



**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
FOR MIGRATION  
Vilnius Office**

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**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.**

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**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.

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## 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.

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## 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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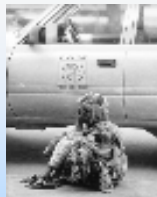
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## International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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




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## Areas of activities



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

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## Areas of activities

- Labour migration
- Migration and health



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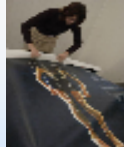
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## Areas of activities



- Public awareness campaigns
  - Combating human trafficking

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## IOM Vilnius Office

- **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

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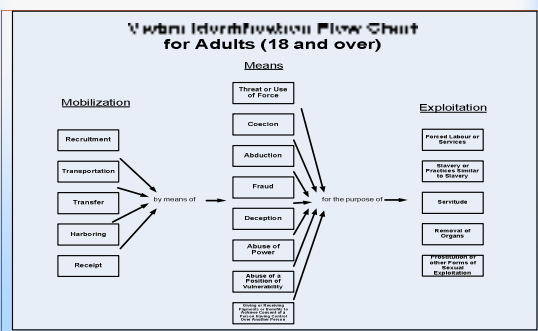
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## Victim Identification Flow Chart




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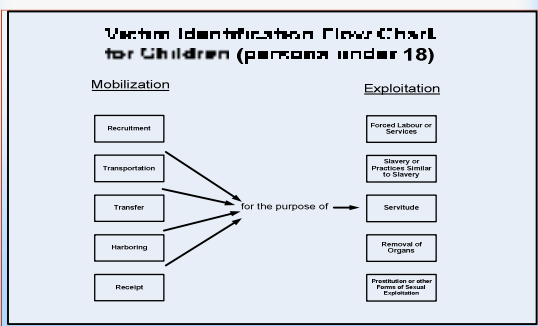
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## Victim Identification Flow Chart




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## Victim Identification

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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