

Signing of a funding agreement between IOM and the European Union in the framework of the extension of the project « Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti ».

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201 vulnerable migrants benefited from the Assisted Voluntary Return program.

Inauguration of the National Coordination Mechanism for Migration.



The Prime Minister welcomed by IOM Djibouti Chief of Mission at the inauguration ceremony of the national coordination mechanism for migration. © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2021/ Abdallah Bourhan

HIGHLIGHTS

In the Obock region, through its Migration Response Center (MRC), IOM continues to provide shelter, medical and psychosocial assistance and a range of services tailored to the needs of vulnerable migrants.

Through IOM's mobile unit, vulnerable migrants arriving from Yemen receive food and emergency medical care. They also benefit from the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) which provide stranded and vulnerable migrants with

orderly and humane return to their place of origine.

A funding agreement was signed between IOM and the European Union as part of the 18-month extension of the EU-funded project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti". The Ministry of Interior has established the office of the National Coordination Mechanism for Migration with IOM support. This office

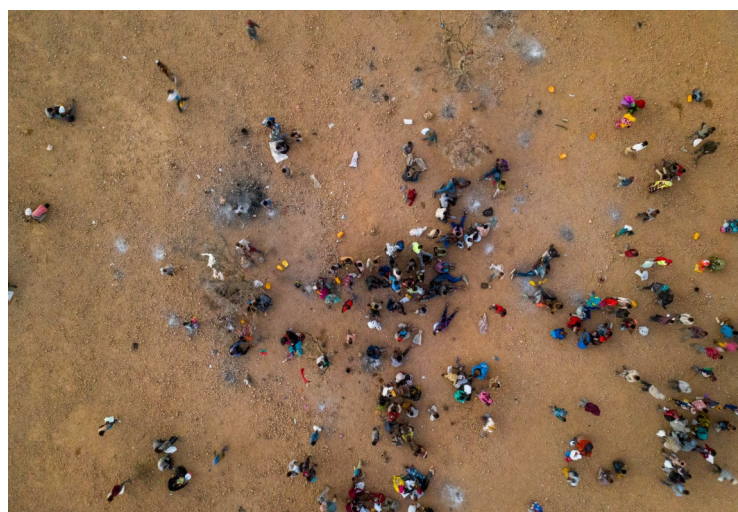
was inaugurated by the Prime Minister H.E. Abdoukadir Kamil Mohamed.

IOM donated equipment to the Ministry of Health and the Djibouti Coast Guard to strengthen their capacity to respond to emergencies in the country.

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

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the month of July 2021, 9 821 movements were counted across the flow monitoring points in Djibouti, an average of 317 movements per day. This represents a 17% decrease from the daily average of 458 movements observed during June. Among these 9 821 movements, 27% 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", 6 334 entries were observed from the western borders of Djibouti on one hand. On the other hand, 950 arrivals from Yemen were counted, bringing to 15 375 the number of migrants on their way back to Ethiopia since May 2020. In the same period, 455 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

In the Obock region, IOM continued to provide emergency assistance to migrants returning from Yemen. During July, the mobile unit provided water, food and medical assistance to 513 vulnerable migrants (455 men and 29 women), including 29 children (3 girls and 26 boys). The Migration Response Center (MRC) in Obock received 397 extremely vulnerable migrants who benefited from food, water, non-food items (NFI) assistance, and medical and psychosocial support. Thanks to the financial support of the European Union, IOM continued to assist migrants staying at the MRC, but also those who wish to return to their country of origin.



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



RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

During the month of July, 201 extremely vulnerable migrants (147 men, 18 women, 36 unaccompanied Children) hosted at the IOM's MRC safely returned to Ethiopia. These returns, divided into five movements, were made possible by 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 also assisted two refugees who were resettled to the USA under the United States Refugee Admission Program (USRAP) funded "Resettlement to the USA" program.



EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

On July 28, 2021, a financing agreement was signed between the European Union and IOM, in the presence of the Ambassadors of the European Union, France and Germany in Djibouti. This partnership agreement is part of the extension of the project "Sustainable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants on the territory of Djibouti" financed by the European Union Trust Fund for a total

of 3.5 million euros. This project aims to support the Government of Djibouti in managing migration issues and to better assist migrants, refugees and vulnerable populations in need.



IOM/EU funding agreement signing ceremony, © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

On Monday, July 5, 2021, IOM conducted a discussion between a group of migrants and members of the community of Fanteherou on social cohesion. In total, 38 members of the community and 5 migrants housed at the Migration Response Center (MRC) in Obock, took part in this discussion whose main goal was to better understand the dynamics within the community and improve cohabitation in this neighborhood where migrants who decide to leave for the Gulf countries transit.



Discussion group between migrants and host communities © Photo: IOM 2021

This very fruitful discussion provided a better understanding of the challenges faced by migrants and community members in Fanteherou and identified activities that could be carried out by IOM to promote social cohesion. This activity was organized within the framework of the "EU-IOM Joint Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants in the Horn of Africa" funded by the European Union".



MANAGING MIGRATION FLOWS

Thanks to the funding from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the Ministry of the Interior established the office of the National Coordination Mechanism for Migration with the support from IOM. On July 29, 2021, the Prime Minister H.E. Abdoukadir Kamil Mohamed inaugurated this office in the presence of the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Defense, the Minister of Women and Family, the Minister of Trade, the Minister of Environment and the Ambassadors of the European Union, the United States and Ethiopia, the chargé d'affaire of the Embassy of Japan and the IOM Chief of Mission. This office, placed under the Ministry of the Interior, will coordinate all migration issues in the country and will be the main interlocutor of partners working on migration at the national, regional and global levels. It will enable the Djibouti government to meet the challenges facing the country in terms of migration, but also to seize the opportunities linked to the migration phenomenon.



Inauguration ceremony of the National Migration Coordination Office © Photo: IOM 2021/Abdallah Bourhan

On Wednesday 28 July 2021, IOM donated 500 body bags to the Ministry of Health, thanks to the financial support of the European Union within the framework of the project "Durable solutions for the most vulnerable host populations, refugees and migrants in Djibouti".



Delivery of equipment to the Ministry of Health © Photo : IOM Djibouti 2021/ Abdallah Bourhan

This donation will help strengthen the response capacities of the Ministry of Health in the terms of public health.

On 26 July 2021, IOM donated equipment to the Djibouti Coast Guard. This equipment, consisting of first aid kits, body bags and life jackets, will facilitate rescue operations at sea and assist vulnerable migrants transiting through Djibouti.

This donation was funded the European Union and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM).



Delivery of equipment to the Coast Guard in the presence of Colonel Wais Omar Bogoreh and the Head of Mission of IOM Djibouti, Ms. Stephanie DAVIOT © Photo: IOM Djibouti 2021/Abdallah Bourhan



MIGRATION AND GOVERNANCE

At the start of July, the United Nations Migration Network in Djibouti, chaired by the Resident Coordinator, validated the Network's annual workplan which will be used to support the implementation of the Global Compact on Secure, Orderly and Regular Migration in Djibouti and will ensure the mainstreaming of migration into national development frameworks. The annual workplan was elaborated in collaboration with all UNCT members and will be regularly updated based on the context and the Government's priorities.

On July 05, 2021, the Global Migration Data Analysis Center team made a virtual presentation to the Djibouti Migration Data Technical Working Group (TWG).

This presentation, which took place in the presence of the IOM Chief of Mission, the national coordinator of migration policy as well as representatives of the Ministry of Women and Family, IGAD, UNHCR, ONARS and ANEFIP (National Agency for Employment, Training and Professional Insertion), provided an opportunity to share the results of this study in order to gather recommendations from the entities present at this meeting.