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Government Partners: Ministry of Home Affairs, Border Guard Bangladesh, Bangladesh Coast Guard
Location: Bangladesh with focus in Cox's Bazar
Beneficiaries: Undocumented Myanmar Nationals in Cox's Bazar, Government agencies working on counter-trafficking and border management

ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING THROUGH IMPROVED BORDER MANAGEMENT AND COUNTER TRAFFICKING RESPONSES IN COX'S BAZAR

Rohingya living in Cox's Bazar are a population highly vulnerable to being trafficked or smuggled. Government of Bangladesh agencies struggle in responding to this challenge and in effectively managing the border in general. Given the high pressure on border management agencies caused by the recent Rohingya influx, the specific geographical challenges of the border, and the different actors involved in border management, capacity building of border management and counter-trafficking actors is required to address these issues using an integrated border management approach to facilitate the exchange of information and coordinate respective responses. To address this need more comprehensively, IOM will work to increase awareness among Rohingya about the existing mechanisms for reporting trafficking in persons and lodging grievances with agencies. IOM will also work with the Ministry of Home Affairs and its border management agencies to strengthen intra- and inter-agency communication and coordination, as well as to improve their technical capacities to effectively manage the border, curb irregular movements, and respond to counter-trafficking and counter-migrants smuggling challenges.

Objective: To contribute to preventing trafficking in persons and its associated abuses, protecting victims, and facilitating investigations with more effective border management and law enforcement capacity and practices

Outcomes:

Rohingya in CxB increasingly avoid high risk behaviours associated with irregular migration, smuggling and TIP, and an increasingly engage with GoB agencies

An Integrated Border Management system ensures better coordination, information sharing, and effective operations among border agencies

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