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Support to the Immigration and Asylum
Management System in Bosnia and
Herzegovina
Phase II

FACT SHEET

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Milestones

1999	Law on Immigration and Asylum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH) established
Until 2004	1,000,473 of former refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) had returned to their homes in BH
2011	Migration Profile of BH adopted by the BH Council of Ministers (updated regularly)
2012 - 2015	The Strategy in the Area of Migrations and Asylum and Action Plan for the Period 2012 - 2015 adopted by the Council of Ministers of BH
2012 - 2015	Immigrations and Asylum Training Programme adopted by the Coordination Body

Project Outline

Project code	TC.0700
Period	August 2013 - July 2016
Donors	Government of Switzerland and Government of Lichtenstein
Coordinator	Irma Sadikovic
Executing Agency	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Partners	Ministry of Security of BH

Project Description

The **overall objective** of the project is to further enhance the performance of relevant national government institutions in immigration and asylum management and to increase the quality of services for different categories of migrants and applicants for international protection.

The main outcomes of the project are:

- control and stay of aliens is improved through the development of immigration and asylum legislation that is harmonized with international standards and the EU acquis;
- human and technical capacities of the institutions mandated with the implementation of immigration and asylum regulations are developed through a system of quality training; they are complemented with an updated information system which enables an efficient collection, analysis, processing, and exchange of data about migration flows among the relevant BH institutions, as well as with EUROSTAT;
- capacities of institutions in BH are strengthened in linking migration and development concepts with relevant immigration policies and plans;
- comprehensive integration of foreigners legally residing in BH is continuously improved and effective.

The project combines local and international expertise; logistic support in the organisation and implementation of key meetings of working groups; procurement and installation of equipment with emphasis on strengthening the existing capacities; and the adoption of best practices from EU countries.

The project strategy includes interventions on macro- and mezzo-levels. The macro-level interventions relate to the supported implementation of the Strategy in the Area of Migrations and Asylum and Action Plan for the Period 2012 - 2015. The mezzo-level interventions relate to the process of consultations and facilitating the active participation of all the relevant BH and international institutions and non-governmental sector. These are aimed at the implementation of the Strategy, namely that covering the harmonisation and drafting of national laws and procedures on immigrations and asylum, as well as the introduction of mechanisms for linking migrations and development, and the integration of foreigners. These interventions also aim to improve the sustainability of coordination and communication of all stakeholders. Furthermore, the project encompasses technical support in form of acquisition of equipment and training of civil servants.

The project **activities** are as follows:

- 1) Drafting the Law on Aliens;
- 2) Drafting the Law on International Protection (Asylum);
- 3) Development and setup of a system for collection, processing, and provision of data, as well as the design of the guidelines for implementation of immigration policy related to employment of foreign nationals in BH;
- 4) Developing capacities for migration related analysis;
- 5) Organisation of trainings of officers in accordance with the 2012 - 2015 Immigration and Asylum Training Programme;
- 6) Upgrading of the Migration Information System;
- 7) Procurement and installation of the appropriate technical equipment for the needs of the Sector for Immigration;
- 8) Procurement and installation of the appropriate technical equipment for the needs of the Sector of Asylum;
- 9) Procurement and installation of the technical equipment in the Sector of Asylum for the issuance of travel documents to recognised refugees in BH;

- 10) Procurement and installation of the equipment for the Centre for Asylum;
- 11) Linking migration and development;
- 12) Development of mechanisms for integration of aliens who legally reside on the territory of BH.