

IOM SUDAN
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Foreword

It is with pleasure that we present the first edition of IOM Sudan's monthly newsletter. IOM Sudan wishes to acquaint all of our partners, including Government, Member States, UN agencies, and non-governmental organizations as well as the wider audiences with our current programmes and looks forward to your continued support and partnerships to provide much needed assistance to migrants within and outside Sudan.

IOM Sudan continues to evolve and identify priority areas requiring immediate support and attention, providing a comprehensive approach to addressing needs of all migrants – voluntary and forced, internal and international. Areas such as rapid response to forced migrants fleeing insecurity, the challenge of promoting safe returns, as well as being at the forefront of the national dialogue towards the promotion of safe migration and combating human trafficking are high priorities for our mission.

As always, we welcome your feedback, questions and look forward to your responses.

Mario-Lito Malanca
IOM Sudan Chief of Mission

RRF Monthly Story

“We just ask Allah. When will we be able to stay in one place and not be scared?” The words of Mohammed Omer, 58 year old unemployed farmer are echoes throughout the village of Ammar Jaded. [Read more](#)

Capturing the Action

IOM Sudan's Emergency Shelter & Non Food Items (ES/NFI) project distributes ES/NFI to 16,525 vulnerable internally displaced people across the three states in

#StopHumanTrafficking



“Most people think slavery was abolished in the last century, but unfortunately it is still very much with us in the form of human trafficking. Victims of trafficking are modern day slaves.”

IOM Director General William Lacey Swing

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Migration Management Unit

IOM assists 1 in 7 survivors of trafficking identified worldwide through its counter trafficking programmes and projects. In 2015 alone, globally IOM has assisted 4,250 trafficked persons. IOM Sudan Migration Management Unit has been working hard to fight the causes of Human Trafficking, recently welcoming the endorsement by the Government of Sudan for the 2015-2017 IOM & UNHCR Joint Strategy to Address Human Trafficking, Kidnappings and Smuggling in Persons. In 2015 IOM Sudan assisted 26 Victims of Trafficking. The victims were provided with psychological support and basic counselling.

[Read our Joint Strategy here](#)

Meriam’s Journey to Sudan

The Counter Trafficking unit for the Sudan Police Authorities monitors the borders, reporting 140 smuggled victims in July 2015. IOM Sudan provided them with 3 meals per day, urgent medical assessment and assistance for those required and basic counselling services to women and unaccompanied minors. Among these 140, was 34 year old Meriam. Meriam fled her home country of Ethiopia to come to Sudan to improve her economic situation to help feed her children and family back home. Meriam paid a smuggler over \$2,000 to get her into Sudan. Thankfully she arrived safely, traveling the well-known route through Kassala State, East Sudan. When Meriam arrived, she

Sudan, with plans to reach 65,000 by the end of the year. [Read more](#)



Beneficiary Highlight

“The water was very dirty before, it used to make us sick again and again....the people of Abu Kershola thank God for this work and MCS, IOM and USAID for their support”
Hassan Adam, 45 years old male.

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July Highlights

- To respond to measles outbreak across Sudan, IOM in coordination with State Ministry of Health conducted a Mobile Measles Immunization Campaign in which 4,354 children (between the ages of 6months to 15years) in South Darfur received free vaccinations
- To provide clean, safe drinking water for 2,500 IDPs, IOM upgraded an existing hand pump into Mini Water Yard (MWY) in Korma camp, hosting peoples displaced from their home village due to armed conflict since January 2014.
- To support capacity building and strengthen partnership development, IOM Sudan’s Rapid Response Fund conducted a workshop in July with all partners to discuss findings from the RRF review, lessons learnt and develop and improve on new ways of working.
- To encourage improved hygiene practices, IOM

complained of sickness and recurring vomiting. IOM Sudan assisted Meriam, arranging for a doctor to see her and perform recommended scans. Meriam was found to have a sigmoid tumor. Sudan Migration Management Unit arranged for free of charge chemotherapy and treatment for Meriam. She is now recovering in Sudan.

*Name has been changed to maintain confidentiality

[Find out more about our Migration Management Unit here](#)

RAMADAN KAREEM from IOM Sudan



The month of July saw the observation of the holy month of Ramadan and celebrations of Eid El-Fitr for Muslims all around the world. IOM Sudan organized a Ramadan Iftar for all colleagues and their families, and our partners including Government, NGOs, Islamic and Christian Scholars, civil society, Member States representatives and local media representatives. The event was covered by local newspaper Sudan Vision, the top English printing newspaper in Sudan, with a full page spread.

[See further coverage](#)

conducted hygiene promotion campaigns to Suakin and Tagadom in the Red Sea, and Seisabana and Griegrieb in Gedaref States.

- To promote safe and voluntary return, reintegration assistance has been provided to two returnees from Egypt, six from Norway and two returnees from Sweden under AVRR program during July.
- 70% of respondents trained on Conflict Management and Collaborative Natural Resource Management by CSO Asahab in South Kordofan State declare to have played a positive role in mediating local conflicts in the 2 months following the training in April-May under the Joint Conflict Reduction Programme (JCRP).
- To promote sustainability and self-reliance, four returnees arriving from Belgium have been counselled on their business implementation plans, provided with training and grants are now under process.

Voices of the People

“My name is Amira Mohamed Adam. I only have one child, but living in an extended family home with 10 people. I am solely responsible for fetching water for the household. Since the family doesn’t have any animals, I transport water on my back, one jerry can at a time, usually taking 8 to 10 round trips per day, each taking one hour and a half”

Amira Mohamed, beneficiary living in Korma Camp, West El-Fasher, where IOM upgraded a hand pump to a mini water yard, providing water for over 12,500 vulnerable people.

IOM Sudan Bids Farewell to Ester Gigir



“After the upgrading of the water point by IOM Sudan, the time it takes to fetch water has highly reduced with less time spent queuing. I now have extra time to raise my child and help them with homework.”

**“One person will make a difference,
One team will make a miracle”**

Ester Theodora Gigir – Migration Movement Coordinator

Ester joined IOM Sudan in 2006 and has been working in the Mission for nine years. She has significantly contributed to the mission and will be sorely missed by all. The IOM Team wish her all the best in her new challenge in Nepal. **Good Luck Ester** 😊

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