

Celebration of the World Children's Day at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock.

Distribution of food and non-food items to the migrants and host communities in the regions.

Awareness raising sessions on Malaria, tuberculosis and HIV in the regions.

Bodymapping workshop for IOM staff members and migrants at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock.



Celebration of World Children's Day at the MRC in Obock © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday 20 November 2022, IOM Djibouti celebrated the World Children's Day at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock through various activities aiming to promote social cohesion between school children in the city of Obock and migrants hosted at the MRC.

In collaboration with local authorities and the Directorate of Priority Health Programs (DPSP) of the Ministry of Health, IOM launched an awareness raising campaign on the risks and preventive measures against malaria, tuberculosis and HIV in the five regions (Obock, Dikhil, Ali Sabieh, Tadjourah and Arta) of the country.

In coordination with local authorities in the regions, IOM distributed food and non-food item for stranded migrants and the local population in the Obock region. As part of the national response to the drought, 650 vulnerable people from the local community living in the localities of Ali Sabieh region received food assistance.

During this month, under the artistic supervision of Xavier Verhoest "Art2be Kenya", IOM conducted a body mapping art workshop for 6 staff members and 15 vulnerable migrants (9 men and 6 women) at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In November 2022, 18,234 movements were observed by the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) at key transit points in Djibouti, for a daily average of 608 movements. Migration flows decreased by 17% compared to October 2022 (22,083 movements).

Of these 18,234 movements, 3,523 (19 percent) 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, 5,316 returns from Yemen have been observed with a total of 494 in November 2022.

In 2022, 136,356 migrants from Ethiopia returned to Djibouti. In November 2022, a total of 13,298 arrivals from Ethiopia were

recorded, a decrease of 15% compared to October 2022. This decline may be due to the increased presence of Ethiopian border controls, insecurity or risks associated with migration on Ethiopian routes to Djibouti, and the increasingly high price of crossings requested by smugglers.

On the other hand, some Ethiopian migrants transiting through Djibouti remain stranded there, due to lack of resources to continue their journey. Thus, 765 people (92% male and 8% female) were stranded in three informal sites in the regions of Tadjourah (50%) and Obock (35%), while 16% transited through Ali-Sabieh.

CONTACTS



DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS

In November, IOM provided shelter, water, food, non-food items, and medical and psychosocial assistance to 158 vulnerable migrants (128 men including 30 unaccompanied minors) hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock. During this month, the mobile unit provided emergency assistance to 282 vulnerable migrants (246 men, 5 women) including 31 unaccompanied children (24 boys and 7 girls) returning from the Arabian Peninsula.



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

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



RETOUR AND REINTEGRATION

During this month, IOM helped 37 vulnerable migrants, hosted at MRC in Obock, to return safely, voluntarily and in an informed way to Ethiopia. This movement was organized with the financial support of the European Union under the "Joint EU-IOM Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa" project. Upon their return to Ethiopia, they will receive appropriate assistance to reintegrate and rebuild their lives in their communities of origin. In addition, IOM teams have facilitated the departure to Canada of 17 persons with refugee status (10 men and 7 women) through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSRP). In addition, a departure of 4 other refugees (3 men and 1 woman) was also coordinated to the United States under the project funded by the United States Refugee Admission Program (USRAP).



Beneficiaries of the Assisted Voluntary Return program board a bus headed to Djibouti airport © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

The beneficiaries of this project benefited before their departure from training on the culture and customs of the host country to facilitate their integration.



PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATION

On the occasion of World Children's Day, IOM conducted activities aiming to promote social cohesion between school children of Obock city and migrant children hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock. Celebrated every year on November 20, World Children's Day is an opportunity to promote and raise awareness about the rights of children. School children have participated in recreational activities (volleyball, quiz, music, dance, sketch) and awareness sessions on the topics of protection and child development alongside migrants and members of the host Obock community that attended the day.



Drawing and painting workshop for migrants living in Obock MRC © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

In November, IOM hosted 35 vulnerable migrant children at the MRC. While waiting for the voluntary return to their country of origin, these children are provided with assistance tailored to their needs. Regular focus groups and individual follow-up sessions are organized to help children to overcome the trauma and difficulties they have faced during their migration experience. These activities are implemented within the framework of the "Joint EU-IOM Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa" and "Durable Solutions for the Most Vulnerable Host Populations, Refugees and Migrants living in Djibouti Territory" projects funded by the European Union and the "Direct Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants Transiting through the Migration Corridor in Djibouti" project funded by the European Community Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

During this month, in coordination with the local authorities of Obock Region and the Sub-Prefect of Khor Angar locality, IOM organized a distribution of non-food items including solar kits for stranded migrants and the local population. The distributions took place in the two localities of Fanteherou and Lahassa. A total of 346 migrants stranded due to lack of resources to continue their journey and 120 members of vulnerable local population have benefited from this assistance, that includes 200 men, 70 women, 120 boys and 76 girls. In addition, 45 solar lamps were donated to the elementary school children of Lahassa locality.



Distribution of non-food items and solar kits for stranded migrants and the local population. Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

These activities are conducted within the framework of the projects "Direct Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants Transiting the Migration Corridor in Djibouti" 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 the other hand, in collaboration with the local authorities of Ali Sabieh region and Gar Gar Association, IOM provided food (flour, rice, sugar, oil and boxes of peas) to 650 vulnerable people (167 women, 138 men, 166 girls and 178 boys) in Ali-Sabieh town. These activities were carried out as part of the national response to the drought and were coordinated with different stakeholders.



Vulnerable communities in the Ali Sabieh region receive vouchers for food items © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

These activities are conducted with the support of the European Union through the project "Direct Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants Transiting through the Migration Corridor in Djibouti" funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).



AWARENESS RAISING SESSIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF VULNERABLES COMMUNITY

In collaboration with local authorities, the Directorate of Priority Health Programs (DPSP) of the Ministry of Health and IOM launched an awareness campaign on the risks and preventive measures against malaria, tuberculosis and HIV in the five regions of the country (Obock, Dikhil, Ali Sabieh, Tadjourah and Arta). These awareness sessions took place at the Medical-Hospital Centers of in each city.

The sessions were complemented by the distribution of 6,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) for migrants and the host population in Tadjourah and Obock.



Awareness raising on the use of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

Throughout November, in the other regions of the country (Ali Sabieh, Dikhil and Arta), awareness sessions were held for 3,500 beneficiaries in Ali-Sabieh, 2,700 beneficiaries in Dikhil, and nearly 300 beneficiaries in Arta. In addition to these sensitization sessions, the agents distributed 7250 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) to migrants and the host population in these regions. These activities sessions are funded by the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants living in Djibouti territory" funded by the European Union.



Awareness campaign on risks and prevention measures against malaria, tuberculosis and HIV © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022

During this month, under the artistic supervision of Xavier Verhoest "Art2be Kenya", IOM conducted a body mapping art workshop for 6 staff members and 15 vulnerable migrants (9 men and 6 women) at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock. The sessions were dedicated to the drawing and decoration of a human body paint as an introduction to the process. Bodymapping was used to allow participants to draw, rather than speak, their body-related emotions with different colored markers on a previously drawn body outline.) Using markers and paper, participants were invited to draw to explore individuals' perceptions of their own strengths and weaknesses. This process allowed them to explore their difficulties and personal relationships with family and friends who provide support and strength. During the creative sessions, participants tended to work in silence and stay focused. The group work was a opportunity of discussion and sharing thoughts with each other. After each session, the art therapist took notes on the highlights of the day, as well as relevant quotes from the participants. All the artworks produced these days was photographed and returned to the participants. These activities are funded by the European Union under the project "Joint EU-IOM Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa".



Body mapping drawings by a migrant © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2022