

## Swiss Support to the project *Enhanced Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (IBM Lebanon Phase 2)*

## Factsheet

*Supporting Lebanon in Fostering a Rights-Based Approach to Managing the Arrival, Stay and Exit of Migrants and Refugees*

### About the Project

This new component is an integral part of the IBM Lebanon project and will support the Lebanese General Directorate of General Security (GS) institutions in building their capacities in areas of key relevance to the sound management of incoming, residing and exiting migrants and refugees, in line with international standards and human rights principles. The project aims at fostering a rights-based approach to managing the arrival, stay and exit of migrants and refugees in Lebanon.

### Project Activities

The project will cover the following thematic areas:

- Migration
- Human rights
- Gender-based issues
- Concepts and operational mechanisms of safe return<sup>1</sup>
- Crisis management
- International cooperation

1- This activity (and thematically-related ones) is foreseen to strengthen the capacities of GS to deal with the return of migrants with irregular stay in Lebanon (and not refugees) under full respect of the principle of non-refoulement.

Through five sets of activities:

- Delivery of training workshops, providing theoretical foundation.

- Conducting of study visits to European States aimed at facilitating knowledge exchange.
- Delivery of practice-oriented technical seminars.
- Formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on the management of arrival, stay and exit of migrants and refugees.
- Provision of infrastructure support and small scale equipment to GS entities working at Border Crossing Points (BCPs).

### Project Objectives

**Capacity building** of GS in areas of direct relevance to the management of incoming, residing, and exiting migrants and refugees, in line with international standards and human rights principles.

**Infrastructure support** through increasing GS infrastructure capacities in addressing the arrival, stay and exit of migrants and refugees.



### Project Beneficiary

**Lebanese Directorate General of General Security**

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior, GS is responsible for managing the entry and exit of persons to and from Lebanon through land BCPs, ports and the Rafiq Hariri Beirut International Airport, and for the control of illegal immigration. GS also performs other security, foreigner-related and technical tasks.



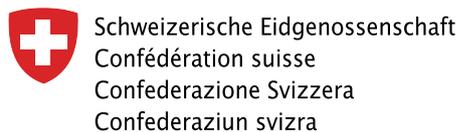
## Implementing organisation



### The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

ICMPD is an international organisation established in 1993. It was founded upon the initiative of Austria and Switzerland to provide expertise in the newly emerging landscape of multilateral cooperation on migration, human rights and asylum issues. Currently, ICMPD counts 15 Member States. Their membership contributions, and particularly those of its founding members, represent its main funding source, in addition to contributions from the European Commission, the UN, other multilateral institutions and bilateral donors. ICMPD's mandate is to carry out research, projects and activities on migration-related issues and to provide policy recommendations to the governmental agencies of states, as well as to external governmental and intergovernmental agencies. ICMPD has global operations with headquarters in Vienna, a mission in Brussels and representatives in Europe, Northern Africa, the Middle East and South America. ICMPD cooperates with governments, international organisations, research institutes and members of civil society in developing policies in migration-related areas, as well as in organising training, transferring know-how and in project management.

## Donor



### The State Secretariat for Migration (SEM)

The State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) strives to protect and defend the rights of migrants and refugees in their regions of origin and transit. This is why it supports countries of first arrival and transit, such as Lebanon. The SEM objectives are to improve living conditions for migrants and refugees (through protection, registration, supplies, etc.) and to help make local asylum and migration systems more efficient.



## Strength through Partnership

The main work areas of this project are currently not addressed in the wider IBM Lebanon project framework, thereby rendering the Swiss contribution of significant added value to the overall objectives. Through the Swiss support to IBM Lebanon, an important partner will join the wide network of entities working with ICMPD to assist Lebanon's border management and security agencies. The Swiss monetary and technical contribution will build on the existing work and network, representing a valuable opportunity to strengthen relations and develop new partnerships.

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