Exercise on Rescue at Sea		✓	✓	
In partnership with UNODC, commencement of project: Responding to Smuggling of Migrants by Sea		✓	✓	
In partnership with UNODC, commencement of project: Strengthening Understanding of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, supplementing the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime Convention	✓		✓	✓
In partnership with the ICRC, commencement of project: Responding to the plight of Missing Migrants and their families in Asia-Pacific		✓		✓
Commencement of project: Educational and Awareness-Raising Tool for understanding Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants, and Transnational Organised Crime		✓		
In partnership with the PPA, delivery of the Advanced Course on combatting Trafficking in Persons for provincial police in Hanoi, Viet Nam		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of an in-person training workshop in Semarang, Indonesia on addressing Smuggling of Migrants for law enforcement officials		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC and PROSPECT, delivery of the Regional Curriculum on Victim Identification, Protection and Reintegration for ASEAN Member States		✓		
In partnership with JCLEC, delivery of an in-person training workshop in Semarang, Indonesia on Border Management by Air for immigration and law enforcement officials		✓		



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In partnership with the NEXUS Institute, development of the Practitioner Guide #5 on Special and Additional Measures for Victim-Witnesses as part of the RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series on Trafficking Victim Protection			✓	
In partnership with the NEXUS Institute, development of the Practitioner Guide #6 on Access to remedies as part of the RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series on Trafficking Victim Protection			✓	
Hosting of the <i>Border Cooperation in Practice</i> Forum with Bali Process Members to mark the 10 th Anniversary of the RSO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hosting the Bali Process RSO Members Engagement Function	✓			✓
In partnership with IOM, providing voluntary return and reintegration assistance to eligible migrants from Bali Process Member States	✓	✓		✓



RSO Thematic Areas of Focus

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RSO transitioned engagement and training activities to a fully online environment. This transition ensured the RSO continued to support BPMS through policy dialogue and roundtables and capacity building and training. In the lead up to the transition of RSO engagement and training activities to face-to-face and hybrid, the RSO conducted an analysis of BPMS activities and dialogues in order to direct RSO activities into thematic areas of focus. The six thematic areas of focus will serve as a living framework to guide RSO capacity building, policy and partnership development and communication and outreach ensuring RSO activities are aligned to regional priorities and BPMS needs.

Thematic Area 1: COVID-19 Pandemic and Future Impacts

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting international border closures restricted pathways for migration. Criminal networks who smuggle migrants for profit continued to thrive during the COVID-19 pandemic and their methods became riskier and the demand for their services increased as pathways were restricted. As a result, the vulnerability of migrants, including refugees and asylum-seekers, to becoming victims of human trafficking similarly increased during this period. In recognition of the changing characteristics of irregular migration trends owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RSO will collaborate with BPMS to conduct activities that are responsive to the changing environment of irregular migration in the region to support effective prevention and response measures against people smuggling, trafficking in persons, and related transnational crime.

Thematic Area 2: Victim-and Survivor Centered Approach

The RSO will work with BPMS to promote a victim-and survivor centered approach through capacity building and training activities and policy dialogue. The development of policy tools, guides and training curriculum will be informed by victim and survivor insights and experiences that can be considered throughout policy discussions, project implementation and training. A focus on these approaches will be an essential component of discussions, projects and trainings and will aim to bring victim and survivors' voices and experiences into the RSO's offerings to BPMS.

Thematic Area 3: Gender responsive

The RSO recognises that activities need to be designed with the awareness that women, men, girls and boys are at risk for different methods of recruitment and exploitation. Gender greatly affects modes of trafficking in persons and people smuggling, and efforts should be gender responsive to ensure they are fit for purpose and context specific. Industries and geographic areas can pose more or less risk for men, women, girls and boys, making gender inequality and gender-based violence one of the most prevalent aspects of trafficking in persons, people smuggling and related transnational crime.

Thematic Area 4: Digital Technologies and Innovation

The remarkable growth of information and communication technology has not been fully leveraged to counter trafficking in persons and people smuggling. In contrast, transnational organised criminal



networks continue to adapt their tactics to lure, recruit, and exploit individuals and the use of digital technologies as a platform for these activities is now the preferred method. The RSO will support BPMS to consider how technology tools can be used in prevention, disruption, investigation and response activities with respect to countering trafficking in persons, people smuggling and related transnational crime.

Thematic Area 5: Cross-sector Collaboration (Bali Process Members, Bali Process Observers, and the private sector)

The RSO recognises the need and is well-positioned to collaborate with Bali Process Members and observers and the private sector on countering people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime. Drawing on a range of knowledge and experiences, best practice approaches and engaging in root cause discussions will promote national action by BPMS and regional cooperation between BPMS, Bali Process Members, observers and the private sector. The RSO will contribute to countering trafficking in persons and people smuggling objectives, including supporting the activities of Bali Process Working Groups and the Bali Process Government and Business Forum.

Thematic Area 6: Supporting Bali Process Member States through regional crises

The RSO will look for opportunities to support BPMS to manage irregular migration arising from humanitarian and other regional crises. Armed conflicts, political instability, and large-scale disasters breed opportunities for traffickers, smugglers and transnational criminal networks while simultaneously weakening preventive measures. The RSO will assist in enhancing the capacity of BPMS including Departments and Ministries of Government, Immigration authorities, border control and customs, law enforcement and service providers by offering countering trafficking, smuggling and transnational crime capacity building and training activities and through dialogue and engagement.



Responsive to Bali Process Members, Working Groups and emerging issues

In accordance with our Strategic Priorities, the RSO remains agile, adaptable and approachable to respond and deliver additional activities beyond the activities defined in the *Annual Workplan 2022*, in response to commitments and undertakings arising from Bali Process meetings. The RSO can source and provide specialist advice and technical assistance to Bali Process Members, Taskforces and Working Groups upon request. The RSO will proactively introduce new initiatives and activities that respond to emerging issues relating to people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime.

Reporting and Performance

The RSO Co-Managers present on the annual performance of the RSO and how it aligns to the purposes outlined in the *Strategic Plan 2021-22* to the Bali Process Co-Chairs and Members at full meetings of the Bali Process, the Ad Hoc Group and Steering Group meetings.

In addition, where the RSO produces publications, these will generally be made available on the website.

Glossary

ABF: Australian Border Force

ACWC: ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children

APCSS: Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations

BAKAMLA: Indonesian Maritime Security Agency

Bali Process Members: Includes Bali Process Member States and International Organisations

Bali Process Observers: Includes Bali Process Observer States and Observer Agencies

BPMS: Bali Process Member States

CIFAL: Global Network of International Training Centres for Local Actors

CRVS: Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

ICRC: International Committee of the Red Cross

IDC: International Detention Coalition

IOM: International Organization for Migration

JCLEC: Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation

MMEA: Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Authority

PPA: Peoples Police Academy of Viet Nam

PROSPECT: ASEAN-USAID Partnership for Regional Optimization with the Political-Security and Socio-Cultural Communities

RSO: Regional Support Office of the Bali Process

UNCHR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNESCAP: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

USP: University of the South Pacific

VCA: Victim-Centered Approach



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