

TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

AKT on Smuggling by Air Action for knowledge transfer on migrant smuggling by air and document fraud in select MP and CAMM countries

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About the Project

This project aimed at supporting cooperation and knowledge sharing in tackling migrant smuggling by air and document fraud in India, Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia. This was firstly achieved by developing a more detailed picture of the characteristics of smuggling trends and modus operandi, as well as gaining a deeper understanding of the existing and needed institutional capacity to address such issues. Based on this, the project facilitated capacity development for policy makers both in the EU and in partner countries regarding gaps in knowledge, equipment and resources that currently exist as well as exchange regarding good practices and lessons learned in order to support the efforts to tackle migrant smuggling by air and document fraud.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by Maastricht University - Graduate School of Governance (the Netherlands) in collaboration with Royal Netherlands Marechaussee.



Countries

The Netherlands, India, Nigeria, Morocco and Tunisia



Time frame

February - October 2018 (9 months)



Budget

EUR 219,525.46 (94.74% from ISF Police)

Activities



Review of existing frameworks and institutional mapping

The first component of this project focused on the narrative review of existing literature and quantitative data as well as mapping of the relevant institutional responses in target countries. By detailing the main findings and aligning the existing institutional, legal and policy realities, a new knowledge product on migrant smuggling by air and document fraud was created in order to be utilised by practitioners, policymakers, researchers and other stakeholders.



Knowledge sharing and capacity-building events

A series of knowledge sharing and capacity building activities was organised in each of the partner countries with the purpose of engaging in discussions and exchanging with a wide variety of stakeholders in order to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the current trends and characteristics relating to migrant smuggling by air and document fraud, as well as to learn about the resources, equipment and human capital currently available to address the phenomena in the selected partner countries and what appropriate actions would be the most effective counter.



Analysis of primary data collected

This project component revolved around the analysis of the primary data gathered. All discussions were transcribed using NVivo software and analyzed in order to determine prominent themes regarding trends, characteristics, challenges, priorities and financial and technical needs. Following the initial data analysis, a workshop took place between Maastricht University Graduate School of Governance research officers, Dutch Liaison Officers and experts from the Dutch Royal (Koninklijke) Marechaussee (KMar) to discuss the result of the missions, obstacles or challenges faced, and lessons learnt. Moreover, the KMar experts used this opportunity to share their input on the operational recommendations, short and medium-term priorities and financial and technical needs assessments for the partner countries involved.

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