



REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE

BALI PROCESS

The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

INFORMATION SHEET: Enhancing Collection, Use and Sharing of Data

Background

One of the key foundation projects for the *Regional Support Office of the Bali Process* (RSO) is a regional initiative to promote better immigration data collection and sharing between Bali Process members and international organizations.

This project builds upon work already undertaken within the Bali Process, with the aim to establish enhanced regional data sharing mechanisms. It is funded by the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Objectives

The objective of this project is to enhance the understanding of Bali Process member regarding the collection, use and sharing of immigration and biometric data by countries within the region.

How will this project support Bali Process Member States?

By analyzing the existing process of data collection, use and sharing, this project will facilitate the identification of gaps and barriers in information sharing at the regional level.

Project findings will serve as the first step to develop a regional mechanism to collect, use and share information among Bali Process countries. It will provide an important baseline of information to inform future interventions in the field of migration management of Bali Process members.

The project contributes to the objectives of the Regional Cooperation Framework to develop practical arrangements which promote increased information exchange while respecting confidentiality and upholding the privacy of persons concerned.

Outcome

This project will deliver a comprehensive analysis on:

1. Collection, use and sharing of immigration data by selected countries in the region and international organisations; and
2. Collection, use and sharing of biometrics by selected countries in the region and international organisations.

Key areas of focus include the:

- collection of immigration data by governments and international organizations in the region;
- registration of asylum seekers within camps;
- existence of national guidelines or training relating to data collection;
- current regional information sharing mechanism for immigration data including on asylum seekers;
- commonalities and differences between countries' nomenclature used when recording and using immigration data; and
- collection, use and sharing of biometrics information, with a focus on asylum seekers.

Timeframes and Implementation

This is a one-year project being implemented from 2012 by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) under the auspices of the RSO.

For more information

Further information on the RSO is available from the Bali Process web page at: <http://www.baliprocess.net>.

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