



**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
FOR MIGRATION
Vilnius Office**



International Organization for Migration (IOM)

International Organization for Migration is a non-political intergovernmental humanitarian organization.

IOM is guided by the principle that both migrants and countries can benefit from humane and legal migration.



General information about IOM

History in brief

- Established in 1951 on the initiative of the USA and Belgium Governments.
- On 13 February 1998, the Government of Lithuania signed a cooperation agreement with IOM, and ratified it on 13 October 1998.
- On 15 April 1998, IOM office in Vilnius was established.



Structure

- At present, International Organization for Migration has:
 - 127 member states
 - 17 states holding observer status.
- IOM Headquarters are located in Geneva
- 20 regional offices
- More than 400 field locations in all countries over the world.
- Lithuania was the first from Baltic States to become the member state of IOM in 1998.



The main functions and objectives

- **Help to migrants** that occur in complicated situations (IOM supports voluntary return to the states of origin, assists in integration issues, helps victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, etc.)
- **Help to governments** in international migration issues – in preparation of migration policy, practical implementation of the migration processes control, conducting of training to migration officers
- Different activities **in the zones of conflicts, disasters, wars**



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Based on the IOM mandate, 7 key areas of the organization activities have been defined:





Areas of activities



- Migration/ transportation of migrants
 - Return assistance to migrants
 - Technical cooperation



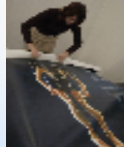
Areas of activities

- Labour migration
- Migration and health





Areas of activities



- Public awareness campaigns
 - Combating human trafficking

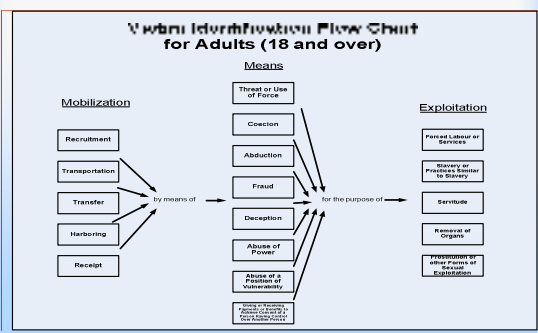


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- **Established in 1998**
- Has implemented more than 30 different projects in the following areas:
 - Voluntary return of migrants
 - Social assistance for migrants
 - Prevention of human trafficking
 - Labour migration
 - Technical collaboration on migration issues

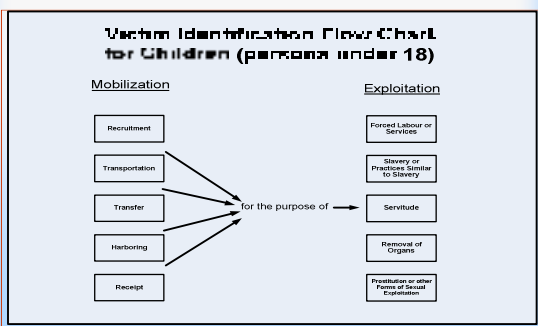


Victim Identification Flow Chart





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The key elements of human trafficking:

- **Means** Threat and/or use of force or other coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power, abuse of a position of vulnerability of a person, giving or receiving payments or benefits to achieve control over a particular person.
- **Mobilization** Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring and receipt of persons
- **Exploitation** Receiving of monetary or other benefits through exploitation of other person

In each case **all three elements** must be present and connected to identify human trafficking.



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