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IOM & South Darfur State Ministry of Health reach 37,565 people in El-Sereif Camp with hygiene messages

On September 17th IOM Sudan, in close cooperation and coordination with the State Ministry of Health's Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Action (EHA), conducted one day health and hygiene training in EL-Sereif camp, South Darfur, home to thousands of migrants. The training was a joint response to a recent August outbreak of Acute Jaundice Syndrome (AJS) and an upsurge of scabies cases attributed to poor hygiene. 31 participants were selected from 12 different sectors of the camp, ensuring a wider audience and effective dissemination of hygiene promotion messages. A total of 6,261 households (37,565 individuals) were reached with messages covering safe drinking water, good practices in personal hygiene & food, awareness raising of water borne diseases and correct water storage practices, and more. To further encourage individuals to adopt "good" hygiene practices, especially mothers and scabies cases, IOM's supported clinic will distribute anti-bacterial soap over the course of the next month.

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New cooperation agreement to improve the living conditions of vulnerable migrants and IDPs



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"Before this project I had stopped dreaming, stopped hoping, stopped wishing for better. I stopped living." Meriam is 40 years old, living in Mellit, North Darfur, with her husband and their 4 children. Meriam and 49,692 people were recently newly displaced.

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Capturing the Action



Vocational training participants during a class of electrical works (mobile phone repair) in North Darfur, part of IOM Sudan's Livelihood interventions.

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Partnership Highlight

"Our contribution in Sudan to IOM is a collateral intervention integrated in a broader strategy of humanitarian and development action. Working with IOM has proven to go hand in hand with helping vulnerable people here in Sudan." The Italian Cooperation has a long standing collaboration with IOM in supporting needs of migrants, together with the needs of host communities to avoid

The new cooperation agreement signed between IOM, the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) and the State Ministry of Education (SMoE) in North Darfur signed a long-term commitment towards the improvement of the living conditions of IDPs, vulnerable migrants and mobile populations in Sudan. The cooperation serves as a first step towards empowering and exposing communities to seek sustainability and foresee a better future through formal adult education in areas which can be expanded into small micro-enterprises or family businesses, like food production, tailoring and handicraft (for female vocational trainees) and welding, building, construction, auto mechanics, and plumbing (for male vocational trainees). IOM Sudan has continued to provide vocational training and income generation opportunities to IDPs and vulnerable host communities across Darfur, South Kordofan, West Kordofan and Blue Nile states through its vocational training courses. The project is funded by the Government of Japan & Canada who have been committed to working with IOM to reduce aid dependency and promote durable solutions.

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IOMs Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) program assists in long term development of Sudan

TRQN contributes to the development of Sudan and implementation of national policies by providing the necessary skills and opportunities for the temporary return of national experts working abroad. TRQN allows migrants to positively contribute towards the development of expertise in their countries of origin, with the experts coming back to Sudan with the support of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands, training various national institutions to transfer their expertise. The program has been running in Sudan since 2006, with the latest expert Dr. Omer EL Nour, a professor in Nanotechnology, providing his contribution to both Khartoum State and Nile States. Dr. Omer El Nour developed and supervised a capacity building programme in Nanotechnology for students and staff of University of Khartoum, Omdurman Ahlia University, Sudan University, Central Laboratory at NCR/ITR and Nile Valley University at Nile States, training them to develop projects using nanomaterials. As a result of Dr. Omer's contribution and training, Nile Valley University has completed the design of a specialized laboratory for nanomaterials, and a staff member from Central Laboratory has been nominated to continue his research at University of Sweden. Dr. Omer El Nour left Sudan in 1990

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IOM and Government of Sudan together build the capacity of those tackling human trafficking and smuggling



During September, IOM continued to work closely with the Government of Sudan (GoS) in countering trafficking in persons through a set of three two-day trainings, each focusing on different aspects of the national Anti-Trafficking Act 2014 based on the specific target group.

conflicts and tensions. Our effort is to improve access to basic services for migrants and strengthening collaboration with IOM by providing capacity building to enhance migration management.

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September Highlights

- **To support the transition and sustainability of returnees,** IOM Sudan Return and Reintegration unit assisted 19 returnees with in kind contributions and cash packages. The 19 returnees returned from Egypt, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway and Indonesia.
- **To assist with resettlement and movement,** IOM Sudan resettlement unit assisted with the documentation and travel arrangements for 246 individuals from Sudan to their country of resettlement, and facilitated the movement of 51 individuals to their country of resettlement.
- **To support transition and recovery of vulnerable communities,** IOM provide clean water to 3,400 beneficiaries in El Qoz locality, South Kordofan State by drilled 3 Hand pumps.
- **To improve health and promote good hygiene practices,** IOM constructed latrines for 11,500 people in El Sunt Market, improving the environmental hygiene and reduce risks of water-borne diseases.
- **To enhance institutional capacity,** IOM Sudan's Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) program placed 6 assignments within the education sector, with a focus on capacity building of the following: conflict mitigation and corporate governance, media and journalism practices, awareness raising campaigns on trafficking and smuggling, and finally use of nanotechnology.

Voices of the People

The first training was tailored to build the capacity of the counter trafficking police on the application of the Anti-Trafficking Act in the investigation of the crime. The second training, to members of the Sudanese Bar Association, focused on implementation of the law in the prosecution and trial of trafficking cases. The third training targeted a group of social workers, and had a special emphasis on protection of victims and witnesses. This set of trainings is part of a strategic approach of IOM Sudan for 2015 - 2017 to enhance the three pillars of the process: investigation and prosecution of trafficking and rehabilitation of its victims.

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

[Find out more about IOMs Counter Trafficking Policies here](#)

“It is very difficult getting used to camp life at first...I know that my family is safer here than if we were still moving around”

Read about Khadiga Adam Omer’s journey [here](#)

“Migration is NOT a problem, but a phenomena. If regulated, migration presents marvelous opportunities of development through interconnecting people and the exchange of ideas from all across the globe. And that’s just one part of it.”

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