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IOM Opens the First Migrant Resource and Response Center in Sudan



In October 2015, with support from the Norway Ministry of Justice, IOM established a Migrant Resource and Response Center (MRRC) in Khartoum. The centre, the first of its kind in Sudan, provides migrants with medical assistance, counselling, information on the risks of irregular migration and facilitates assisting voluntary return and reintegration to countries of origin. Globally, IOM

has been involved in the establishment and running of various centres of this kind, each providing a “one-stop shop” for information and services for migrants in both source and host countries. Adapted to the specific national contexts, these centres may take on different functions. The Khartoum MRRC will enable IOM not only to continue providing immediate support to migrants, but also to further develop the concept of the MRRC in the Sudan context in view of replicating it in different parts of the country. [Read More](#)

IN THE NEWS

IOM Commits to Improving Migration Management in Sudan

In December 2015, IOM Sudan received USD 136, 000 from the UK Government to support a five month pilot IOM Research Project – Improving Evidence-based Planning of Migration Management Projects, Strategies and Policies – in Sudan. [Read More](#)

IOM Facilitates Resettlement of 179 Refugees from Sudan to Germany

In December 2015, an IOM charter flight carrying 179 Eritrean, Ethiopian and Syrian refugees (42 families) departed from the Sudanese capital Khartoum to Kassel in Germany for resettlement. [Read More](#)

215 young men and women participated in vocational trainings, increasing opportunities for income generation in North Darfur



In November and December 2015, 8 vocational training courses were conducted in technical schools for boys and girls in El Fasher, North Darfur. Funded by the Government of Japan, and in partnership between IOM Sudan and the Ministry of Education, the training enabled 100 young men and 115 women to gain marketable skills in welding, plumbing, construction and auto-mechanics, as well as food processing, tailoring, handicraft making and computer skills.

Building Knowledge And Learning



Who Was On The Flight To Germany?



Kifle Mariam Heile (pictured left in Khartoum airport) is not a man you can forget easily. His passion for life and ability to hope as he lives through tremendous challenges is truly inspiring. An Eritrean refugee who came to Kassala, East Sudan in 1982, he and his wife Mulu tried to make a life for themselves. Jobs were scarce and life was hard. As a young migrant couple and with Kifle's disability, Mulu had to find work to support herself and her husband. She has been the main breadwinner since they arrived. They managed to sustain themselves enough to raise three daughters and a son who are all looking forward to their new life in Germany where they have been safely resettled. As he sits in his wheelchair, he relays with pride his 14 year pursuit of his dream to migrate to Europe with his family. He recounts the story of applying to UNHCR to migrate to Germany since 1991;

waiting, daring to dream and finally receiving that phone call in December 2015 confirming his resettlement dates to Germany; telling him that "dreams do come true."

Celebrating International Migrants Day

The 2015 IMD events in Sudan this year aimed to shed light on the importance of academia in enriching the debates around migration in Sudan. Activities took place simultaneously in Nyala, South Darfur and Khartoum, hosted by Ahfad University for Women's postgraduate Migration Unit program, and University of Nyala including participation from the Schools of Economics, Human Sciences, and Geography, as well as partners from civil society organizations working in Nyala. A highlight of IMD celebrations was an Inter-Camp football tournament jointly organized with the State Football Federation and youth groups in IDP camps under the sponsorship of the South Darfur Governor. The tournament included four IDPs camps (Dereig, Otash, El Sereif and Kalma camps) around Nyala area, and the final game was played with participation from the ministries of Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Social Welfare, the Humanitarian Aid Commission and other government institutions and partners.

[International Migrants Day in Pictures](#)



In 2015, IOM's training, community outreach and institutional capacity building effects reached:

- IDPs, urban youth and host communities
- Sudanese diaspora
- Community Health Workers and Promoters
- Migrant youth, religious leaders
- Camp-based migrants and urban migrants
- Civil society organizations
- Government Ministries, Agencies and Departments
- Political parties
- Media
- Sudanese Bar Association
- Psychosocial workers.

Topics included:

- Psychosocial first aid
- Sensitization to trafficking and smuggling
- International Migration Law
- Conflict resolution
- Peace building and leadership
- Social inclusion
- Safe hygiene and sanitation practices
- HIV awareness and prevention
- Prevention of infectious diseases

"We need to abandon the increasingly outdated concepts of 'immigration' and 'emigration' in favor of a more modern, more accurate concept of human mobility. We must remember that migrants improve the lives of millions of others through their work, the circulation of ideas and skills, and financial remittances"

IOM Sudan Chief of Mission Mario Lito Malanca



Snapshot Of 2015 Achievements in Numbers

SAVING LIVES AND SPEEDING RECOVERY

IOM's emergency response and early recovery and transition initiatives:

- **Provided safe water** to more than **300,000** people.
- **Promoted community recovery and resilience** through construction of social infrastructures serving over **11,000** conflict affected persons.
- Provided emergency shelter and life-saving household Non Food Items to **47,150 individuals**.
- **Delivered basic health services to 24,000 IDPs** through a Primary Health Care Clinic at El Sereif Camp, South Darfur, and a mobile clinic in Sayah, Mallit locality, North Darfur.
- Reached **431,070** individuals with **life-saving NFI kits/emergency shelter, health and WASH initiatives** through the IOM managed **Rapid Response Fund (RRF) (RRF)**.
- **11,500** community members benefited from **agricultural training** and distribution of inputs to increase food security and promote agricultural income generation.
- **534** IDPs, urban youth and host communities in North Darfur, South & West Kordofan and Blue Nile received **vocational training**, start-up kits or livestock inputs to promote income generation.

FACILITATING DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **2,531** migrants assisted to resettle from Sudan to **13** countries.
- **260** Sudanese returned to Sudan from 16 countries under IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR); **161** received **reintegration packages**.
- **68** migrants assisted to return from Sudan to their countries of origin with a comprehensive reintegration package.
- **Over 5,000 migration health services** performed through IOM's in house Migration Health Department in support of resettlement, and other migration programs.

PURSUING EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMMING

- **1,400** questionnaires administered through **Labor Market, Health, WASH and Agriculture surveys** in West, South and North Darfur States.
- **362,192** IDPs, Returnees and affected populations registered, re-registered and verified through IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) (**DTM**) in over 80 exercises across 35 camps, villages, and other IDP's sites.

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