

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

143 vulnerable migrants benefited from the Assisted Voluntary Return program.

Inauguration of the new polyclinic in Arhiba.

Performance of the play "Cher voisin" on migration in Djibouti-city and the regions.



Speech by the IOM Chief of Mission at the inauguration ceremony of the polyclinic in Arhiba © Photo: IOM 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

The Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock continues to offer a range of services tailored to the needs of vulnerable migrants returning from Yemen.

Through its Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program, IOM also offers the possibility of an orderly return to migrants in respectful conditions of human dignity to the migrants wishing to return voluntarily to their country of origin.

IOM has built a new polyclinic in Arhiba to

facilitate access to health care for migrants and Djiboutians within the framework of the project « Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti ».

Thanks to the project "Better Migration Management" two training workshops were organized with the aim of strengthened the capacities of 39 border and patrol agents on the identification and protection of victims of human trafficking.

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

A play entitled "Cher voisin" was performed at the French Institute of Djibouti and in the community development centers in the regions to raise awareness on migration.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the month of May 2021, 14,195 movements were counted across the flow monitoring points in Djibouti, an average of 458 movements per day. This represents a 17% decrease from the daily average of 548 movements observed during April.

Among these 14,195 movements, 22% were observed in Obock, in the northern coastal region of Djibouti where migrants cross the Gulf to the Arabian Peninsula. Along this migration route called "route of the East", 6,188 entries were observed from the western borders of Djibouti on one hand. On the other hand, 900 arrivals from Yemen were counted, bringing to 13,601 the number of migrants on their way back to Ethiopia since May 2020.

In the same period, 412 migrants returned to Ethiopia via the western borders of the country (Ali-Sabieh and Dikhil).



Aerial view of a group of migrants in the Obock region. Crédits: Photo: OIM © 2020/ Alexander BEE.

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DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR MIGRANTS

IOM provided shelter, water, food, non-food items, medical and psychosocial assistance to 337 (228 men, 15 women, and 81 boys, 13 girls) vulnerable migrants housed at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock.

During the month of May, the mobile unit was able to provide emergency assistance to 671 vulnerable migrants (584 men and 17 women), including 70 minors returning from the Arabian Peninsula. In response to the continued influx of people from Yemen, IOM continues to assist migrants staying at the center as well as those in transit to Ethiopia thanks to the funding from the European Union.



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



RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

Migrants transiting through the MRC continue to benefit from the European Union-funded Voluntary Return Program (AVR). As a result, 143 extremely vulnerable migrants were able to return safely to Ethiopia through 4 movements during this month.

These groups consisted of 74 men, 12 women, 6 accompanied minors, and 51 unaccompanied minors. Upon arrival in Ethiopia, these migrants were temporarily housed in a transit center where



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

they were informed of the available reintegration support and assistance to continue their journey to their home communities.

These returns were made possible through the "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa".

During this month, IOM teams assisted 3 refugees (2 men and 1 woman) who were resettled in Canada under the Government-Assisted Refugees Program (GAR). One departure of a refugee to the United States was also arranged under the Resettlement to the USA project funded by the United States Refugee Admission Program (USRAP).



EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

IOM has contributed to the construction and rehabilitation of the polyclinic located in the Arhiba neighborhood in order to improve access to health care for Djiboutians and migrants. The inauguration of this new polyclinic was carried out on May 12, 2021 by the Minister of Health Mr. Mohamed Warsama Dirieh in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Minister of Equipment and Transport, the Minister in charge of Decentralization, the Ambassadors of the European Union and France, the UN Resident Coordinator in Djibouti, the Chief of Mission of IOM Djibouti and a representative of the German Embassy in Djibouti. The construction of this polyclinic was carried out by IOM in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and with the funding from the European Union within the framework of the project « Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti ».



Group photo of the inauguration ceremony of the polyclinic of Arhiba © Photo: IOM 2021.

Within the framework of the same project and in order to bring assistance to children in vulnerable situations in Djibouti, IOM organized an Iftar-Dinner on Monday, May 10, 2021, in the courtyard of Caritas. About sixty children enjoyed a hot meal in a warm atmosphere corresponding to the spirit of the holy month of Ramadan. IOM and Caritas work in close coordination to provide assistance to children in vulnerable situations in Djibouti.



Iftar-Dinner for vulnerable children in the Caritas © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

IOM organized, in collaboration with the ORION troupe, a tour of the play on migration entitled "Cher voisin" at the French Institute of Djibouti on May 20 and in the Community Development Centers (CDC) of Ali-Sabieh and Obock on May 22 and May 28 respectively. More than 600 people attended these comical shows which aim to raise awareness on migration through fictive stories.



Performance of the play "Cher voisin" at the French Institute in Djibouti © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

This activity was organized thanks to the funding of the European Union as part of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti".



Performance of the play "Cher voisin" in Ali Sabieh © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan



MIGRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Two training workshops were organized within the framework of the project "Better Migration Management" (BMM) in Djibouti, co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) from May 18th to 26th 2021. These workshops, facilitated by the trainers who were trained by IOM last March, helped to build the capacity of border and patrol agents to identify and protect victims of trafficking in persons.



Launch of the training workshop on the identification and protection of victims of trafficking at the Police Academy © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan



Awarding of certificates to the participants of the training on identification and protection of victims of trafficking © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan



PREPARATION AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

IOM continues to support the Ministry of Health in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. To that end, a batch of materials consisting of, IT equipment (1 laptop; 2 desktops and 1 printer), furniture (office cabinets and shelves) and various office equipment as well as hygiene and cleaning products, was handed over to the Covid-19 screening center at the Guélié border post, located in the Ali-Sabieh region, on Wednesday 26 May 2021. This activity was carried out within the framework of the project " EU response the health and socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in the IGAD region "funded by the European Union.



MANAGING MIGRATION FLOWS

As part of the Regional Migration Program for Africa, the Technical Working Group (TWG) workshop was held at the Palais du Peuple on May 9, 2021. Organized by the Institute of Statistics of Djibouti (INSTAD), in partnership with ONARS, this workshop aimed to present the tools developed by the IOM for data collection and sharing. The actors involved will then be trained on these tools.



Travaux de l'atelier du Groupe Technique de Travail (GTT) au palais du Peuple © Photo: OIM 2021



Image of IT equipment delivered to the COVID19 screening center in Guélié, Ali-Sabieh © Photo: IOM 2021/Hamda Abdillahi,



Image of office supplies delivered to the COVID19 screening center in Guélié, Ali-Sabieh © Photo: IOM 2021/Hamda Abdillahi,