



2021-2022 United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism



Advancing border management information systems in Kenya to tackle cross border crimes and threats

Promoting safe, orderly and regular migration through enhanced border management and by reducing threats of terrorism and other transnational organized crime in Kenya.

Description of the Project

The proposed project aims to improve migration management, border security in Kenya and strengthen the capacity of the authorities to manage borders, tackle cross border crimes, and counter terrorism more efficiently. Specifically, this initiative aims to enhance and reinforce the capacity of Kenya's border management authorities to efficiently manage cross-border movements, identify document related fraud and violation, and crimes (including operational and risk based analysis on returning foreign terrorist fighters with forged or falsified travel documents) as well as enhance inter and intra agency cooperation and information sharing on mobility at borders through the deployment of a customized Border Management Information Systems developed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), namely the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS). MIDAS provides effective solutions at borders to cut waiting times for travelers whilst giving greater assurances to border control officers that travel documents are genuine and not used by criminal groups or terrorists.

This proposed intervention will contribute to the strengthening of Kenya's technical capacity to effectively address border management challenges by enhancing the border management information system, reinforce regional cooperation and information exchange mechanisms to counter transnational organized crime and strengthen the Government's capacity on travel document examination and detection of forgery. The project was developed in close coordination with the Department of Immigration Services (DIS). Project partners and stakeholder's implementation will include law enforcement agencies, customs, and other partners under the leadership of the DIS.

Rationale

Information and communications technology (ICT) and migration information systems are central to all aspects of border management reform and modernization, in addition to providing an efficient tool for operational and strategic interventions on security and mitigation risks posed by criminals. Border Management Information Systems (BMIS) allow governments to collect, process, store, and analyse information of persons during arrival and departure. It ideally does so in real time, allowing border officials to form an accurate picture of cross-border movements and affording them the ability to create evidence-based traveler risk profiles and operational response and design strategies for fight against criminal groups and terrorists.

The Government of Kenya has made progress towards efficient immigration and border management system. IOM could support the establishment of enhanced structures and systems that would facilitate cross border mobility of bona-fide travelers, while maintaining the human rights of vulnerable migrants and the security of national borders and people which will also contribute regional peace and security context.

This proposed response aims to contribute to the priority areas outlined during the Counter-Terrorism Committee/CTED assessment and other visits to Kenya from 2005 to 2018. It results from engagements with the National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC), on (a) capacity development of the Government of Kenya; (b) the implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API); and (c) the development of a legal framework to deal with returning foreign terrorist fighters, including prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration strategies.

Outcomes

The project seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

Outcome 1: The Department of Immigration Services ensures effective and efficient border management procedures through an enhanced BMIS.

Outcome 2: Relevant databases with Verifier Travel Document & Bearer to support immigration authorities in the detection of forged documents and identity fraud.

Outputs/Indicative Activities

The project will implement the following indicative activities:

Output 1.1: Border management information system to register and manage traveller information in Kenya is customized.

- Conduct initial needs and gap assessment of border management information systems at Border Crossing Points (BCPs), including sea, air and land borders.
- Conduct Advocacy, conduct awareness to GoK frontline operators /officials at BCP on MIDAS system.

Output 1.2: The operational capacity of relevant officials to manage and implement the customized border management information system is enhanced.

- Provide capacity building training activities to strengthen national immigration and border management structures (including MIDAS installation training, Training of Trainers (ToT); and development of tailored trainings
- Provide refresher Training for Training of Trainers (ToT) to BCP, organize for inter- agencies workshops.

Output 2.1: The customized border management information system is deployed and implemented at five BCPs.

- Install Verifier TD&B at five major Border Control Points (BCPs) and MIDAS server at Immigration HQ to centralize all information captured by MIDAS at BCP. HQ MIDAS server is key point in the implementation of MIDAS.
- Provide equipment, upgrade security systems and infrastructure at five Border Crossing Points, upgrade/ small scale refurbishment of five BCPs

Human Rights Mainstreaming

During the entire implementation of the project IOM will advocate and coordinate those human rights should be at the center of all border governance measures and implementation and an approach of non-discrimination, where migrants should be protected against any form of discrimination at borders and ensure that assistance and protection from harm is in place, as well as individual circumstances of all migrants at borders and ensure effective protection and access to justice.

Gender Mainstreaming

Gender will be included at all stages of the project, as appropriate, to ensure that the needs of men and women, as well as the impact of the project activities', outputs and outcomes may have on different members of the society, are considered. This project will encourage the participation of law enforcement staff, border operators staff on an equal basis through gender balanced access and participation in the project. IOM will ensure that any and all gender-related aspects relevant to MIDAS systems, this project will be appropriately identified, incorporated, addressed and acted upon in the course of project implementation. These will be factored into the capacity building components, specifically the border operators training and transnational organized crime, which will emphasize the need for coordination and integrated use of the data and to establish standards, accountability and responsibility as these considerations will improve the understanding will contribute to strengthening the protection and promotion of human rights. In addition, IOM Kenya will make sure that gender balance will be taken into account when setting up the project team and that accurate reporting on sex-disaggregated data is ensured and any disparity relating to the project targets and/or results as well as any challenge or lessons learned related to gender mainstreaming. The project will ensure that gender-sensitive approaches are used throughout the activities, implementation and gender-sensitive needs are considered.

Budget

\$1,745,000.00

Pillar

Pillar II -Measures to prevent and Combat Terrorism

Project Status

Concept

Implementation Period

2021-2025

UN Org

IOM

UN Global CT Compact Partners

UNOCT, INTERPOL

Countries

Kenya

Current Donors

This project is currently unfunded.