

New Mobile Theater Production to Promote Social Cohesion in Six Localities in East and South Darfur



As part of the Cross Border Peace and Cooperation (CBPC) Project funded by the European Union, IOM Sudan supported the production of mobile theatrical drama performances in six localities in South and East Darfur complementing other sustainable interventions implemented under the project. These plays aim to contribute to the development of the region through spreading awareness on community stabilization and peaceful coexistence amongst communities in South and East Darfur States, in areas at the border with South Sudan. The plays were modified to the local language and context appealing to the wider audience through performances in public spaces such as markets and schools, entertaining communities while printing the notion of long-lasting peace in the minds of women, children and men. The CBPC project also provides basic infrastructure, livelihoods assistance and capacity building of state and local authorities in conflict prevention. [Read More](#)

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IOM solidifies its Partnership with Sudanese Academia by Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Ahfad University for Women



In an effort to strengthen the role of academia in transferring knowledge and enriching research on migration in Sudan and beyond; IOM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ahfad University for Women. Founded in 1966, the Ahfad University for Women (AUW) is a private key academic institute in Sudan providing an enabling environment for thousands of women so far. AUW is one of the most respected and influential universities in Sudan and offers professional learning courses in migration related fields as well as other disciplines, at a diploma and degree level. Through this MoU, IOM and AUW have committed to maximizing on their breadth of combined expertise through a partnership that creates joint awareness raising and outreach events on migration; as well as exchange of staff and faculty members for the purposes of training and sharing of information. [Read More](#)

IOM Visits East Sudan for a Multi-Sector Assessment Mission



IOM Sudan conducted a Multi Sector Assessment Mission to East Sudan in June. The Mission came after IOM's recent renewed 2 year Protocol of Cooperation signature with Sudan's Federal Humanitarian Aid Commission and in response to an invitation from the General Secretariat of the Government of Kassala State. The mission met relevant authorities at the General Secretariat of the Government of Kassala State including the Humanitarian Aid Commission as well as other partners for the implementation of ongoing projects and the identification of new projects aimed at assisting State authorities in better managing migration-related challenges. The Mission aimed to understand the State government and partners priorities and plans for future IOM Sudan programming in Kassala State and provide recommendations on suitable approaches for the development and implementation of IOM Sudan programs in the State, including the establishment of an IOM sub-office in Kassala State; as well as to develop the ongoing refugees resettlement programme as a durable solution for refugees to decongest refugee camps and consolidate ongoing projects building the resilience of hosting communities through effective humanitarian response leading to transition and recovery; and to identify entry points for the development of migration management projects and opportunities and conditions for IOM Sudan's permanent presence in the State. [Read More](#)

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IOM Rehabilitates a Primary Girls School Serving 600 Students in East Darfur



IOM with the generous funding support of the European Union, rehabilitated AL-Sadaga Primary Girls School in Abu Karinka locality for 600 students of primary school age. [Read More](#)

IOM Supports the Development of a Training Curriculum on Trafficking in Persons for the Sudanese Criminal Justice System



In May, a four day workshop was held to develop a curriculum for a training program for the Sudanese criminal justice system on dealing with criminal cases of human trafficking, with the technical assistance of IOM Sudan and in coordination with the Judicial and Legal Science Institute. The workshop was funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. [Read More](#)

IOM Supports the Development of Sudan's 2017-2019 National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking

In April, with the technical assistance of IOM Sudan, the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking (NCCT) held a two day workshop on the elaboration of the 2017-2019 National Action Plan (NAP) to combat human trafficking in Sudan. Established further to the enactment of the 2014 Anti-trafficking Act, the NCCT initiated this process to design strategic and operational reference frameworks to effectively address trafficking in persons in Sudan. The workshop was funded by U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and attended by 35 participants from 18 government institutions seeking to ensure the Government of Sudan's ownership by drafting a context-specific document focused on key priorities and targets to combat human trafficking in the country. [Read More](#)

Canada Remains Committed to Providing Durable Solutions to the Refugee Situation

Between April- May, IOM assisted a total of 425 refugees residing in Sudan to resettle to Canada; these are out of the 2,050 refugees that the Government of Canada intends to resettle in the current 2017 fiscal year. During the 2016 fiscal year ending 31 March 2017, IOM assisted a total of 3,103 refugees residing in Sudan to resettle to Canada. Canada is among the five countries that have agreed to accept referrals from UNHCR as part of the international efforts to secure durable solutions to the refugee situation in Sudan, which is resettlement to a third country. Over 98% of the refugees resettling from Sudan to Canada are Eritreans, while the remainder are Ethiopians. Sudan has continued to host migrants, among whom are refugees, for over four decades. Since 2005, IOM Sudan has helped over 25,000 non-Sudanese refugees to resettle in 19 different destinations including North America, Europe, and the Pacific, over 46% of whom have so far been resettled in Canada. The admission programme to Canada is overseen by the State Department and supported by IOM, UNHCR and other implementing partners. Read more on IOM Sudan's resettlement services [here](#).

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