

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

300 Non-food Items (NFI) kits distributed to the migrants in the Dikhil region in collaboration with ONARS.

96 vulnerable migrants benefited from the Assisted Voluntary Return Program.

An awareness-raising workshop on children's rights and the risks of irregular migration organized for Caritas youth.



Migrants preparing to leave the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock © Photo: IOM 2020/Alexander BEE.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Migrants returning from Yemen are housed at the IOM's Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock and receive multi-sectoral assistance. During their stay in this centre, they receive water, food, non-food items, and medical and psychosocial assistance before returning home through the Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) program.

Since the establishment of the mobile unit in July 2020, IOM continues to assist vulnerable migrants arriving on the coast in Obock.

As part of the project « Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti », a two-days workshop was organized for youth residents at Caritas on issues related to children's rights and most importantly on the risks of irregular migration.

IOM distributed, in collaboration with ONARS, 300 non-food items kits to migrants in the Dikhil region. This distribution was conducted within the framework of the project "Emergency

multisectoral assistance to migrants stranded due to the Covid-19" funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

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

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Over the month of April 2021, 16 453 movements were counted across the Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) across Djibouti, an average of 576 movements per day. This represents an increase of 30% compared to the daily average of 454 movements observed during the month of March. Among these 16 453 movements, 24% observed in the Obock region. Along this migration route called "route of the East", 6 426 entries were observed from the western borders of Djibouti on one hand. On the other hand, 1 479 arrivals from Yemen have been counted, bringing to 12 701 the number of migrants on their way back to Ethiopia since May 2020. The shipwreck of a boat carrying migrants from Yemen resulted in the death of 44 migrants. 14 survivors were assisted by the authorities and IOM.



Migrants heading to Obock City © Photo: IOM 2020/Alexander BEE

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## DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR MIGRANTS

IOM is providing emergency assistance to vulnerable migrants arriving in Obock from Yemen. During the month of April, thanks to the mobile unit, 616 migrants (568 men and 16 women), including 32 minors arriving from Yemen, received water, food and medical assistance. At the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock, 254 vulnerable migrants received food, water, non-food items (NFI) assistance, and medical and psychosocial support.

With funding from the European Union (EU-IOM Joint Initiative, DG ECHO), IOM continues to assist migrants staying at the center, but also those in transit to Ethiopia.



Aerial view of IOM's MRC in Obock. © Photo: IOM 2020/Alexander BEE



## RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

During the month of April, 4 voluntary return movements enabled 96 extremely vulnerable migrants hosted at IOM's MRC to return safely to Ethiopia. Among them were: 8 women and 88 men of whom 48 were unaccompanied minors and 2 accompanied minors in Ethiopia. Upon their arrival, migrants are temporarily housed in a transit center where they receive the necessary assistance for their reintegration. These returns were made possible through the "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa".

## EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

An awareness-raising workshop on children's rights and the risks of irregular migration was organized by IOM in collaboration with Caritas on Thursday 29 April and Sunday 02 May 2021. These awareness-raising activities have been conducted in the Caritas premises through painting and drawing workshops and allowed the young people present in the center to become aware of the risks associated with the irregular migration. During these two days of works, drawings illustrating different migration themes, were made on the walls of Caritas. These activities are part of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti" funded by the European Union.



Painting and drawing workshops for youth at Caritas © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

During this month, as part of the project "Emergency multisectoral assistance to migrants stranded due to the Covid-19" funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), IOM, in collaboration with ONARS and local authorities, conducted a distribution of non-food items kits to migrants in the Dikhil region on April 13, 2021. A total of 300 kits were distributed, including 240 kits for men, 50 kits for women and 10 kits for girls.

Under the same project, a training in the preparation and use of chlorine solutions took place on April 13 and 14, 2021 at the IOM's Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock. This training helped to improve hygiene practices at the center and especially allowed to teach the participants how to use chlorine for disinfection purposes. The training was conducted in close collaboration with the National Office of Water and Sanitation of Djibouti (ONEAD).



## MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

As part of the monitoring of the implementation of the project on migration, environment and climate change, a third meeting of the steering committee was held on April 20 at the headquarters of ONARS. This meeting focused on the results of a study conducted during the month of February, in the region of Obock, on the establishment of programs for the benefit of environmental migrants and host communities.



MECC project steering committee meeting © Photo: IOM 2021/Aboubaker