



Migration Management and Development Unit (MMDU)

Overview

The MMDU assists and fosters the Government of Sudan's (GoS) efforts towards orderly, safe and responsible migration management to benefit migrants and Sudanese alike. The unit also works regionally to promote shared frameworks between Sudan and other governments on how to manage regular and irregular migration flows into, through and from Sudan, assist vulnerable migrants, and benefit Sudan's development. This is achieved through the provision of support services to facilitate migration, increasing awareness on migration issues, development of Sudan's national capacity in various migration management related areas. To enhance the socio-economic benefits of migration to Sudan, MMDU works towards regulating migration, including labor migration, and engaging the Sudanese diaspora to help develop sustainable Sudanese skills, knowledge and resources.

Partners in Sudan

The MMDU works closely with government partners including the Secretariat of Sudanese Working abroad (SSWA) Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Youth and Sports, National Committee for Combating Trafficking, UN agencies such as UNHCR, UNIFPA, UNICEF, UNDOC as well as Non-governmental organizations and migrant communities.



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

Counter Trafficking

IOM in partnership with UNHCR, UNODC, UNFPA and UNICEF, developed the 2015 - 2017 Strategy to Address Human Trafficking, Kidnappings and Smuggling of Persons in Sudan: Strengthening Alternatives to Onward Movements. The strategy has been endorsed by the Government of Sudan and builds on the achievements of 2013-2014, taking a step forward by placing an emphasis on strengthening alternatives to onward movements for asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants in Sudan. A core element of the Joint Strategy focuses on strengthening the expertise of the Sudanese authorities to manage mixed migratory flows, receive asylum seekers, and combat trafficking, smuggling and kidnapping crimes. With this purpose, MMDU provides technical guidance and advice to the National Committee to Combat Trafficking (NCCT) on developing strategic and operational planning to combat trafficking in persons as well as on implementing the provisions of the Anti-trafficking Act and coordinating initiatives to counter trafficking. The MMDU is also coordinating the design and delivery of training targeting multiple key actors such as the criminal justice system, law enforcement bodies and civil society organizations on international migration law and the national legal framework referring to counter trafficking focusing on investigation, prosecution, protection and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking.

Migrant Resource and Response Center

IOM Sudan established the Migrant Resource and Response Center (MRRRC) in October 2015 in Khartoum, Sudan. The MRRRC, first of its kind in Sudan became operational with the support of the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security; to bolster government efforts to respond effectively to complex migration flows and strengthen protection measures for migrants. Providing different services such as medical assistance, psychosocial counseling to VoT and other vulnerable migrants, information on risks of irregular migration, as well as assisted voluntary return and reintegration to migrants who are stranded in Sudan and voluntarily choose to return to their countries of origin. The center also provides awareness sessions to migrant's communities on the risks of irregular migration for migrants to make informed choices.

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration

The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme provides vulnerable migrants unable or unwilling to remain in Sudan to voluntarily return to their countries of origin with dignity. AVRR supports governments to manage migration and ensure the humane and orderly return of migrants to their countries of origin. Reintegration packages are provided to the returnees to start economic activities in their countries of origin upon return.

Immigration and Border Management

The MMDU provides technical support to enhance Government of Sudan's capacity to manage its borders in a way that delivers benefits for the country and for migrants. This support includes assistance with the legal and policy framework and the assessment of needs in the areas of infrastructure, human resources and border management information systems.

Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals

The Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals is a program, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, links government and non-government institutions to Sudanese Experts who use their knowledge and expertise to train and build their capacity to contribute to the development of Sudan. Assignments were completed by Sudanese experts through (TRQN), supporting areas such as water management, education, corporate governance, project management, counter trafficking and smugglings, training of visually impaired individuals, and media development.