

Signing of an agreement for the joint management of a warehouse to stock NFI with the Prefecture of Ali Sabieh.

Distribution of food and non-food items for migrants and vulnerable communities in the regions of the country.

Operationalization of the transit center for children in vulnerable situations and vulnerable migrants.

Training of Djibouti immigration officers at the IOM African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) in Moshi, Tanzania.



The Prefect of the Ali Sabieh Region and the IOM Chief of Mission at the signature of the agreement © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

IOM Djibouti and the Prefecture of Ali Sabieh Region have signed an agreement on the joint management of a warehouse that will be used to store non-food items. This agreement will facilitate and strengthen the assistance provided to vulnerable migrants transiting through this region and the vulnerable communities hosting them.

In collaboration with local authorities, IOM organized a distribution of food and non-food items for vulnerable migrants and host communities in the regions of Ali Sabieh, Dikhil and Tadjourah. School children and vulnerable families living in remote localities in the northern part of the Obock region benefited from lamps and solar kits. In the absence of electricity, these lamps will allow children to return home more safely at the end of the day and also to study in better conditions.

On Monday September 26, 2022, the transit center for children in vulnerable situations in Djibouti welcomed its first beneficiaries.

During the current month, 9 immigration officers from Djibouti and 2 representatives from the national coordination office for migration benefited from a training at the IOM African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) in Moshi, Tanzania.

During the month of September, the number of entries observed at the different transit points decreased by 2% compared to last month, from 19 163 entries from Ethiopia during August to 18 773 entries during this month.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In September 2022, 18,773 movements were observed by the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) at key transit points in Djibouti, for a daily average of 626 movements. Migration flows decreased by 2 percent compared to August 2022 (19,163 movements). Of these 18,773 movements, 2,851 (15%) were observed 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, 4,174 returns from Yemen have been observed with a total of 185 in September 2022.

In 2022, 111,946 migrants from Ethiopia returned to Djibouti. In September, a total of 17,782 arrivals from Ethiopia were recorded,

an increase of 27% compared to August 2022. This increase may be due to the relative security conditions in some areas of Ethiopia limiting migrants' access to the routes leading to Djibouti. Similarly, outflows to Ethiopia increased sharply by 95% between August and September 2022 (40 migrants in August compared to 553 movements in September).

In addition, some Ethiopian migrants transiting through Djibouti remain stranded there, due to lack of resources to continue their journey. Thus, 1,069 people (92% male and 8% female) were stranded in 7 informal sites in the regions of Tadjourah (19%), Obock (24%) and Dikhil (51%), while 5% were transiting through Ali-Sabieh.

CONTACTS



DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS

IOM provided shelter, water, food, non-food items, medical and psychosocial assistance to 308 vulnerable migrants consisting of 261 adults (223 men, 38 women) and 47 children (32 boys and 15 girls) hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock. Thanks to the mobile patrol, 440 vulnerable migrants (399 men, 2 women and 39 minors) received water, food and emergency medical assistance along the desert coast of the Obock region.



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

IOM continues to meet the basic needs of migrants staying at the centre and those who wish to return to their country of origin with the financial support of the European Union (EU-IOM Joint Initiative, DG ECHO),



RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

During this month, migrants hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock continue to benefit from the assisted voluntary return program.



Beneficiaries of the assisted voluntary return program board a plane headed for Ethiopia © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

IOM teams assisted 144 vulnerable migrants to return safely, voluntarily and in an informed way to Ethiopia. This group included 121 adults (96 men, 25 women) and 23 children (18 boys, 5 girls). These voluntary return activities, organized in four movements, are implemented within the framework of the "Joint EU-IOM Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa" program funded by the European Union. Upon their return to Ethiopia, the migrants are provided with appropriate assistance to reintegrate and rebuild their lives in their communities of origin.



PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

On September 13, 2022, IOM and the Prefecture of Ali Sabieh region signed an agreement on the joint management of a warehouse to stock non-food items. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the IOM Chief of Mission, Ms. Stephanie Daviot, and the Prefect of the Ali Sabieh region, Mr. Moussa Aden Migane. This space will facilitate and strengthen the assistance provided to vulnerable migrants transiting through this region and the local vulnerable communities. Through the pre-positioning of non-food items, local authorities and IOM will be able to respond quickly to the needs of vulnerable migrants and host populations, particularly those who are directly affected by the impact of the drought. These activities are implemented under the "Direct Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants Transiting through the Migration Corridor in Djibouti" project funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and the "Durable Solutions for the Most Vulnerable Host Populations, Refugees and Migrants living in Djibouti Territory" project funded by the European Union.

IOM, in collaboration with the local authorities of the Obock region, distributed lamps and solar kits to students and vulnerable families living in the remote localities in the north of Obock. IOM team, accompanied by the Sub-Prefect and the Lieutenant of the Coast Guard of Khor-Angar, carried out distributions in several sites: in Moulhoulé and Lahassa, 89 students, 11 teachers and 6 maintenance workers benefited from solar lamps. These lamps will allow the children to return home more safely at the end of the day. In the absence of electricity, these solar lamps will also allow them to study in better conditions. IOM has also donated 50 solar kits to vulnerable families in 3 localities (25 kits in Lahassa, 20 kits in Guehere, 5 kits in Khor-Angar) located in this region.



Khor Angar school children received solar kits donated by IOM © Photo : OIM Djibouti 2022

These activities are funded by the European Union under the "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa" and the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants living in Djibouti territory".

In collaboration with local the authorities, the IOM Djibouti organized a distribution of food and non-food items for vulnerable migrants and host communities in the regions of Ali Sabieh, Dikhil and Tadjourah.



Distributions distribution of food and non-food items for vulnerable migrants and host communities in Tadjourah region © Photo : OIM Djibouti 2022

In Ali Sabieh, 184 vulnerable migrants (85 men, 45 women, 4 girls, and 50 boys) and 64 people from the host community benefited from essential items such as clothing, shoes, hygiene products, and energy cookies from the World Food Program (WFP). In Dikhil, 296 migrants in transit or stranded due to lack of resources to continue their journey received assistance. In Tadjourah, 120

vulnerable migrants received kits, including clothing, shoes, hygiene products, long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets (LLINs) and jerry cans. In close collaboration with its partners, IOM is addressing the needs of vulnerable migrants and host populations, particularly those who are directly affected by the impact of the drought. These activities are conducted through the projects "Direct Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants Transiting the Djibouti Migration Corridor" funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and "Durable Solutions for the Most Vulnerable Host Populations, Refugees and Migrants living in Djibouti territory" funded by the European Union.

On Monday, September 26, 2022, the transit center for children in vulnerable situations in Djibouti welcomed its first beneficiaries. The centre provides a safe and pleasant living environment while administrative procedures are carried out to determine the best interests of the child and the assistance to be provided, including the option of voluntary return and family tracing.



Children newly welcomed at the centre participate in a session on the rule of live with the shelter © Photo : OIM Djibouti 2022

Through this centre, IOM, in close coordination with the Ministry of Women and Family and in collaboration with SOS Children's Village Djibouti, provides comprehensive assistance tailored to the needs of each beneficiary hosted at the centre. To date, 12 children hosted in this center benefit from medical and psychosocial assistance, recreational and educational activities, food and legal assistance. This initiative is part of the implementation of the activities of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti territory" funded by the European Union.



IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

During the month of September, 9 immigration officers from Djibouti and 2 representatives from the National Migration Coordination Office participated in the training at the IOM African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) in Moshi, Tanzania. The training aimed to contribute to the implementation of the Standard operational Procedures manual for Djibouti's immigration services.



Family photo of the participants of the capacity building workshop on operational procedures for immigration officers © Photo: IOM ACBC 2022

The manual aims to guide immigration officers in the performance of their duties by harmonizing the operations and procedures established and regulated by the national legislative framework for migration management. The manual was developed as part of the implementation of the second phase of the Better Migration Management program co-funded by the European Union Trust Fund for Africa and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and coordinated by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) with the aim of enabling national authorities and institutions to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration and to effectively



Field visit of the immigration officers for practical trainings Photo: IOM ACBC 2022

address and reduce human trafficking and smuggling in the Horn of Africa region. This manual is used as a practical guide by officers at ports of entry and exit and by those assigned to other immigration services



FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING

In the framework of the development of national referral mechanism for victims of trafficking, abuse and other forms of exploitation process, IOM organized a second consultation workshop with key partners, from 25 to 30 September 2022 in order to consolidate the discussions initiated during the workshops held on 29 to 30 June 2022.

Representatives of the National Migration Coordination Office, UN agencies, civil society organizations and the diplomatic representation in Djibouti agreed on the main articulations of the national referral mechanism document, the standard operating procedures for the protection and assistance of victims of trafficking in persons, consolidated list of providers and services and finally adopted a draft document of the national referral mechanism for victims of trafficking in persons, abuse and other forms of exploitation which will be analyzed during a validation workshop that will be organized on October, 2022.



Partners discuss in plenary the national referral mechanism for victims of abuse and other forms of exploitation in Djibouti, © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

The development of this referral mechanism aims to establish a framework for collaboration between these actors in order to strengthen the services provided to victims of abuse and exploitation in Djibouti. This initiative is part of the implementation of the "Protection and Support of Victims of Trafficking and Other Forms of Abuse and Exploitation in Djibouti" project funded by the United States's Department of State.