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# IOM in Lao People's Democratic Republic

## Migration for the Benefit of All



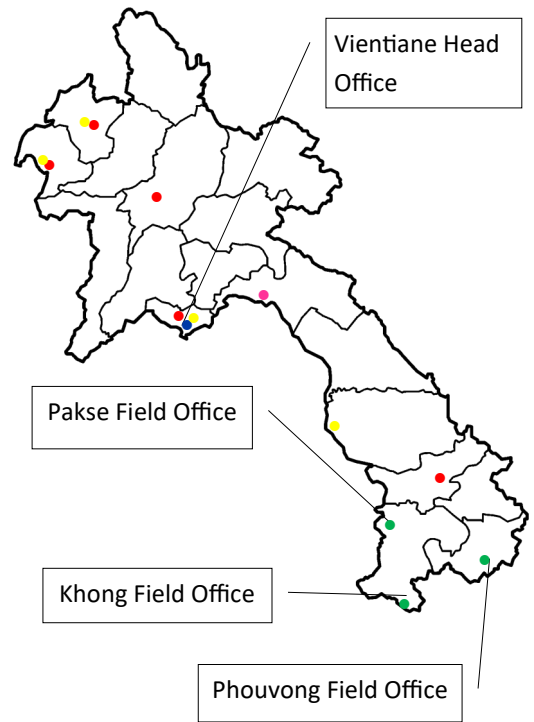
Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is part of the United Nations. IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. To advance this aim, IOM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

IOM works with the government and its partners to meet the growing 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.

In Lao People's Democratic Republic, IOM began its operations in 2002, first as a Project Office and then became a full functional office. Since then, IOM activities in the country have expanded significantly both in terms of their thematic and geographic coverages.

With the Lao People's Democratic Republic joining as a 171st member state of IOM in June 2018, IOM's cooperation with the Lao People's Democratic Republic is expected to be further strengthened to cover all aspects of migration affecting the country and its neighbours, including labour migration, migration health, counter trafficking, immigration and border management, environment and climate change, emergency and post-crisis response, migration data, policy and research.

Today, IOM has a solid presence in Lao People's Democratic Republic with seven active projects operated across the country. The IOM Office in Lao People's Democratic Republic has a main office in the UN House in Vientiane, and three project offices in Pakse, Khong and Phouvong Districts.



### Project Sites Across the Country

- Counter-Trafficking
- Border Management
- Labour Migration
- Migration Health
- Previous Project Sites



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# Areas of Work



## Counter Trafficking

IOM supports the identification, referral, and protection of trafficked victims, and assists to detect, investigate and prosecute cases of human trafficking. In doing so, it conducts victim identification screening, performs translation service during interviews, helps victims to access support services and carries out comprehensive trainings to enhance capacity of government officials in various sectors, namely, law enforcement agencies, Labor and Social Welfare sector, and Lao Women's Union.



## Immigration and Border Management

IOM supports the Department of Immigration under the Ministry of Public Security, and its regional and local counterparts to tackle irregular migration, human smuggling and trafficking by enhancing the capacity of border officials to detect and prevent smuggling of migrants and human trafficking, as well as vulnerable migrants at risk.



## Labour Migration

In collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the Special Economic Zone office under the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the private sector, and civil society organizations, IOM works to enhance the lives of migrant workers by promoting safe and regular migration, skills development and ethical recruitment. IOM has worked in SEZs to ensure companies follow ethical guidelines and ensure the rights of all workers.



## Migration Health

With the aim of providing effective health services for migrants and their host communities, IOM works in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health to create access to malaria information for prevention, better diagnosis and treatment in Khong district of Champasak province and Phouvong district of Attapeu province. IOM has worked in prevention of other communicable diseases, such as Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS as well as Avian Influenza.



## Emergency and Post Crisis

IOM is one of the co-leading agencies in disaster preparedness, mitigation and response activities, including Shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM). It also works with government agencies to address the vulnerabilities of migrants caught in emergencies. In the past, IOM provided assistance to the flood-affected families in Paksan and Bolikham Districts of Bolikhamxay Province.

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