

Background and needs analyses

Over the past two decades, Zimbabwe has experienced macroeconomic challenges compounding the impacts of floods, drought and has witnessed multiple and complex migration characterized by high levels of internal and cross-border mobility, brain drain, irregular migration, human trafficking and mixed migration flows.

Considering that the provision of protection in emergency response situations has been consistently identified as a major gap in need of addressing, IOM's response aims to Promote the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, returnees and host communities in different areas of Zimbabwe assisting vulnerable populations, including potential Victims of Trafficking in Persons (VoTs), victims of internal displacement (IDPs) and), survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) as well as other persons at risk of violence, abuse and exploitation.

Priority Actions

IOM aims to support implementation of activities to

- Increase awareness of risks of internal displacement, trafficking in persons and GBV;
- Facilitate access to services responding to individual needs of crisis-affected persons, including survivors of GBV, VoTs and IDPs
- Strengthen measures that aim to mitigate risks of internal displacement, human trafficking and prevent GBV;
- Improved advocacy and protection of IDPs and unaccompanied migrant children;
- Provide direct assistance to IDPs, VoTs and reintegration support to returnees vulnerable population.
- Strengthen resilience building through development of early warning systems, reconstruction, livelihoods and capacity building support.

As key part of any Humanitarian Response, Protection Mainstreaming principles will be incorporated in all IOM activities during crisis context. Therefore, IOM ensures that do no harm, promoting non-discrimination, meaningful access, safety, dignity, participation, empowerment and accountability measures become an integral part of every response to migration crises.

Sector Response Strategy

IOM, in close partnership with the GoZ, has been working to improve service provision to VoT, raise awareness on TIP among communities in Zimbabwe and strengthen national capacities for improved coordination, in particular in vulnerable areas such as border towns and disaster affected regions of the country.

IOM through the capacity building activities has been building and maintaining a strong in-house foundation of knowledge, skill and experience to better serve victims of internal displacement and trafficking (VoTs).

IOM's intervention has embraced sustainability in the provision of protection to identified IDPs and VoTs through its planned activities on identifying and building the capacity of national resource persons from government, shelter and NGO sectors through TOT in provision of protection assistance to VoT.

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