Strengthening Border Control Capacity for the COVID-19 Crisis

Integrated Border Management recognises a multiplicity of agencies and stakeholders at the border as an opportunity and brings change to intra- and inter-agency management structures and Border Management System design.

Project overview

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Approach

- A standards-based approach
- A human rights and gender rights-based approach
- Deliberate assessment and assurance of the financial sustainability of project legacy services and infrastructure
- Train-the-trainer approach
- Developing sustainable governance mechanisms between agencies, and within the region to foster an integrated border management approach
- The concept for implementation was developed by the European Commission
### Expected outcome

Border agencies will be able to provide effective border services, implement public health protocols and support the implementation of COVID-19 measures to ensure business continuity during emergencies through improved systems, infrastructure and capacity.

### Expected outputs

| 1 | Strengthened capacities of border agencies to provide border services in line with developed standard practices and policies that reflect global standards for managing COVID-19 cases and the vaccine roll-out in a transparent, accountable and effective manner. |
| 2 | Improved procurement, installation and maintenance of critical infrastructure and equipment to implement COVID-19 public health protocols and standards. |
| 3 | Support services for national border agencies established to implement COVID-19 public health protocols. |
| 4 | Established capacity within independent institutions and civil society to monitor efficiency, transparency and accountability in the implementation of the COVID-19 public health and border protocols by border agencies. |

### Partners

The project will work with:
- National Immigration Agencies / Departments
- National Revenue and Customs Services
- National Health Ministry / Agencies / Departments
- National Ministries and Agencies on Tourism, Trade and Commerce
- National Ministries of Defence, National Security (and Biosecurity) and Policing
- National Ministries and Agencies on Communications
- National Agencies on Maritime
- National Parliaments
- National Airports and Ports
- Carriers, shipping agents

UNDP will also coordinate with regional organisations and key civil society organisations.

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The project aims to contribute to the advancement of SDGs with a focus on:

- **Decent Work and Economic Growth**
- **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**
- **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
- **Partnerships for the Goals**