PARALLEL SESSION B.3:

MIGRATION STATISTICS IN MALAYSIA: Pre and Post Pandemic COVID-19

24 JANUARY | TUESDAY | 4.30 – 6.00 PM
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INTRODUCTION – INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

General definition

- International Organization for Migration (IOM), defines a migrant as any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence, regardless of the person's legal status.

What Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) used

- International migration is the movement of people in and out to/from Malaysia.
- only involves the changes with regards to non-Malaysian citizens
- Compilation of non-citizens data in DOSM depending on the administrative data from related agencies in which to be used as input for mid-year and quarterly population estimates for non-citizens categories.
## NON-CITIZENS POPULATION ESTIMATES, MALAYSIA, 2010 - 2022

### Malaysia Illegal Immigrant Comprehensive Settlement Programme

The decline from 2018 to 2019 was contributed by the Back For Good (B4G) program.

Impact of national borders closure during the implementation of the Movement Control Order following the COVID-19 pandemic.

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NON-CITIZENS POPULATION DATA SOURCE

POPULATION CENSUS
• Conducted once every 10 years
• Six population census conducted
• For citizens and non-citizens

SURVEY/ CENSUS
• The survey/census data does not cover the entire non-citizen population and is only targeted at respondents according to the objectives of the survey/census
• Survey contains non-citizens categories such as foreign workers (eg: Labour Force Survey for monthly survey and Economic Census which conducted every five years)

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA
• Received monthly and annually
• Migration data refers to Non-citizens who had stayed or intended in Malaysia for six months or more in the reference year
Administrative registers from other government department and agencies were used as the main source of international migration comprise of:

- Permits from Immigration Department of Malaysia
  - Foreign workers
  - Expatriate
  - Professional Visit Pass
  - Resident pass
  - Dependent’s pass
  - Long-Term Social Visit Pass

- Non-citizens registers (Permanent and Temporary Resident Pass) from National Registration Department (NRD)

- Students visa from Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)

- Number of registered refugees and asylum seekers from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
NON-CITIZENS (UNHCR)
International Law Definition of Refugees (Forced migrant)

1951 Refugee Convention defines a refugee:

“someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.”
OVERVIEW OF REGISTERED REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS IN MALAYSIA

Overall Population Overview as at December 2022

- **TOTAL POPULATION:** 182,990
- **27% CHILDREN**
- **33% WOMEN AND GIRLS**
- **5% PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS**

**Top 5 Countries of Origin**

- **Myanmar:** 86%
- **Others:** 4%
- **Pakistan:** 4%
- **Afghanistan:** 2%
- **Yemen:** 2%
- **Somalia:** 2%

**Myanmar** accounts for 86% of the total registered population, followed by Pakistan at 4% and Afghanistan, Yemen and Somalia all at around 2%. All other nationalities account for 4% of the total population.

**Age Population Structure By Gender**

- **Male**
  - 0 - 4: 7%
  - 5 - 11: 4%
  - 12 - 17: 7%
  - 18 - 59: 78%
- **Female**
  - 0 - 4: 13%
  - 5 - 11: 7%
  - 12 - 17: 6%
  - 18 - 59: 60%
### Active Population Breakdown by Year of Arrival and Year of Registration from 2010 to December 2022

#### Breakdown by Year of Arrival

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<td>9,729</td>
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<td>19,258</td>
<td>27,196</td>
<td>23,606</td>
<td>14,106</td>
<td>10,234</td>
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<td>9,158</td>
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#### Breakdown by Year of Registration

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<td>14,174</td>
<td>18,239</td>
<td>21,526</td>
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<td>379</td>
<td>722</td>
<td>1,257</td>
<td>1,786</td>
<td>2,635</td>
<td>4,424</td>
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<td>7,152</td>
<td>4,331</td>
<td>6,320</td>
<td>24,223</td>
<td>13,697</td>
<td>14,651</td>
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<td>6,173</td>
<td>4,551</td>
<td>9,357</td>
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Source: UNHCR Malaysia

Note: The spike in new registration from 2017 to 2019 is a direct result of increased capacity and more efficient processes to complete the registration of individuals who previously arrived in Malaysia, and not because of an increase in new arrivals.
are thus persons who are unable effectively to enjoy their human rights, are at increased risk of violations and abuse and who, accordingly, are entitled to call on a duty bearer’s heightened duty of care
### Vulnerable Population as at December 2022

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<th>Total population</th>
<th>Children</th>
<th>Women and Girls</th>
<th>Person with specific needs</th>
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<td>98,090</td>
<td>18,922 (19%)</td>
<td>27,667 (28%)</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>96,691</td>
<td>19,476 (20%)</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>101,081</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>140,982</td>
<td>29,125 (21%)</td>
<td>42,208 (30%)</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>151,469</td>
<td>32,026 (21%)</td>
<td>46,255 (31%)</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>156,342</td>
<td>33,643 (22%)</td>
<td>48,314 (31%)</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>149,474</td>
<td>34,369 (23%)</td>
<td>48,313 (32%)</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>152,326</td>
<td>39,767 (26%)</td>
<td>51,456 (34%)</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>163,864</td>
<td>42,481 (26%)</td>
<td>53,553 (33%)</td>
<td>7,068 (4%)</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>178,589</td>
<td>45,968 (26%)</td>
<td>56,463 (32%)</td>
<td>7,467 (4%)</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>178,613</td>
<td>45,757 (26%)</td>
<td>57,307 (32%)</td>
<td>7,841 (4%)</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>180,448</td>
<td>46,177 (26%)</td>
<td>58,501 (32%)</td>
<td>8,443 (5%)</td>
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<td>2022 (as at Dec)</td>
<td>182,990</td>
<td>48,504 (27%)</td>
<td>61,294 (33%)</td>
<td>9,953 (5%)</td>
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### Notes: Definition by UNHCR of:-

1. **Children:** Below 18 years old
2. **Women and Girls:**
   - Women: Female Aged 18 years old & above
   - Girls: Female Aged 0 – 17 years old
3. **Person with specific needs:**
   - Vulnerable children (including separated and unaccompanied children); vulnerable women; persons with serious health conditions; persons with special legal or physical protection needs; older persons; persons with disabilities; survivors of sexual and gender-based violence; persons with family reunification requirements
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

01 Use of different terminology

- As it is often very difficult to compare migration data due to different terminology, definitions, durations, types of movements and categories used, it is critical to work towards ensuring that government ministries apply the same or similar definitions for specific international migrant categories.

02 Incomplete data

- Existing data in ministries and agencies is still insufficient in producing a comprehensive international migration database.

03 Data sharing

- It requires strong cooperation from ministries and agencies as data providers in data sharing especially in ensuring that data acquisition is consistent and real-in-time data.
- ‘Mirror statistics’ - information on Malaysian citizens resides in other countries.

04 Different data collection objectives

- Different data collection objectives from ministries and agencies affect data coordination in terms of target users, scope & coverage and uniformity of variables.
THANK YOU

“STATISTICS BLOOM IN HARMONY”

Doesn’t matter far or near
Strength in numbers
we don’t live in fear

Birds of feather flock together
Statistics our form of adour
We, will always live it up

So let us live in solidarity
And in the world arena we’ll succeed
It is statistics that will come to be
The reason we will bloom in harmony

Everybody undivided
Data’s where our hearts reside in
There will always be a bind

Just like fire that ignites
That’s how brightly lit our dreams are
We’ll reach higher than the stars

Sending love to one another
Leaving no one in a slumber
We will stand with unity

Mustering our courage while
Embracing our disparities
We’ll achieve our victory

One dream with unity
One love with harmony


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