



To honour International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>, this issue highlights IOM Sudan's support to female beneficiaries.

### Promoting local production of emergency shelters in three IDP camps in North Darfur

In January, 250 men and women from three IDP camps in North Darfur received twenty days of on-the-job skills training to learn how to produce improved emergency shelters. Organized by IOM Sudan, the project offers vulnerable IDPs households with life-saving shelter assistance as well as supporting their sustainable socio-economic development through skills training. [Read More](#)

### IN THE NEWS

### IOM Helps Stranded Nigerian Migrants Return from Sudan



In February, IOM helped a group of 42 stranded, vulnerable Nigerian migrants, including 31 women and 19 children, to voluntarily return home to Nigeria. They flew to Kano International Airport from Khartoum. [Read More](#)

Nigerian families prepare to return home from Sudan. Photo: IOM 2016

### IOM Builds Vocational Skills in North Darfur

In February, 215 trainees, including 100 young men and 115 young women, graduated from a 5-week IOM-sponsored program at Sudan's El Fasher Technical Schools for Boys and Girls in North Darfur. The young men graduated in plumbing, welding, construction and auto mechanics and the young women in tailoring, handicrafts, food processing and computer skills. Participants received start-up kits that will enable them to apply their skills in the local labour market. [Read More](#)



Some Vocational Training Graduates showcasing their products North Darfur. Photo: IOM 2016

### IOM Sudan extends Sayah Mobile Clinic Services in North Darfur

Due to the continued need for urgent health care services to displaced persons in remote villages and the members of the surrounding community in North Darfur, IOM was requested by the State Ministry of Health to extend its project support to Savah mobile clinic in North Darfur to March 2016. [Read More](#)

### The Rapid Response Fund in Sudan



Naila on the right carrying one of her daughters. Photo: IOM 2016

Blue Nile State in Sudan is a verdant place, scattered with fertile, green lands and characterized by the sparkling waters of the river that give the state its name. Naila Yousif is a 42 year old female living in Elshaheed Afndv village, Bau locality in Blue Nile State. Together with her husband and their 12 children; 9 girls and 3 boys, Naila sought a living through small-scale agriculture. Bau has a total population of approximately 10, 400 people. In January 2015, Naila and her neighbours faced a terrifying experience when their village was attacked as a result of armed conflict.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) appealed to IOM with a proposal to provide improved emergency shelters for the vulnerable families who, like Naila, had lost everything when they fled from the conflict. IOM responded with a rapid approval and provided 1,300 families with improved emergency shelters. [Read Full Story Here](#)



#### IOM Sudan Staff Quote:

"International Women's day is an occasion to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It is an opportunity to recognize the steps taken world-wide to achieve equality between men and women. It is also an opportunity to highlight specific challenges that women continue to face, and to collectively find solutions to these challenges at local and global levels" Veera Jansa, Project Officer, Migration Management and Development Unit, Sudan. (pictured left)

### Zam Zam Women's Training Center handed over in North Darfur



Women making use of ZamZam Women's Training Center. Photo: IOM 2016

IOM Sudan officially handed over the ZamZam Women's Center to the Ministry of Social Welfare and local communities in El Fasher, North Darfur. Established in 2015 in the ZamZam Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp, the center is a training venue to enhance income generating activities for vulnerable women and female-headed households. Generously funded by the Government of Japan under the project "Responding to needs of newly displaced IDPs and breaking the cycle of dependency of IDPs in Darfur, Sudan", the center delivers training to hundreds of women on various skills such as the production of sanitary pads, which they can sell in the market, as well as provides a space for them to meet. The center was equipped with sewing machines, furniture and raw materials to start the activities. [Read More](#)

### The First Children's Day Care Facility in South Abyei

After 3 months of construction with logistical support from IOM Sudan, and the generous funding support of the United Nations Interim Security Forces for Abyei-Quick Impact projects 2014-15; mothers in South Abyei can now go to work typically selling tea and local food; knowing that their children are safely taken care of at the *Apink* Day Care Facility. With the capacity to care for up to 40 children (newborn to 10 years old) every day, the Facility is the first of its kind in South Abyei.

### Building Knowledge and Learning of Government and Civil Society



During International Migration Law Training of various government institutions held at the Ministry of Justice. Photo: IOM 2016.

This quarter, IOM Sudan trained:

- 28 migration officers at the Aliens Department of Sudan on International and national counter trafficking legislation.
- 27 representatives from various Government and non-governmental counterparts on International Migration Law.
- 28 participants, including priests, sheikhs, teachers and community leaders on risks of irregular migration.

### Sixty men and forty women improve their fishing skills in Blue Nile State

IOM supported training of sixty men and forty women from El Roseiris locality in Blue Nile State on how to conduct successful fishing trips in compliance with fishing regulations, as well as on how to pack fishery products. Despite women not being commonly trained in skills such as fishery; forty women from Shanisha also received training on food processing skills, including making salted fish, smoked fish as well as preservation and packing techniques. [Read more.](#)