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# *IOM's Response to Trafficking in Persons*

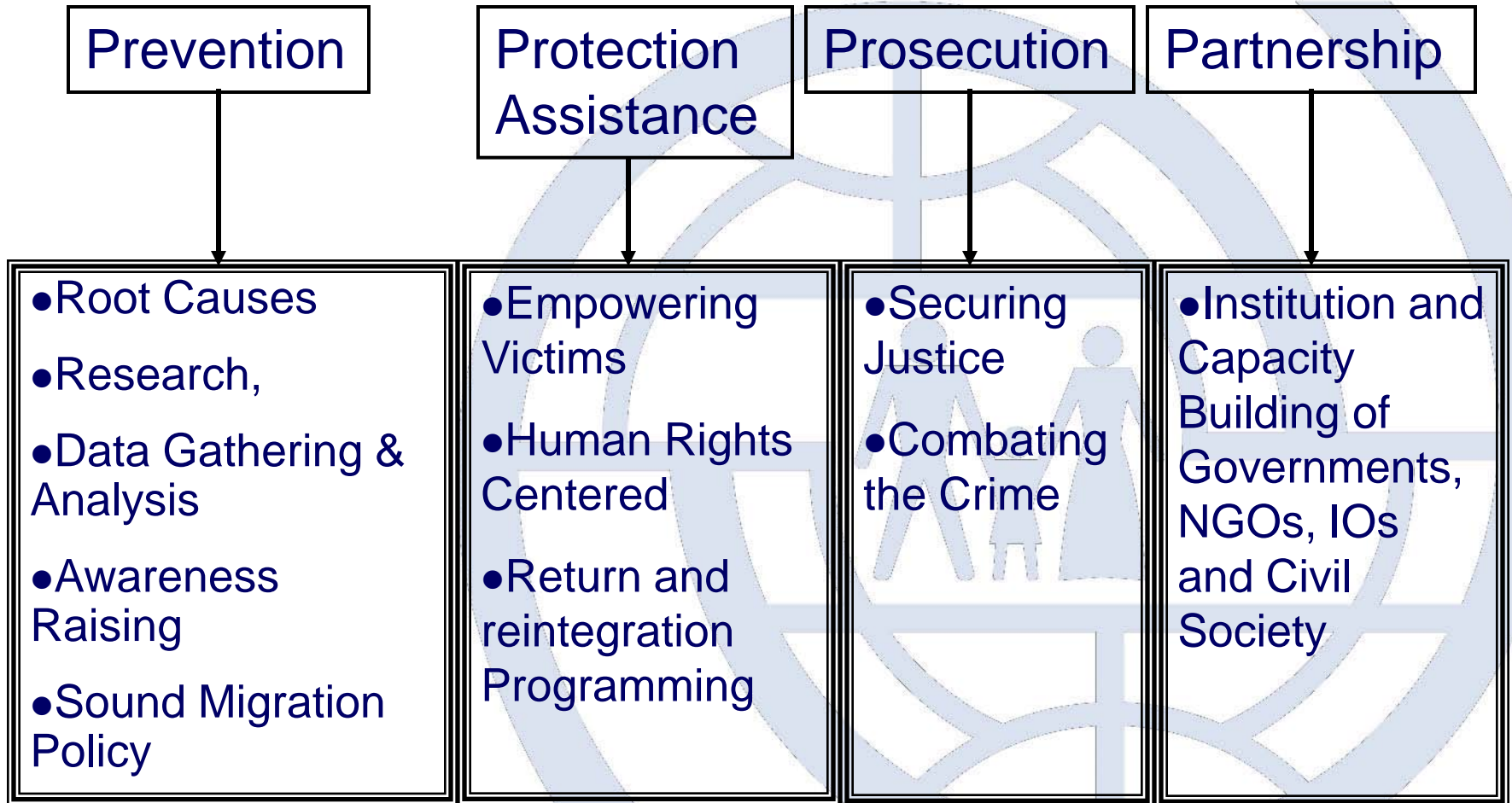
**Pacific Trafficking in Persons Forum  
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# About IOM

- Intergovernmental Organization est. 1951
- 127 Member States & 93 Observers
- 440 field offices in 120+ countries
- 6,690 staff working on 2,030 projects
- 2008 programme budget expenditures of USD 1 Billion
- 120+ Anti-trafficking projects globally



# IOM's Four Pillar Approach to combating trafficking in persons



# IOM Programmes

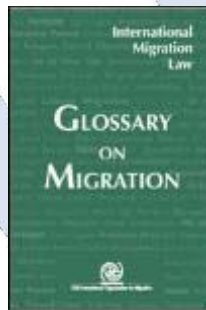
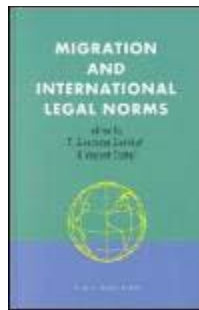
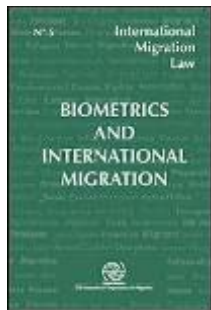
Main programming areas:

## **Technical Cooperation & Capacity Building Direct Assistance**

To assist governments, NGOs and other relevant agencies implement a victim-centered “rights-based” approach to anti-trafficking efforts that removes victims from a process of detainment, imprisonment, deportation or expulsion, and moves them to an environment of protection and assistance that ensures their safety and provides for their recovery and reintegration into society

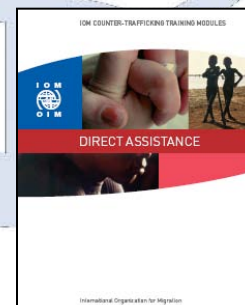
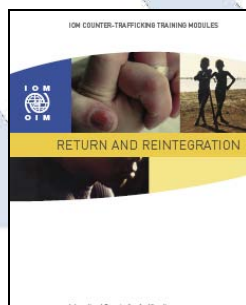
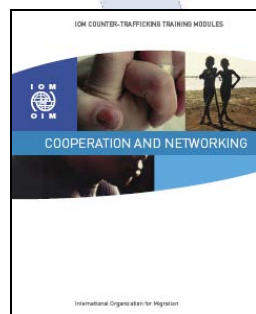
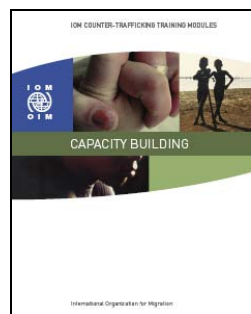
# Technical Cooperation & Capacity Building

- Providing policy advice/guidance
- Critiquing/assisting in drafting of legislation
- Conducting assessments of migration management frameworks, with particular regard to assisting trafficked and other vulnerable migrants
- Developing National Plans of Action (NPA), SOPs, cooperation frameworks
- Facilitating intra/inter governmental cooperation (bilateral/multilateral MoUs)



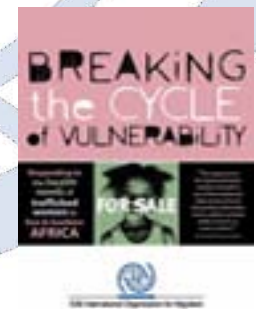
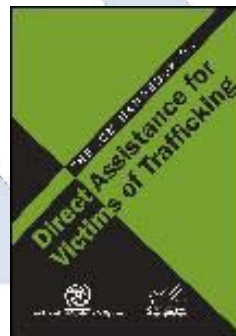
# Technical Cooperation & Capacity Building

- Providing specialized training to Government agencies and civil society on:
  - building return and reintegration frameworks and processes
  - delivering specialized care for victims of trafficking (counseling, life-skills training, psycho-social support, managing specialized care facilities, safe houses and shelters, etc.)
- Vulnerability reduction through awareness-raising
- Establishing mentoring programmes



# Direct Assistance

- Provision of reception, interim care, return and reintegration support services directly to victims of trafficking
  - Counseling
  - Temporary shelter
  - Psycho-social assistance
  - Livelihood planning
  - Medical care
- Provision of financial and material support through individualized recovery plans to promote sustainable recovery and reintegration
- Community based “grass-roots” support initiatives to reduce vulnerability



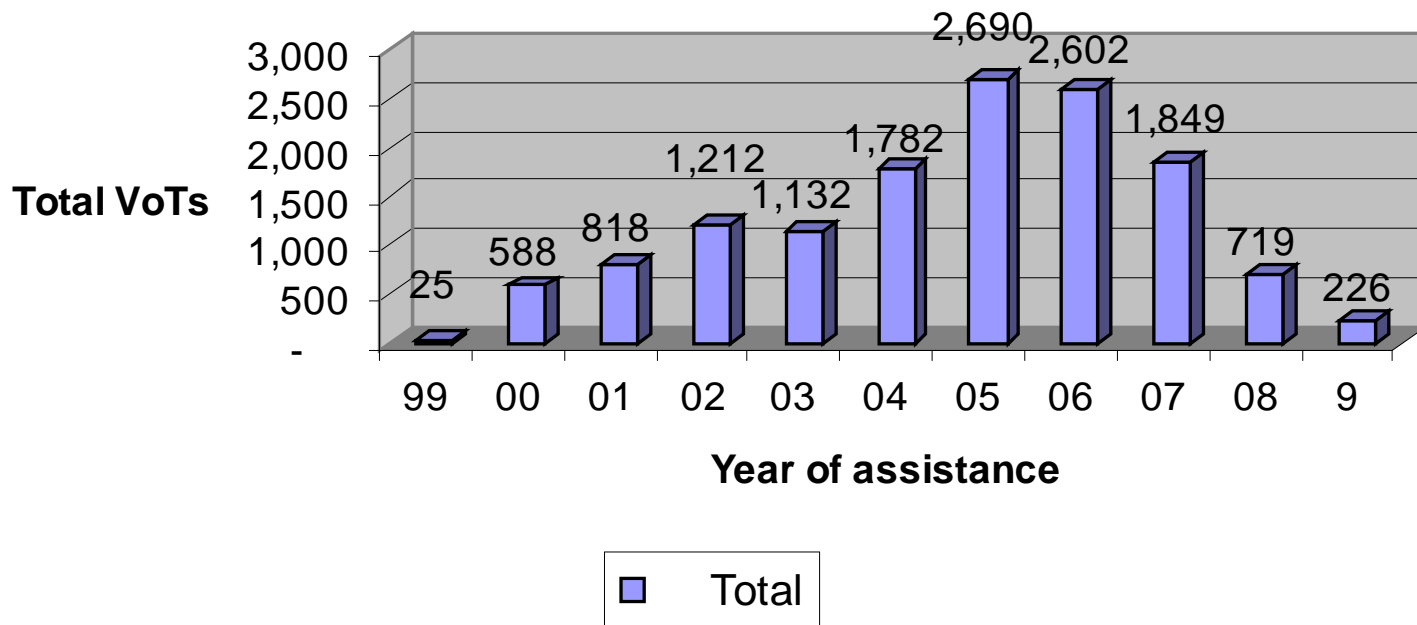
# The IOM Counter Trafficking Module (CTM) Database

- Developed to facilitate the management of information gathered from all IOM Counter-Trafficking and Return and Reintegration programmes.
- Through July 2009 the database includes primary data on **13,643** registered cases of VoT assisted by IOM since Nov. 1999.
- The CT database includes profiles of 80 different nationalities trafficked to over 100 countries of destination.
- Generates demographic reports covering, gender, age, socio-economic background, education and nature of trafficking event, among others.

## (CTM) Primary Data

- As of end July 2009, the system contains data on 13,643\*

Total number VoTs against year of assistance



- Covers 80 source countries and 100 countries of destination, with 75% international trafficking; 25% internal trafficking.

# Innovative Practices of the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS)<sup>1</sup>

- Development of NPAs that underpin National Cooperation MoUs, Interagency Cooperation
- Development of Bilateral Agreements/MoUs & accompanying action plans
- Development of Sub-Regional MoU on Trafficking reinforced by sub-regional action plan
- Development of supplementing procedural guiding principles

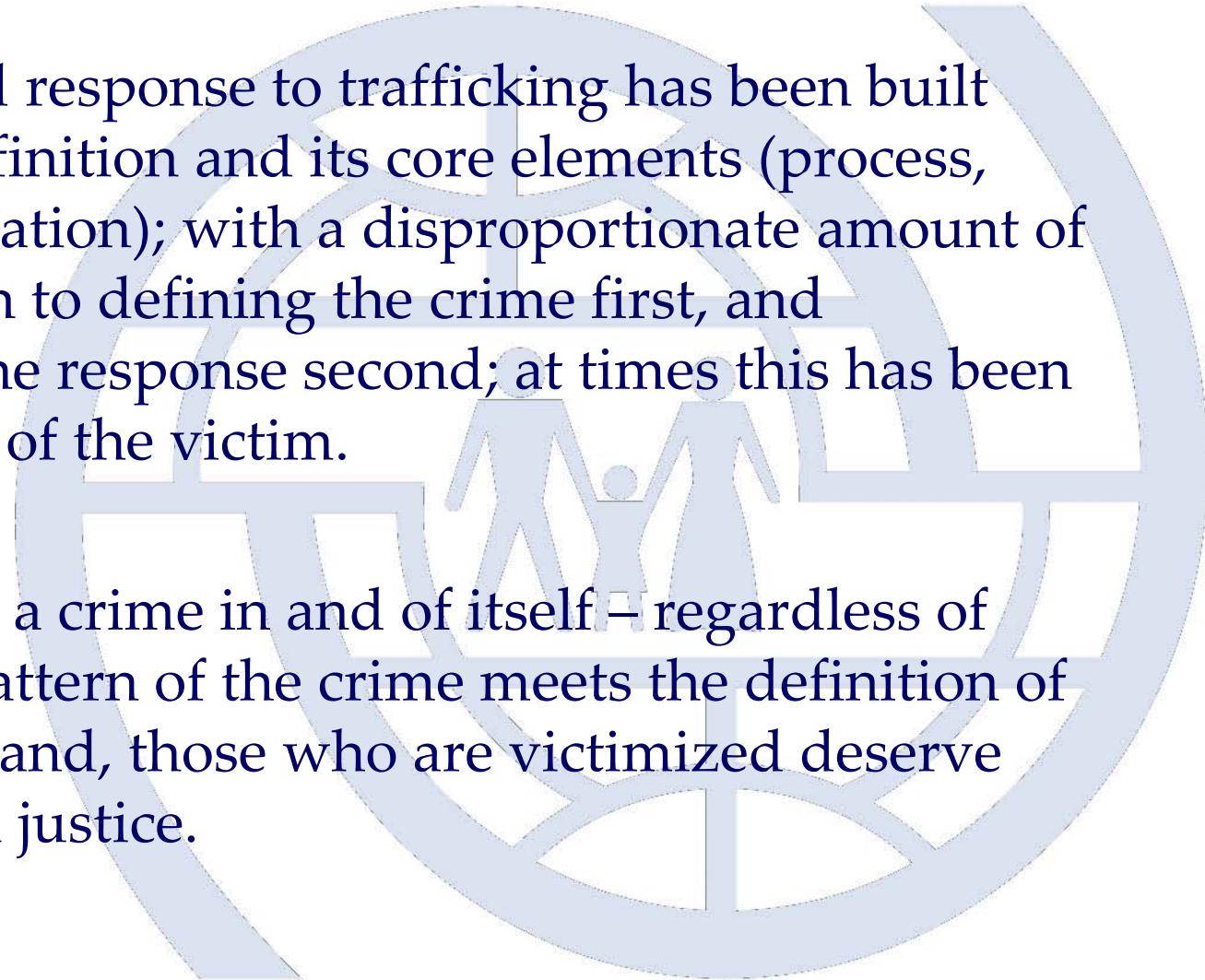
1) Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, Yunnan Province of China

## Regional Responses – *The role of Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs)*

- RCPs bring together states impacted at different points of the trafficking continuum, whether origin, transit and/or destination countries (some affected at each of these stages), and in differing states of socio-economic development & operational capacity – where all states share equal status.
- RCPs enhance interstate dialogue and efforts to improve cooperation.
- RCPs promote a “habit of cooperation” facilitating confidence-building in inter-state dialogue, information sharing, cooperation and exploration of collaborative approaches on multilateral challenges, such as TIP, in a non-binding forum.

# A Final Thought on Trafficking

- The traditional response to trafficking has been built around the definition and its core elements (process, means, exploitation); with a disproportionate amount of attention given to defining the crime first, and determining the response second; at times this has been at the expense of the victim.
- Exploitation is a crime in and of itself – regardless of whether the pattern of the crime meets the definition of “Trafficking”; and, those who are victimized deserve protection and justice.





# Thank You

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