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IOM Sudan Chief Of Mission Remarks on the Positive Impact of Becoming a UN Related Organization



"With this new relationship, IOM will have a seat at the UN table; a voice in dialogue; an open door to key policymaking bodies, access to information and funding; and greater opportunity to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and to help migrants and Member States" –Mario Lito Malanca- IOM Sudan Chief of Mission

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) approved a resolution and [formal agreement signed at the last UNGA's September 19](#) High Level Meeting on Refugees and Migrants between UN Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon and IOM Director General William Lacy Swing confirming IOM becoming a related agency of the United Nations System. This is an important milestone in the history of migration, as well as a turning point in the relationship between IOM and the United Nations. This is the first time Heads of States have come together to address migration and refugee issues.

The key question now is how IOM's new status in the United Nations System will affect the Organization, migrants and our member states. The ultimate answer lies in how the IOM Administration manages the transition. In [Council Resolution No. 1309](#) of 24 November 2015, we undertook a number of commitments related to maintaining the essential characteristics of the Organization which had been identified by the Member States. These essential characteristics include independence, flexibility, cost-effectiveness and responsiveness. [Read the Full Article Here](#)

IN THE NEWS

Thousands of Community Members Supported in Abyei

With generous funding from the United Nations Interim Security Forces for Abyei- Quick Impact Projects 2015-16; IOM Sudan supported the construction of 3 grinding mills reaching 8,000 community members in Diffra, Makines and Al Asker, North of Abyei. As well as the construction of a vegetable farm and fencing in Diffra, North of Abyei; improving the lives of approximately 100 households (all headed by women); and the construction of 6 new hand pumps in North and South Abyei giving access to safe drinking water to almost 4, 500 community members.



IOM Sudan Supports Hundreds of Flood Affected Families in North Darfur

Heavy [rainfall this season](#) in Sudan has caused flash floods in various areas across the country. At the request of North Darfur's Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) and the Area Humanitarian Country Team (AHCT), IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) teams were deployed to assess the situation in North Darfur IDP camps to evaluate the damage and register the affected populations through door-to-door assessments. With the generous support of the Government of Canada, IOM Sudan managed to successfully distribute Emergency Shelter/ Non-Food items (ES/NFI) reaching over 350 of the most vulnerable flood affected families whose homes were completely destroyed in [El Koma Locality](#) and [Shangel Tobay](#), North Darfur.

Celebrating the 2016 International Youth Day



International Youth Day celebrations held on August 12th in Khartoum. Organized by Ministry of Youth and Sports, UNDP and with participation from IOM Sudan and various youth organizations.

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Water Hygiene and Sanitation Activities Provide Access to 90,000 Beneficiaries in South Darfur



Through the Common Humanitarian Fund, IOM and its partners in Otash IDP Camp, South Darfur completed the construction of 500 latrines and 1 mini water yard, maintenance and operation of 12 mini water yards, rehabilitation of 8 distribution points, installation of 3 emergency water bladders and training of 30 community members on hand pump mechanics. Therefore allowing access to 90,000 beneficiaries residing in the camp.

IOM Sudan Hosts the first Steering Committee Meeting for the EU Funded Cross Border Peace and Cooperation (CBPC) Project



The first EU Funded CBPC Project Steering Committee (SC) meeting was held in IOM Sudan's Khartoum Offices to discuss project implementation progress and challenges. The SC comprises of individuals representing the European Union Delegation (EUD) to the Republic of Sudan, IOM Sudan, the Federal Ministry of Finance; State Ministries of Finance-South and East Darfur; as well as members of established Community Improvement Committees at the locality level. The SC provides regular monitoring guidance to the CBPC Project which aims to contribute to Sudan's development priorities through enabling an environment for community stabilization and peaceful coexistence amongst pastoralist and sedentary communities in South and East Darfur States, in areas at the border with South Sudan. [Read More](#)

IOM Sudan Safely Resettles the First Caseload of Forty Eight Refugees to Italy

Forty-eight refugees from 12 Eritrean families departed from Khartoum International Airport to Rome Airport in Italy on two commercial flights organized by IOM. One flight took place on 26 July for 14 refugees (five families), and the other one on 28 July for 34 (seven families). Both caseloads are the first movements from Sudan to Italy under the Italian refugee resettlement quota system adopted in 2015. [Read More](#)



40 Immigration Officers Trained on Dealing with Human Trafficking, Smuggling and Imposter Recognition

On the 31st August 2016, IOM trained 40 Sudanese Police Officers on dealing with human trafficking, smuggling and identifying imposter documentation. The training session is within the frame work of IOM's "Enhancing Sudan's Technical Capacity on Migration Management", a 800,000 Euro Italian Agency for Development Cooperation funded Project.