INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT IN THE SILK ROUTES COUNTRIES

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OUTPUTS:

IBM assessment and validation in 4 countries
– Afghanistan
– Iraq
– Pakistan
– Bangladesh

IBM awareness activities
conducted across entire region (with the exception of Iran) through international cooperation and knowledge exchange

Document Security training programme
one-year process from basic to advanced; Training of Trainers (ToT), and Pilot trainings with international exchange of those selected as master trainers – 12 master trainers in Pakistan

Procurement of the **standard equipment for border control**
Covid-19 personal protective equipment/ PPE

Law enforcement/border management agencies
comprehensively engaged
(10 in Afghanistan; 3 in Bangladesh; 12 in Iraq; 8 in Pakistan)

2 National IBM Strategies and Action Plans
drafted in Afghanistan and Iraq. Ongoing drafting process in Pakistan.

4 Gaps and Needs Analyses
on HR and Training across entire region
(with the exception of Iran)

Development of Educational and Training Tools
Standard Border Management Curricula, Adult Learning Toolkit, Document Security Manual, Trainers Manual on Profiling, and Catalogue of Recommendations for BCPs in Iraq

More than 1700 officials
developed capacities in different IBM areas and contributed to development of the national strategies

Customised Operational Capacity Building
on cross-border crime, trade facilitation, anti-money laundering

Development of the **standard Border Management Curricula**
(8 modules)

Procurement of the **standard equipment for the training process**
(digital classrooms)

National Trainers' Development
8-phase ToT. 17 trainers in Iraq, 30 trainers in Pakistan.

RESULTS:

Operational results
(see above)

Change of knowledge and attitude shift
among the border management authorities to longer-term holistic planning, taking ownership in developing national IBM strategies and enhancing coordination and cooperation to ensure secure, but open borders

WAY FORWARD:

Shift from individual capacity development to institutional issues-focused capacity development
of the countries

Support finalisation, endorsement and implementation of the **Iraq National IBM Strategy and Action Plan**

Development of FIA border control capacity
including information exchange, inter-agency cooperation and operational procedures at air border crossing points

Note on Afghanistan:
Prior to summer 2021 and deterioration of the security situation in the country, the draft National IBM Strategy and Action Plan were finalised through a round of inter-ministerial workshops and bi-lateral meetings of the inter-agency working group, which included ten border-related ministries. The IBM Strategy was handed over to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the project in May 2021.