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## IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT INTERNATIONAL ODA PROGRAMME NEWSLETTER

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### Official Development Assistance (ODA) Programme

Welcome to the latest edition of the Immigration Enforcement International (IEI) ODA Programme Newsletter. The programme has delivered a significant amount of capacity building projects across many ODA eligible countries. As we complete the third quarter of the financial year, IEI colleagues are working hard to ensure delivery of their extensive portfolio of projects. This quarter saw the introduction of ODA activity in Istanbul and North Macedonia to enhance their capabilities. The following are examples of the work undertaken by the teams overseas during the period October to December 2019.

### ETHIOPIA

Tsinukal Mulatu, from **Ethiopian Airlines** was nominated for the IEI Excellence Awards by IEI Addis Ababa under the category of External Partner, a stakeholder from outside Immigration Intelligence who has made a significant contribution to helping us deliver our key priorities. Tsinukal travelled to London and was accompanied to the awards by ILM Nicola Lynn. He was nominated for several reasons including being instrumental in assisting Immigration Enforcement International deliver against our objectives, supporting many IEI investigations and ODA funded projects worldwide. Tsinukal was awarded with the runner-up prize in his category.



Tsinukal Mulatu receiving his nomination at the IEI Excellence Awards



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### KENYA

Ten officers of **Kenya Immigration** were provided with digital forensics training to assist in their investigation and prosecution of organised immigration crime. The new digital forensics capability will allow the extraction of data held within cell phones, laptops and mass storage devices that can then be used to show how inadequately documented passengers are linked to organised criminal groups.



Kenyan Immigration Officers testing the new Detego equipment

### RWANDA

30 Officers, a mix of **Rwandair** and **Rwanda Immigration**, were provided with training on document examination, imposter detection, profiling and Modern Slavery Human Trafficking awareness. Following the training we observed an increase in referrals of this nature, ultimately leading to a decrease in this type of abuse.



Immigration Liaison Assistant, Ednah Kang'ee with Rwandair staff following the presentation of their course completion certificates



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### SOUTH AFRICA

November 2019 saw the launch of the **Love Justice International** operation in Hosea Kutako International airport in Windhoek, Namibia. **Love Justice** are an NGO specialising in anti-human trafficking and IEI are funding 2 **Love Justice** monitors for the main airport. **Love Justice's** aim is to identify passengers suspected of being PVoTs (Potential Victims of Trafficking), prior to their travel and potential exploitation. They work closely with the **Namibian authorities** to ensure victims are referred into the system and offenders are prosecuted. To date, **Love Justice** have successfully intercepted 21 PVoTs and IEI are now doing further work with the **Namibian Department of Home Affairs** to ensure these cases are progressed. The **Minister for Africa** visited Windhoek and has met with IEI and **Love Justice** officials to discuss the ongoing project.

### GHANA

November 2019 saw the first steps to initiate cross border working between IEI's ODA funded vetted units in Lagos and Accra. Two senior **Ghana Immigration Task Force (GITF)** Officers visited the head of the **Independent Corrupt Practitioners Committee (ICPC)** in Lagos. The aim of the meeting was for **GITF** to familiarise themselves with **ICPC's** way of working on IEI investigations. Cases were discussed, questions answered and more importantly

relationships were formed with a view to sharing intelligence on future cases.

IEI Accra also facilitated an introductory meeting with the **Joint Border Task Force (JBTF)**. This led to JBTF officers visiting Accra to interview a suspect in a high profile baby factory investigation. **GITF** officers assisted with the interview and were trained in using the ODA purchased Video recording interview machines.



GITF Officers with ICPC Officers in Lagos





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### NIGERIA

From 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, the National Document Fraud Unit (NDFU) provided forgery detection training to the **Nigerian Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC)**.

The course focussed on security features of modern documents, counterfeit documents, page/photograph/image substitution, visas, stamps and altered details followed by report writing.

The report writing was an additional extra requested by IEI. **ICPC** often handle documents which are false or contain false stamps/visas. Being able to write a Document Verification Report (DVR) means **ICPC** can use this as evidence. **ICPC** and NDFU thoroughly enjoyed the course and **ICPC** have already put their new found report verification and report writing skills to the test.



ICPC Officers and IEI staff following the forgery detection training



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### ALBANIA

In December, the Albanian State Police were gifted with mobile document verification devices. This has enabled Officers to conduct checks at the exit control of Tirana International Airport. Training on use of the device will be provided by IEI Tirana.

### BOLIVIA

After the recent presidential election, and consequent change of government, Bolivia has been looking to enhance its border processes by installing a new team of immigration officers at El Alto Airport in La Paz. At the request of the authorities, IEI Bogota duly visited and delivered training to 65 officers over a period of 3 days. The visit was strongly supported by **HM Ambassador to Bolivia in La Paz**, who saw the visit as also helping to strengthen the UK's relationship with the new regime.

IEI Bogota met with the newly appointed **National Director of Immigration, Mr. Marcel Rivas**, who expressed his gratitude for our assistance. Mr Rivas will be joining the delegation of officials from Latin America that IEI Bogota is bringing to London in February 2020 as part of another of its ODA funded projects which seeks to increase co-operation and intelligence sharing across our region.

### ECUADOR

IEI Bogota travelled to Guayaquil, Ecuador, to deliver training to 70 immigration officials. Since Ecuador is a popular entry point for Harm passengers in the region, this was an important opportunity for IEI Bogotá to build capacity on areas such as document security characteristics, imposters and profiling. The trip also served to strengthen relations with the Ecuadorian authorities ahead of an ODA investigations training project scheduled for March 2020 in Quito.



Immigration Officials with their certificates



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## COSTA RICA/PANAMA

In October 2019, IEI Bogotá liaised with the Consular team in San Jose, Costa Rica to organise training in Paso Canoas on the land border between Panama and Costa Rica. The training was well received by the 65 immigration officials trained, who highlighted that the modern slavery and human trafficking element of the course was particularly useful for them. The trip cemented a new relationship with both the **Panamanian and Costa Rican authorities** and highlighted the potential for future MSHT focussed ODA projects in the region.



Immigration Officials receiving training

## JAMAICA

In December two programmes of Basic Forgery - Train the Trainer were rolled out and presented to 38 officers of the various departments of the **Jamaican** Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA). This training was at the behest of the CEO of PICA who in his quarterly meeting with IEI, flagged concerns of possible document abuse of in-country applications. This training was designed for the more experienced officers to cascade to their departments.



PICA Officers during training





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IEI Migration in Kingston submitted a bid for funding through the ODA programme for a 4 month project geared at providing reintegration support to migrants returned to Jamaica from the United Kingdom. By doing this the project seeks to Improve voluntary returns; Stem illegal migration flows; Address enablers and Reduce Recidivism.

The programme includes rehabilitation as an integral component of the reintegration process. The programme seeks to facilitate the returned migrant's acceptance of his/her current situation. Through the **Open Arms Development Centre**, temporary accommodation and meals, counselling and motivational support, case management, re-documentation and skills training will be offered to returned migrants, with a view to assisting the migrant to adjust to life in Jamaica.

**Mrs Grant, Founder and Manager of the Open Arms Development Centre** was awarded an MBE for her work in Jamaica.



Mrs Grant at the Open Arms Development Centre having a discussion with some returned migrants



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### ANTIGUA

In October 2019, IEI met with the **CEO of Antigua and Barbuda's Department of Immigration** and other **Senior Immigration Officials in Antigua**. Positive discussions covered Capacity building opportunities in the areas of Investigation and Forgery; Increasing data sharing between IEI and Antiguan Immigration officials; Identifying immigration risks and trends; Scoping increased relationships with key Immigration contacts within the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

IEI Kingston experienced an increase in requests for verification checks within the region and have established clear channels to reciprocate such checks.



CEO and Senior Immigration Officials in Antigua

### VIETNAM

October saw the completion of the joint “*Vietnam-UK law enforcement training against trafficking: countering illegal immigration and investigation skills on document fraud detection*” project. The training was conducted with various stakeholders in Hanoi and Dang Nang. It was very well received with 61 immigration officials from 21 cities and provinces of Vietnam taking part over the 5-day training course.



Immigration Officials following the training





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### SRI LANKA

As part of the ongoing capacity building work with the **Sri Lankan Department of Immigration**, 44 electronic magnifiers were gifted to be used at immigration counters at the Colombo International Airport. The equipment was handed over to the **Controller General**, Mr R.M.P.S.B Rathnayake by S&SEA Regional Manager, Anita Creech and ILO Niraj Sharma.



Controller General, Mr R.M.P.S.B Rathnayake receiving the magnifiers

### MYANMAR

Airline training was conducted at Yangon International Airport during October. 34 participants from various airline carriers participated. Content included human trafficking awareness, passenger assessment, impostor detection and document forgery detection. This is the first time any training had been delivered in Myanmar by IEI.



Airline staff in Myanmar



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### NEPAL

In December, IEI in Kathmandu delivered a three-day training event for the national carrier and other airlines. In total, 121 Airline staff were trained. Content included human trafficking awareness, passenger assessment, impostor detection and document forgery detection. The training was well received and plans are already under way to deliver more this year.



Airline staff in Kathmandu

### JORDAN

In November 2019, IEI Amman successfully delivered the first National Document Fraud Unit (NDFU) embed project, whereby Joshua Watterson, a specialist document examiner from NDFU was embedded into **Jordanian Immigration at Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA)** for a period of two weeks. Through this innovative plan, the project encompassed support and training for front line immigration officers, working with officers on the primary and secondary examination areas alongside specialist document lab officers.

During this period, new immigration officers were given basic forgery training, the most impactful being the ability to gain new skills in knowledge from a reputable country. Operational technical support was provided to the specialist document lab using live cases. The NDFU embed provided an overview of how document specialists can be used to compile forgery reports.

A visit to the Jordanian Central Document Lab and Immigration headquarters gave an excellent opportunity to discuss future projects led by IEI Amman. This meeting afforded IEI Amman several senior points of contact within Jordanian Immigration and this positive collaboration demonstrated future commitment to the host authorities.



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### PAKISTAN

IEI Islamabad delivered a project to renovate the **Pakistan Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)** Investigation unit which houses approximately 35 staff. The project took 12 weeks to complete, integrating three UK standard Interview suites into a disused room and the renovation of eight rooms. All rooms now have working air conditioning, suitable desks and chairs and desk top IT provision to which training will be provided. We have provided a dedicated room for females' colleagues to work and appropriate facilities. Storage areas for detainee's belongings can now also be catalogued and stored.



Renovation of the FIA Investigation Unit

IEI successfully facilitated the training and delivery of English language and communication skills to the **Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)**. The program is designed for junior frontline officers to gain an understanding of basic-level English to enable them to interact with the International community and IEI. The training was interactive including participant presentations, discussions and role-plays to encourage spoken English.



FIA delegates following the English language training