

# MIGRATION HEALTH



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



3.d INCREASE CAPACITY OF COUNTRIES FOR EARLY WARNING, RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH RISK



10.7 WELL-MANAGED MIGRATION POLICIES 10.c REMITTANCES

#### MIGRATION GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK



2 ADHERENCE
TO
SOCIO-F
INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS
AND
FULFILLMENT
OF MIGRANT'S
RIGHTS.
1. ADVAI
SOCIO-F
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PLACE II

3. ENSURE THAT MIGRATION TAKE PLACE IN A SAFE ORDERLY AND DEGNIFIED MANNER.

# UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK



3 HUMAN SECURITY AND SOCIOECONOMIC RESILIENCE

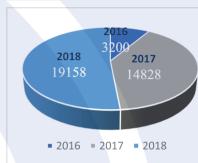
IOM's migration health activities in Sri Lanka work towards the vision enshrined in the 2013 National Migration Health Policy, one of the first of its kind in the region. The Policy recognizes that when migrants and mobile populations have a good standard of physical, mental and social wellbeing, they are able to more substantially contribute towards the social and economic development of their home communities and their host societies.



#### MIGRANT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

IOM provides migrant friendly pre-departure migrant health assessments with technical assistance to the Ministry of Health (MoH). The assessments are conducted at IOM's dedicated health assessment facility established in Colombo in 2014. The centre adheres to international standards and best practices providing early detection and case management of pulmonary tuberculosis and other conditions.





From January 2017 to December 2018, 1,042 individuals referred for TB screening, 13 Positive Findings



37,186 individual pre-departure
Health Assessments were completed by
Migration Health Assessment Centre

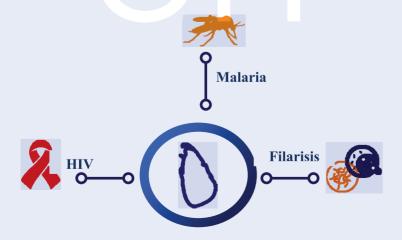
From January 2016 to December 2018,

# 2018 Health assessment by country of destination



# **TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIPS**

The risk of incidence of imported malaria cases in Sri Lanka is one of the major challenges to the National Malaria Programme. The country was declared malaria-free in 2016 and is working to maintain this status. IOM's Health Unit works in partnership with the MOH to screen foreign visitors and Sri Lankan migrants returning from malaria endemic countries through its rapid diagnostic test upon arrival at the main international airport.



IOM as the sole designated panel physician, by MoH, conducts post arrival health assessments for residence visa applicants to Sri Lanka. All applicants are tested for TB, HIV, Malaria and Filariasis.



# **EVIDENCE- BASED POLICY SUPPORT**

IOM's migration health research work in Sri Lanka supports and informs migration policy and practice across a broad range of inter-related issues. The policy-oriented and operational research is based on pragmatic and evidence-based analysis which informs the implementation of multiple projects, and positively influences national policy debates and stimulates new operational approaches and activities.

IOM works with partners to ensure that research is included as an integral and inter-sectorial feature of programmes including in the area of disaster risk reduction and climate resilience.

Working with Sri Lanka's national vertical health programmes, IOM supports efforts to address migratory related health issues including to the National Anti-Malaria Campaign, National Programme on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases, the Sexually Transmitted Diseases & HIV/AIDS Control Programme, and the National Mental Health Programme with a special focus on former conflict-affected populations.



### **Significant Achievements**

- Specialised in-bound Health Assessment Centre for long stay migrants to Sri Lanka to open in 2019.
- Partnership assistance to National Sexually Transmitted Infections & Aids Control Program 2018.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Consultation on Migration Health hosted in February 2017 and the International Conference on Pre-Departure Health Assessment hosted in September 2017.
- Specialised IOM migrant-friendly outbound health assessment service opened in 2017 includes effective TB case detection. 20,000 applicants annually access the service.
- Assistance to develop National Migration Health Assessment Guidelines as a tool to monitor and regulate migration health screening centres throughout the country (2015 to 2017).
- Technical assistance to Ministry of Health to develop and implement the country's first National Border Health Strategy including Standard Operating Procedures for Prevention, Early Warning & Response to Public Health Events at Points of Entry in 2014.
- Medical research articles on migration health issues published in international medical journals (http://srilanka.iom.int/iom/?q=resources-and-publications).
- Technical Assistance to the National Reference Laboratory to develop their Quality Management System.

