

Inauguration of the new headquarters of the National Office of Assistance to the Refugees and the Disasters victims (ONARS).

800 participants sensitized to topics related to child protection in Djibouti-City and in the regions.

627 migrants received emergency assistance through IOM mobile unit in the Obock region.

22 vulnerable migrants benefited from assisted voluntary return programs to Ethiopia.

Organization of Iftars-dinners for the benefit of vulnerable populations.



Group picture on the occasion of the inauguration of the ONARS headquarters at PK13 © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

In the presence of H.E. the Minister of Labor, 15 Ambassadors of the European Union based in Addis Ababa, Ambassadors of the European Union, France, Germany, and Ethiopia based in Djibouti, representatives of the Embassy of Japan and the United States, government representatives, heads of the United Nations agencies, and representatives of civil society, the Minister of Interior His Excellency Mr. Said Nouh Hassan

inaugurated the new headquarters of the National Office of Assistance to the Refugees and the Disasters victims (ONARS) located at PK13 in the outskirts of Djibouti City.

The Ministry of Women and Family in collaboration with IOM conducted a series of workshops to raise awareness about the decrees on children's rights in Djibouti.

On the occasion of the blessed month of

Ramadan, IOM in collaboration with its partners organized Iftars-dinners to promote cohesion between communities and assist vulnerable populations.

The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) program teams continued to observe movements at various flow tracking points across the country.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During April 2022, 16,339 movements were observed by the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) at key transit points in Djibouti, for a daily average of 545 movements. Migration flows showed a slight increase of 2% compared to March 2022. This may be due to the fact that many migrants prefer to travel in the run-up to or during the month of Ramadan, when border restrictions are less rigorous and deportations are less frequent. On the other hand, movements between Djibouti and Ethiopia decreased significantly compared to the previous month, with a total of 8,953 entries (-9 percent) and 865 exits (-32 percent). In 2022, a total of 35,269 migrants from Ethiopia entered Djibouti up to the end of April. Of the 16,339 movements recorded during this month through Djibouti, 18% were recorded in Obock, in the coastal

region of Djibouti where migrants cross the Gulf of Aden to the Arabian Peninsula along the "Eastern Route."

On this route, spontaneous returns of Ethiopian migrants from Yemen continue to be observed. Since the beginning of 2022, 2,390 returns from Yemen have been recorded with a total of 559 in April 2022.

In addition, some Ethiopian migrants transiting through Djibouti remain stranded there, due to the lack of resources to continue their journey. Therefore, during this month, 679 people were blocked in 7 informal sites in the regions of Obock (39%), Dikhil (27%), Ali-Sabieh (21%) and Tadjourah (13%).

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DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS

In the Obock region, IOM is providing life-saving assistance to vulnerable migrants returning from the Arabian Peninsula. During the month of April, the mobile unit provided water, food and medical assistance to 627 migrants (567 men, 26 women and 34 minors). The Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock received 236 vulnerable migrants (231 males, 5 females) including 50 unaccompanied children who were provided with food, water, non-food items (NFIs) and psychosocial support.



IOM mobile team assists migrants returning from Yemen in the desert of Obock © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

Thanks to the financial support of the European Union (EU-IOM Joint Initiative, DG ECHO), IOM continues to assist migrants staying at the MRCs, but also those who wish to return to their country of origin.



RETOUR AND REINTEGRATION

As part of its Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) program, IOM has supported 22 extremely vulnerable migrants to return home safely. This movement comes following the improvement of the security situation in some regions of Ethiopia. This group included 17 children, 4 men and 1 woman. This assistance is funded by the European Union (EU) under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa project.

Through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, IOM teams facilitated the departure of 20 persons with refugee status to Canada (13 men, 7 women).

The beneficiaries of this project were able to benefit from training on the culture and customs of the host country before their departure in order to facilitate their integration.



A group of migrants benefiting from the assisted voluntary return program board a bus © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022



MIGRATION AND GOVERNANCE

On April 5, 2022, in the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Labor, 15 Ambassadors of the European Union based in Addis Ababa, Ambassadors of the European Union, France, Germany, and Ethiopia based in Addis Ababa, representatives of the Embassy of Japan and the United States, government representatives, heads of United Nations agencies, and representatives of civil society, the Minister of Interior His Excellency Mr. Said Nouh Hassan inaugurated the new headquarters of the National Office of Assistance to the Refugees and the Disasters victims (ONARS) located at PK13 in the outskirts of Djibouti City. Built on an area of 12,000 square meters and comprising a series of buildings that will host offices and meeting rooms, the new headquarters of ONARS will help strengthen the administrative and operational capacity of the organization and will better assist refugees, asylum seekers, disaster victims and migrants in Djibouti. The construction of this structure was made possible thanks to funding from the European Union within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants living in Djibouti territory" which aims at assisting and protecting migrants, refugees and host populations in accordance with the commitments made by the government of Djibouti in these fields.



MANAGING MIGRATIONS FLOWS

On 14 April 2022, IOM donated equipment for the Migration Information and Analysis System (MIDAS) training facility at the Idriss Farah Habaneh Police Academy, in the presence of the academy's director Lieutenant-Colonel Elmi Daher Miguil and IOM Chief of Mission Ms. Stéphanie Daviot. The equipment, which includes mainly computer hardware and software, will allow for border agents to be trained in the collection, processing, storage and analysis of traveler information in real time. This donation is made through the Better Migration Management (BMM II) project in Djibouti, which is co-financed by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and coordinated by the German Agency for International Development Cooperation (GIZ).



IOM Chief of Mission Ms. Stephanie Daviot hands over equipment to the Director of the Academy Lieutenant Colonel Elmi Daher Miguil © Photo :IOM Djibouti 2022



EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

In order to ensure the wide dissemination of the decrees on the organization and functioning of the National Council for the Rights of the Child and on the creation and functioning of the national platform for child protection in Djibouti, the Ministry of Women and Family in collaboration with IOM Djibouti conducted during the month, a series of outreach workshops in the neighborhoods of Djibouti City and localities of 5 regions in the interior of the country. These workshops, which brought together more than 800 participants, aimed to raise awareness among the population on the different topics related to child protection in Djibouti.



Workshop to disseminate the decrees to the local population in the regions. Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

These activities were organized thanks to the financial support of the European Union within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants living in Djiboutian territory".

As part of the assistance provided to vulnerable populations, on April 12, 2022, IOM donated 79 cartons of powdered milk for children to the Solidarité Féminine association in order to feed vulnerable Djiboutian children and migrants. This donation, financed by the European Union through the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti territory" will improve the living conditions of migrant and Djiboutian women living in precarious conditions in Djibouti.



Donation of the powdermilk boxes to the representative of the Solidarité Féminine association © Photo : OIM Djibouti 2022

During the blessed month of Ramadan, IOM in collaboration with its partners has multiplied initiatives to promote cohesion between communities and assist vulnerable populations on the Djiboutian territory. On April 20, 2022, a collective Iftar "breaking the fast" was organized in the Obock's Migration Response Centre. About 300 persons including the local authorities of Obock, women's associations, beneficiaries of the fodder crop project from the locality of Fanteherou, the committee of refugees residing in Markazi, representatives of humanitarian partners working in Obock including IOM staff in Obock enjoyed together their first meal of the day and shared a convivial moment.



The local authorities of Obock participate in the Iftar collection organized by IOM at the MRC in Obock © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

In continuation of this initiative, on Monday April 25, 2022, the Al Rahma complex in Obock, a center that assists orphans and vulnerable children in the city, invited 223 migrants hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) to share a collective meal to break the fast "Iftar".

This gathering, in a friendly atmosphere, allowed migrants to share, for a few hours, a pleasant moment with the members of the center in this holy month of Ramadan.



Migrants residing at the MRC in Obock share an Iftar meal in the premises of Al Rahma © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

On April 26, 2022, it was the time for a hundred children to enjoy a meal during a Iftar-dinner organized by IOM and Caritas Djibouti, in the presence of the Director of the Family of the Ministry of Women and Family, a representative of the European Union, IOM Chief of Mission, the Bishop of Djibouti, the Director of Caritas and IOM and CARITAS staff.



CARITAS beneficiaries enjoy an Iftar-Dinner organized on the occasion of the month of Ramadan Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

To conclude these actions, on April 28, 2022, in the presence of representatives of the European Union in Djibouti and IOM, more than 150 migrant women from the neighborhoods of Djibouti City enjoyed a Iftar-dinner at the headquarters of Solidarité Féminine association.



Solidarité Féminine association members enjoy together a collective Iftar at their hearquarters © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022.

These activities were organized through the " Durable Solutions for the Most Vulnerable Refugees, Host Populations and Migrants living in Djibouti territory " project and thanks to the " EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa " funded by the European Union Trust Fund for Africa.