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BALI PROCESS CIVIL REGISTRATION ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT

Civil registration is the official recording by the State of the births, deaths, marriages and other vital events that happen among the population in its territory. This evidence provides individuals with proof of their legal identity and family relationships for exercising and safeguarding their rights, accessing social services and obtaining identity documents. Similarly, the continuous data collected through civil registration helps States to track their population and plan for future services as well as provides a system for identity management and national population databases.

The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (Bali Process) has addressed root causes of trafficking in persons, including the lack of civil registration and legal identity documentation, which often exposes individuals to a heightened risk of being trafficked. Therefore, in 2016 at the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Bali Process, Member States acknowledged the importance of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems.

The Regional Support Office (RSO) of the Bali Process and the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific thus jointly developed the “Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit”. The Toolkit is designed to assist Bali Process Member States in identifying—and ultimately in redressing—inequalities in the access to national CRVS systems.

Pakistan was one of the three Bali Process Member States that piloted the Toolkit. The RSO participated in the Pakistan Government led Virtual Core Working Group Meeting on **Mainstreaming of Vulnerable Populations** on 21 February 2022. Following this, Key Findings and Recommendations on the current state of civil registrations of vulnerable groups were endorsed by relevant stakeholders using the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit.

The Toolkit achieves the goal of paragraph 5 from the 2016 Ministerial Declaration where Bali Process Member States acknowledged the importance of civil registration for inclusive policy-making for the development and protection of the most vulnerable individuals (such as refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, persons of undetermined nationality, undocumented persons) and for tracking migration flows.

Please contact the RSO at info@rso.baliprocess.net if you are interested to learn more about the toolkit.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING



The provision of capacity building and training activities to frontline officers is a key offering from the RSO and a core component of the RSO's purpose. The RSO works with Bali Process Members and partners such as the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC), the People's Police Academy of Vietnam and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research affiliated CIFAL Jeju training facility, to develop and deliver fit-for-purpose capacity building activities.



On 1 March 2022, the RSO delivered a virtual training workshop with JCLEC on **Addressing People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons** to Indonesian law enforcement and immigration officials. The workshop contained three sessions aimed at providing participants with the knowledge and skills required to better understand and improve responses to incidents of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. The RSO valued the engagement from participants and will use their experiences and feedback as a basis for refining and improving the content for future workshops.



On 6 April 2022, a virtual training workshop was delivered with JCLEC on **Identifying and Protecting Victims of Trafficking in Persons** to law enforcement and immigration officials from Indonesia and Malaysia. Participants were asked to share their experiences and thoughts on what they considered to be key issues and challenges in trafficking victim identification and protection.

The content was based on the framework of the Practitioner Guides on [Trafficking Victim Identification](#) and [Victim Protection and Support](#) which were developed by the NEXUS Institute in partnership with the RSO. These guides are part of the project: **Improving the Identification, Protection and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims in Asia: Practitioner Guide Series**. Two additional guides on the [Recovery and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims](#) and the [Special and Additional Measures for Child Trafficking Victims](#) have also been published as part of the series.

The RSO will continue to deliver training workshops based on the Practitioner Guide Series as they support the work of practitioners from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Bali Process Member States. The guides offer a comprehensive and holistic overview of key issues and challenges in protecting adult and child trafficking victims in a succinct and accessible format as well as guidance for practitioners and policymakers to address them.

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Publication Updates

Corruption as a Facilitator of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants



Within the Bali Process, the Trafficking in Persons Working Group identified tackling corruption as a facilitator of human trafficking as a main priority of focus. The Working Group's Forward Work Plan 2017-19 aimed to 'strengthen Bali Process member countries' awareness of corruption as a key facilitator of human trafficking and explore opportunities to strengthen engagement between anti-corruption and trafficking practitioners'.

The RSO partnered with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific (ROSEAP)

to produce two key publications to address this identified gap. These products set out to promote understanding of, and strengthen response to, the role of corruption in these two crime types across the Bali Process region, with a particular focus on ASEAN Member States.

The study on **Corruption as a Facilitator of Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons in the Bali Process Region with a Focus on Southeast Asia** was launched on 30 March 2021. It concluded with roundtable discussions to present the results of the study as well as to gather views from related ministries and agencies in Indonesia and Malaysia respectively. The study offers a set of recommendations to inform responses to the interlinked phenomena of corruption, smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons.

The Briefing Notes summarise the recommendations from the study and captures the themes and insights that were shared from the discussions. The study and its associated publications encourage critical consideration of the relationship between corruption and people smuggling and trafficking in persons in Bali Process Member States.

Click here to read about the study [Corruption as a facilitator of smuggling of migrants and trafficking in person \(baliprocess.net\)](https://www.baliprocess.net) and to download the Briefing Notes.

RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series

The RSO and the NEXUS Institute partnered together to develop the Practitioner Guides on [Trafficking Victim Identification](#), [Victim Protection and Support](#), [Recovery and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims](#) and [Special and Additional Measures for Child Trafficking Victims](#) which were part of the project: Improving the Identification, Protection and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims in Asia: Practitioner Guide Series. The Guides support the work of practitioners in Bali Process Member States and provide concrete and practical guidance on what practitioners can do to improve trafficking victim protection.

The **Thai translation** of the **RSO-NEXUS Practitioner Guide Series on Trafficking Victim Identification** was finalised in April 2022 and expands the current language catalogue to 5 languages.



Click here to explore all 5 languages. English, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Indonesian and Thai.

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Technology Update

The RSO partnered with the UNHCR Bureau for Asia and the Pacific to release the **Screening and Referral Toolkit Mobile Application** which includes posters with instructions to download the App for free. The Toolkit project achieved the goal of paragraph 5 of the 2016 Bali Process Ministerial Declaration on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime and to build the capacity of border officials in identifying persons with specific needs arriving at the border. For example, victims of trafficking, asylum seekers, unaccompanied children and facilitating their referral to specialized services.

The RSO encourages Bali Process Member States to share the posters with their stakeholders including agencies involved in border management to download the Screening and Referral Toolkit Mobile Application.

If you would like more information or are interested in either participating in future training or piloting the Toolkit in the field, please contact the RSO by email - info@rso.baliprocess.net



Looking Ahead

- JUNE 2022 – The RSO has partnered with IOM and will release a **promotional bilateral consultation video** outlining the successful consultations between Cambodia and Thailand conducted as part of the **Regional Roadmap on Ethical Recruitment and Responsible Business to Eliminate Exploitation and Trafficking in Bali Process Members States**. The objective of the video is to promote the statements from both governments on addressing human trafficking and advocating for safe labour migration as well as building momentum for the policy dialogue between the two countries.
- JULY 2022 – The RSO has partnered with the UNHCR and will publish a synthesis report on the **Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit Pilot Project in Thailand, Vietnam, and Pakistan**. The Toolkit aims to assist Bali Process Member States to improve their national civil registration systems and emphasizes the importance of civil registration for inclusive policy-making for the development and protection of the most vulnerable individuals and for tracking migration flows. The RSO is planning an online seminar to bring together the participating countries to discuss the recommendations and engage on action plans.
- JULY 2022 – The RSO has partnered with the NEXUS Institute and will launch a **Guidance Note on How to Develop a Directory of Services for Trafficking Victims** which forms part of the project: *Improving the Identification, Protection and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims in Asia*. A Directory of Services is a vital resource for trafficking victims and their families to access the protection and assistance needed to recover and reintegrate after trafficking. The Guidance Note offers step-by-step guidance on how practitioners can design and implement a Directory of Services in their area or country. A 'How to' video will also accompany the Guidance Note.

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