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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the principal intergovernmental organisation in the field of migration and works closely with governments, UN agencies, NGOs and migrant networks worldwide. IOM aims to ensure the orderly and humane management of migration and to promote international cooperation on migration issues. It has 169 member- and 8 observer states. Numerous international and non-governmental organizations hold observer status.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Migration and development
- Facilitation of migration
- Regulation of migration
- Forced migration

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

IOM's Migration Health department monitors the health of migrants on the ground in order to strengthen knowledge of the health of migrants. It also advocates for policy development towards inclusive health policies which improve and maintain good migrant health, and delivers, facilitates and promotes migrant sensitive health systems and builds country level capacities to provide health services. Additionally, IOM seeks to create and maintain partnerships, networks and global frameworks to enhance cooperation between countries and stakeholders in the improvement of migrants' health. IOM also has dedicated projects on migration and specific diseases such as mental health, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, where it provides support, treatment, monitoring as well as aims to reduce the stigma and negative connotation attached to migrant health.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The current Director General is Ambassador William Lacy Swing. From October 2018 on, the Director General will be António Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino. IOM employs over 9000 operational staff, almost entirely in the field. IOM has offices in more than 150 countries, with over 480 field locations.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Contributions from the member states fund the administrative budget, while field projects are funded by voluntary contributions. The administrative budget for 2018 is anticipated to be CHF 50.7 million and the operational part USD 956.5 million. The projected operational part of the budget is based on the confirmed funding at the point of approval (October 2017).

PUBLICATIONS

A list of publications is available at: <http://publications.iom.int/>

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