

Greeting for the New Year!



Expatriation

An updated version of the expatriation guidelines made by the HR unit is available ([EN](#)/[FR](#))

DOI seminar

On Thursday 25th January, the annual seminar for the International Operation took place at the HQ.

More information will be shared by the International Direction in the coming months.



Communication on Nepal projects

Simon Castro-Wooldridge – Genco Nepal, presented the closure of the post-earthquake project Recovery and the ongoing study on the social and medical situation of waste workers at the Headquarter. Available on [La Boussole](#).

LSD group

The LSD group took place in January. Vietnam project was one of the subjects discussed. Minutes of this meeting will be soon available.



Presentation MDM budget 2018

Some key figures on MDM budget 2018 (presentation available on [La Boussole](#)):

- Budget growth between 2015-2018: **27%**
- 2018 budget: **115M€** included 43,6% of Non allocated Resources (RNA) → +3%
- Funds allocated to:
 - The Association's social mission >**83%**
 - The Fundraising <**20%**
 - The running costs <**9%**
- Creation of two new units: **Audit unit and Horizon 2025 unit**
- Key message: need to include running costs within donors requests. Tools will be developed to facilitate this integration

Brief review of the main objectives fixed by the Board for 2018-2020

- Creation of the associational life promotion unit
- Set up the human project
- Go on with the deconcentration/decentralization process and regionalization
- Pursuing operational turn-over (less projects to increase capacity to deploy means when we want)
- Invest into the new-called "Network Empowerment Team" (ex-DRI)
- Strengthen the effectiveness of the organization (information system master plan)



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Bulgarian team during HQ visit

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EURASIA COUNTRIES NEWS

Bulgaria

[Migrants Project] MdM got the approval from the State Agency for Refugees (SAR) to start our activities in the Reception Centers in Sofia and Harmanli.

Sri Lanka

[Coordination] Fatima V. Casiple – Administrative Manager for the Philippines mission, **gave her support for the accounting closing of Sri Lanka mission.** Thank you for your support!

Nepal

[Harmful Environment project, Kathmandu Valley] **The Project Approval has been signed by the authorities** after more than one year of tough negotiations. Congratulations to the team!

Philippines...in France!

[Harmful Environment project, Manila] Yoann –Desk Officer, Clémence –Medical Advisor & Fieke –New General Coordinator **visited the project in Nantes to share expertise and lessons learned on community building/empowerment** which can be useful for the start of the Environmental Health program in the Barangay 775, district of Manila, Philippines.

Geopolitical study – Rohingya crisis in East- Asia

Since last year, MdM-F has been working with students in master from the French Institute of Geopolitics to assess geopolitical contexts through cartography. The first exercise realized was to understand the context in Libya in order to prepare a possible mission contact by our emergency teams.

During the previous months, Matthieu Dréan – Desk Officer, has worked with a new group of students on the Rohingya migratory crisis focusing on:

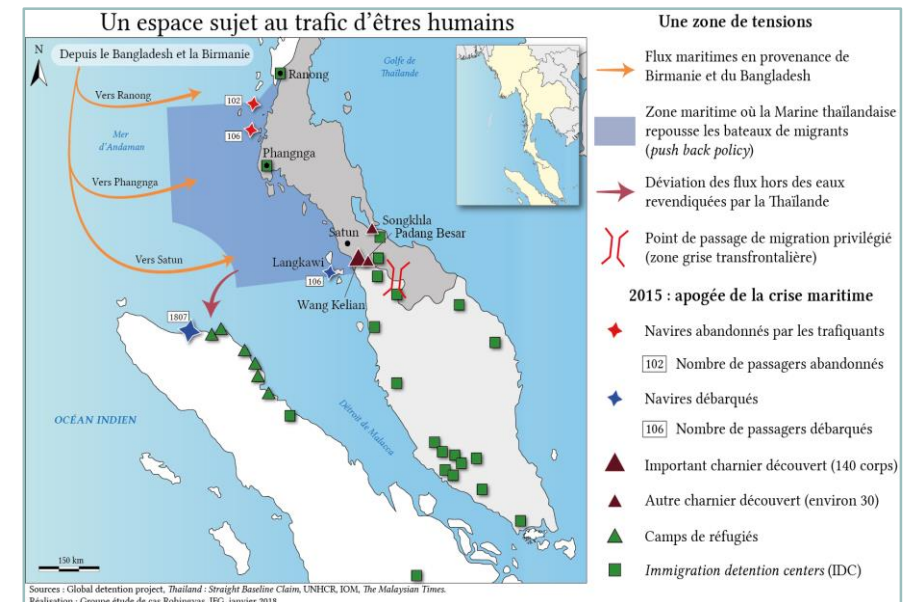
What scenarios on future migratory flows in the sub-region?

Here are some salient points of their analysis:

- All the Rohingya people **will not stay in Bangladesh;**
- Some Rohingya people **no longer plan to return to Burma;**
- The **old migration road to Pakistan is closed** because of India's political position;
- **Travelling by sea seems to be the only option possible:**
 - Indonesia and Malaysia are likely destinations despite questionable reception conditions (e.g number of camps/detention centers more or less legal) and a certain denial of migration reality by authorities.
 - Very aggressive Thai policy with the establishment of maritime brigades to repel migrant boats.

→ Main recommendation: MdM should take **a closer look at the Rohingya people situation in Malaysia, if we were to develop a regional approach to the Rohingya crisis.**

Two presentations will be organized: one by the students at the headquarters in March and during the next Asian group (date to be determined).



WHO DOES WHAT

WELCOME ON BOARD!

- **Julie Bouscaillou**, new co-RM for the Georgian project
- **Veronica Forin**, new RM for Rome project



WE'RE TRYING DESPERATELY TO HIRE...



- A second [Medical Advisor](#) at the Eurasia Unit, HQ
- A [Mental Health Coordinator](#) in Belgrade, Serbia
- A [Medical Coordinator](#) in Belgrade, Serbia
- A [Medical Coordinator](#) in Sofia, Bulgaria
- A [Anthropologist](#) in Manila, Philippines

TRAINING

- **Yoann Maldonado**, Desk Officer → Twitter ✓



QUEEN & KING CAKE'S TIME!

This is a type of cultural celebration related to Epiphany fest at the end of the Christmas season and/or associated with the celebration of Mardi Gras/Carnival.

FIELD VISITS



- Clémence Malet – Medical Advisor, Elise Joisel – Head of Unit & Aurélie Philipps – SRH advisor, spent one week-mission in **Bulgaria to visit SRH program in Sliven and to lead a workshop on the exit strategy.**
- Matthieu Dréan – Desk Officer & Léa Hubert-Rodier – Legal Advisor, went to **Vietnam to monitor the project and support the team.**

