

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

125 vulnerable migrants benefited from the Assisted Voluntary Return program.

41 health professionals trained on the preparedness and response to the health emergency during 6 months.

3 writing workshops of tales, poems and short stories on migration in collaboration with the Association Caravanes et Savoirs du Désert.



Speech by IOM Chief of Mission Ms. Stephanie DAVIOT at the closing ceremony of the training on health emergencies. Photo IOM 2021/ Abdallah Bourhan

HIGHLIGHTS

In the Obock region, the Migration Response Center (MRC) continues to assist vulnerable migrants along the migration corridor by offering a range of services tailored to their needs.

Through its Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program, IOM assists migrants who wish to voluntarily return to their countries of origin after emigrating or attempting to emigrate to the Arabian Peninsula countries.

IOM organized, in collaboration with the *Association Caravanes et Savoirs du Désert*, writing workshops on various migration topics at the *Maison des Contes et des Ecrivains*, within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti".

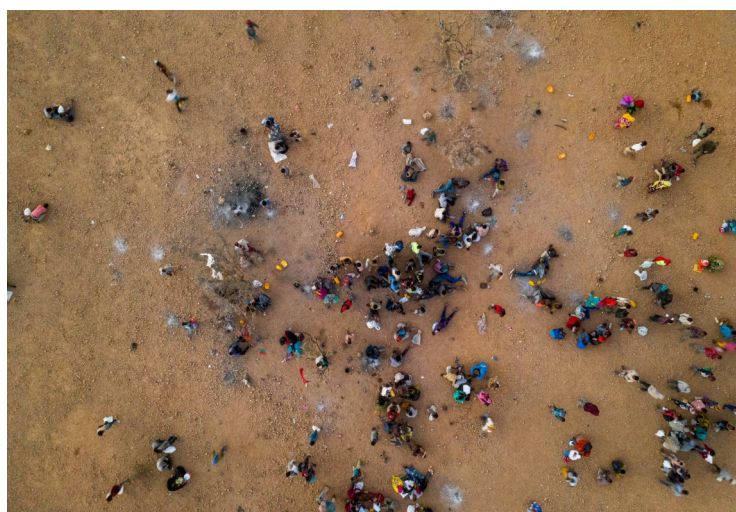
IOM completed a training organized by IRICA that allowed to train 41 health professionals in preparedness and response to the health emergency during 6 months.

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

IOM donated office furniture and computer equipment to the prefecture of Obock to facilitate the implementation of activities in favor of migrants and vulnerable populations in the Obock region.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the month of June 2021, 11 462 movements were counted across the flow monitoring points in Djibouti, an average of 382 movements per day. This represents a 17% decrease from the daily average of 458 movements observed during May. Among these 11 462 movements, 23% 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", 5 487 entries were observed from the western borders of Djibouti on one hand. On the other hand, 822 arrivals from Yemen were counted, bringing to 14 423 the number of migrants on their way back to Ethiopia since May 2020. In the same period, 453 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: IOM © 2020/ Alexander BEE.

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DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS

IOM continues to provide emergency assistance to respond to the continued arrival of vulnerable migrants in Obock from Yemen. During the month of June, the mobile unit provided 687 vulnerable migrants (602 men and 36 women), including 49 children, with water, food, and medical assistance. 389 vulnerable migrants hosted at the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock received food, water, non-food items (NFI), and medical and psychosocial support. Thanks to the European Union funding, IOM continues to assist migrants staying at the MRC, and 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 June, 125 extremely vulnerable migrants (90 men, 3 women, 4 accompanied children, 28 unaccompanied children) hosted at the IOM's MRC in Obock were able to return safely to Ethiopia. These returns, divided into two movements, were made possible through the "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa" funded by the European Union. Upon their arrival, migrants were temporarily housed in a transit center where they received the necessary assistance for their reintegration.

IOM teams assisted 4 refugees (a mother and her 3 children) who were resettled in Canada under the Government-Assisted Refugees Program (GAR). The departure of a person with refugee status to the United States was also arranged through the Resettlement to the USA program funded by the United States Refugee Admission Program (USRAP).



EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

In the framework of the project « Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti », on Thursday 03 June 2021, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, the IOM Chief of Mission, the Chargé d'Affaires a.i of the European Union and the

President of IRICA (Independent Research Institute of the Horn of Africa) attended the closing ceremony of a training conducted by IRICA in collaboration with IOM.

41 health professionals working in Djibouti and in the regions were trained on the preparedness and response to the health emergency during 6 months.



Group photo of the closing ceremony of the emergency health training © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

Within the framework of the same project, on 2th June 2, 2021, the Ministry of Women and Family (MFF) and IOM organized a training of trainers on children's right in Djibouti. This workshop, which will also be organized in the regions, aims to build the capacity of local actors to better protect children in vulnerable situations.

A training on the techniques of planting and maintenance of different types of trees for the benefit of 6 staff members of the MRC was held on June 22, 2021, with the assistance of the Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry (DAF) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water, Fisheries, Livestock and Fisheries Resources and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).



MRC staff members in training with FAO experts on tree planting and maintenance © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

This activity was conducted thanks to the European Union funding, and within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti" will allow the establishment of a green garden at the MRC. This green garden will provide skills as well as an occupation for migrants transiting through the MRC. The trees produced will contribute to the greening of the Obock city and its surroundings.

Thanks to the funding of the European Union, within the framework of the same project, from May 30 to June 2, IOM has conducted a training on protection for 15 persons among which agents of the Djibouti Red Crescent and IOM staff in Obock. This training, animated by the protection officer, allowed the participants to reinforce their knowledge in terms of protection, identification of victims of trafficking and child protection.



Protection training for IOM staff and partners in Obock © Photo: IOM 2021

Throughout the month of June, IOM organized, in collaboration with the *Association Caravanes et Savoirs du Désert*, writing workshops of tales, poems and short stories on migration topics, at the *Maison des Contes et des Ecrivains*. Supervised by a team of pedagogues overseen by the Dr. Chehem Watta, 3 workshops



Writing workshops on migration at the « Maison des contes et des écrivains » © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

dedicated to the writing of tales (from June 6 to 10) poetry (from June 14 to 17) and short stories (from June 21 to 24) gathered 30 young aspiring writers in order to produce stories on migration. In addition, from June 26 to 29, 3 evenings of storytelling on migration were organized for the benefit of 22 schools children from the Djibouti City.

From 15 to 16 June 2021, IOM organized a workshop on the national referral mechanism for vulnerable migrants in Djibouti at the Palais du Peuple. Various round tables on child protection, food and material assistance, medical and psychosocial assistance, reproductive health and gender-based violence punctuated the two-day workshop. The document, which will be produced with contributions from government representatives, civil society, and UN agencies, will include a mapping of actors who can provide assistance to vulnerable migrants. This document should enable a quicker and more efficient response to the needs of migrants.



The working groups on the NRM at the palais du Peuple© Photo: IOM 2021/ Alexander BEE

As part of the implementation of the "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti" project's activities, the last day of the training for the midwives of the different health structures of Djibouti city and the regions was held on Thursday, June 24, 2021. This four-day training focused on the communication and the humanization of care and was organized by the Directorate of the Mother and Child Health (DSME) of the Ministry of Health with the support of IOM. During this workshop, 27 midwives in charge of prenatal consultations in health centers and maternity wards in the five regions and Djibouti City were able to identify together the barriers to accessing prenatal, maternity and family planning services for pregnant women, especially those from the most vulnerable populations (including migrant populations).



Photo of the presentation of certificates to the midwives who participated in the training © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

This consultation provided an opportunity to reflect on the collaboration among relevant stakeholders, create synergies among partners, document lessons learned, and develop recommendations for the final year of implementation of the joint initiative.



Group photo of the participants to the consultation workshop on the protection of migrants at the Regional Council of Obock © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan



MANAGING MIGRATION FLOWS

During the month of June, as part of the Regional Migration Response Plan (MRP) and with the funding from the U.S. Office of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), IOM donated computer equipment and office furniture to the prefecture of Obock. The prefecture continues to be a key partner in migration management.



Materials donation ceremony at the Prefecture of Obock © Photo: IOM 2021/ Abdallah Bourhan



MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

As part of the follow-up of the implementation of the project on migration, environment and climate change, a validation meeting of the studies on potential livelihoods for environmental migrants and host communities was held at the palais du People on June 1, 2021. The conclusions of these studies were also shared with the relevant communities in Obock during consultation meetings that were organized on June 6 and 7, 2021.



Launch of the validation meeting of the MECC project studies at the palais du People © Photo OIM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

On the occasion of the 4th and final year of the Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of migrants funded by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, IOM conducted on June 29, 2021, at the regional council of Obock, a consultation workshop with the various partners providing direct assistance and protection services for migrants in the Obock region.