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Official Development Assistance (ODA) Programme

Welcome to the final edition of the Immigration Enforcement International (IEI) ODA Programme Newsletter for the 2019-20 financial year. The programme has delivered a significant amount of capacity building projects across many ODA eligible countries. Whilst IEI colleagues endeavoured to deliver on their projects towards the end of the financial year, the outbreak of the corona virus outbreak has impacted heavily for delivery in some areas. This newsletter highlights examples of the work undertaken by the teams overseas during the period January to March 2020.

JAMAICA

Officers from the National Document Fraud Unit (NDFU) delivered both intermediate and advanced level forgery training to over 100 law enforcement officers from across the region. Countries included Jamaica, Guyana, Antigua and Dominican Republic. In addition, IEI Kingston delivered dedicated Investigations Skills Training to these officers.



NDFU Advanced Forgery Training with PICA Jamaica



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The training covered many operational and management grades but was most successful at bringing our high value patterns from the region together in one place for the first time. The forgery training in Santo Domingo was the first where IEI have been able to engage with the immigration authorities there after many months of preparation.



NDFU Training in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

CHINA

This quarter saw the conclusion of the 'Support to Chinese Potential Victims of Trafficking Returning from the UK' Project (PVOT2). Although COVID-19 hit China from late January, the implementer, International Social Services Hong Kong Branch (ISS), managed to deliver the project mainly through telephone interviews and consultation.

The three-month PVOT project successfully completed interviews of 44 PVOTs across 11 provinces in China. The respondents were 43 female and 1 male individuals between the age of 20 to 49. Based on professional analysis of their mental health condition, follow-up support was provided for six cases. The support needed include unemployment, emotion related to health, unpleasant experience and childcare. In addition, ISS provided counselling and consultation support for the potential victims.

Going forward, IEI Beijing endeavour to reach out to more female and male potential victims of trafficking to map out services available in highest-risk communities and raise awareness in the sending communities.



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PAKISTAN

A pilot IT Microsoft essentials course was delivered to Federal Investigation officers across 10 sessions to support the procurement of IT systems which IEI had provided. The aim of the course was to raise the skill level of the FIA officials in using standard MS Office applications to a fundamental level of expertise. This will increase the information technology skills of the officials and will enable them to perform their day to day official computer work more quickly and effectively. The training was designed to support and introduce IT gradually into the workplace and reduce the paper based system. Emails and excel documents are now being used for regular communications and recording information.



Delegates with their certificates

IEI Islamabad successfully closed the financial year with completion and delivery of an Advanced Forgery course to the **Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)** by NDFU colleagues from the UK. The delegates were represented from across the country and from Ports, Investigation teams and the Technical wing. There was also good representation of female delegates furthering equality and diversity in what is otherwise a male dominated service. Officers were able to share their experiences and knowledge in an open forum. The course included counterfeiting, image substitution and culminated in a practical exam at the end to which all the delegates passed. All delegates were issued with UV torches and magnifiers.



Delegates following the training



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VIETNAM

Three English language training sessions were delivered by IEI Hanoi to 21 officers from the **Department of Immigration and Ministry of Public Security (MPSI)**. The participants had opportunities to learn about interpretation and memorisation skills, professional behaviour and communication. This has strengthened the relationship with **MPSI** and foster effective joint working.



Officers attending the English language training

This quarter saw the completion of the capacity building training for **Vietnamese Law Enforcement Officers** with the aim to improve investigation skills on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

IEI Hanoi successfully delivered two training courses on victim support for the Vietnam National Anti-trafficking in persons Hotline. 50 participants who are call handlers and operators attended from different call centres across the country. The training not only provided essential skill sets to help Vietnamese first responders with their day to day work but also helped IEI Hanoi expand its network with key partners in its effort in tackling human trafficking and modern slavery in Vietnam.



Vietnamese Law Enforcement Officers participating in the workshop



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INDONESIA, MALAYSIA & PHILIPPINES

As part of a joint training initiative, IEI Manila coordinated the delivery of training in Indonesia alongside our Australian counterparts to airline representatives and ground handling agents. This was another opportunity to deliver further training to further equip Airline staff with the ability to identify and detect fraud, joint working with our partner Embassies.

IEI Manila provided capacity building training to delegates comprising of Immigration Officials from the **Bureau of Immigration in Manila**; Airline and check in staff from **Royal Brunei Airlines** in Malaysia and Ground Handling Agents for **Philippine Airlines**. Delivery of this training has promoted relationship building with key stakeholders in all three countries.

IRAQ

In March, IEI Amman facilitated a 5 day training course in the UK for a team of 5 **Iraqi Immigration Officers** and a Kurdish British interpreter. Iraqi counterparts were selected to train as 'super users' on specialist forgery equipment to further develop their forgery detection skills.



Iraqi Immigration Officers following their training



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AMMAN

IEI Amman have successfully provided training for the staff of **Royal Jordanian Airlines** using specialist forgery detection equipment gifted through ODA funding. This enabled staff to focus on passenger assessments to mitigate the risk of forged and/or counterfeit documents.

Training was delivered by Foster & Freeman, manufacturers of the equipment at Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA) Amman and King Hussein International Airport (KHIA) Aqaba.



Royal Jordanian Airways Crew at the RJ Training centre QAIA Amman

NORTH MACEDONIA

In March, two officers from the National Document Fraud Unit (NDFU) in conjunction with IEI Tirana, delivered false document detection training to members of **the North Macedonian Border Police** at Skopje International Airport.

In addition to the standard document abuse topics, at the delegates' request two sessions focussed on the local issues of Albanians using Italian and Greek documents. At the end of the course, the delegates were each gifted a magnifier with an integrated light source and presented with a certificate.



Police Officers following the training



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SRI LANKA

A comprehensive hands-on training on the use of specialist document examination equipment was provided to selected delegates from the **Sri Lankan Department of Immigration and Sri Lankan Department of Registration of Persons**. The two day training event was facilitated by an application specialist from forgery examination systems manufacturer Foster and Freeman along with the participation of IEI Colombo.



Foster and Freeman document examination training to officers from Sri Lankan Department of Immigration

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Building upon the Foster and Freeman training, IEI Colombo delivered a two-day training on forgery report writing and document examination to a larger group of officers from the **Sri Lankan Department of Immigration** as well as the **Sri Lankan Department of Registration of Persons**.

Following the training, refurbished equipment for the **Department of Immigration** and newly purchased equipment for the **Department of Registration of Persons** was handed over to the respective departments.



Immigration officers receiving training on the refurbished forgery equipment



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BOTSWANA

IEI Pretoria travelled to Maun in the north of Botswana to lead an anti-trafficking conference attended by a wide range of delegates from across **Ministry of Justice and Botswanan Police Service**.

The Conference was opened by the **Botswanan Minister of Justice Mrs Pearl Ramakoka** and followed by remarks from Emily Summers Acting British High Commissioner. IEI Pretoria then facilitated the conference leading in examining anti trafficking methods and exploring the Botswanan approach to identifying, processing and supporting victims of trafficking across the country. The following day, IEI lead on forgery skills, upskilling the candidates in modern forgery techniques and developing their skills in creating secure documents.

The two day conference was well received with highly positive feedback from the Minister and the **Head of the Botswanan Anti Trafficking Taskforce**. This was the second and final conference IEI have led in Botswana on Anti Trafficking measures. IEI, British High Commission in Botswana and Botswanan Government are now beginning to plan the next stage in assisting to develop the Botswanan Anti Trafficking policy.

CUBA

IEI Bogota delivered document forgery and MSHT training to officers from **the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Cuba (MININT)**. The visit commenced with a formal dinner with the Head of MININT which aided in reinforcing the working relationship. The end of the week culminated in a brief ceremony led by the Head of MININT where the officers expressed their appreciation of this further training on document forgery and the value of the opportunity to discuss MSHT trends in their region.



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ECUADOR

IEI Bogota delivered capacity building training to 70 immigration officials. Focus was on areas such as document security characteristics, imposters and profiling. The trip also served to strengthen relations with the Ecuadorian authorities.



Immigration Officials with their certificates

COLOMBIA

IEI Bogota took a delegation to the UK which consisted of officials from the **Colombian Ministry of Labour** and representatives from the **UNODC**. The purpose of the visit was to visit HMG departments, namely FCO, Home Office and Independent Antislavery Commissioner, to learn how to enhance the existing National Referral Mechanism tool, as well as visiting British NGOs to gain a more rounded perspective. The trip proved to be a huge success and has assisted in developing good working relationships with many organisations within the UK.



Officials with the FCO Modern Slavery Team



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Following the success of the regional forgery conference hosted in Bogota in January 2019, IEI Bogota consolidated those relationships by again hosting delegates from seven ODA eligible countries with direct flights to the UK to discuss document forgery and forgery trends, in the UK. The delegates and an Immigration Liaison Officer (ILO) flew to London for a week. The conference focussed on sharing and developing capabilities for countering Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) and investigating Organised Immigration Crime. The delegates also visited the National Document Fraud Unit, the Metropolitan Police and Border Force.



Delegates visiting UK Border Force

IEI Bogota delivered forgery detection, imposters, profiling, interview techniques and MSHT training to over 50 officers in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. To further strengthen stakeholder relationships, meetings with the **Head of Aircop Latin America**, the **Head of Immigration in Bolivia** and the **British Consular Officer** took place.



Officers receiving training in Bolivia