

Kenya Country Office

July 2021 Report



STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENTS AND EVENTS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs



■ Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission IOM Kenya, paid a courtesy call to Amb. Rachel Omamo, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and discussed areas of cooperation between the two entities and ways of strengthening the existing partnership and current trends of international migration and how to ensure migration is safe.

Ministry of Labour and Social Protection



■ Labour migration country and programmes, benefits of labour migration to countries of origin and destination and partnerships between the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and IOM Kenya were discussed by Simon Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya.

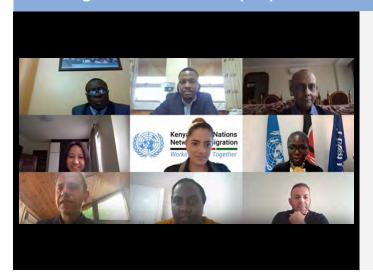
Ministry of East Africa Community



Adan Mohammed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East Africa Community (EAC) met Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya to discuss the Mission's COVID-19 response support, IOM's programs that promote safe migration within the region as well as migration practices that are beneficial to all.



Migration Governance (MG)



■ Dr. Stephen Jackson, UN Kenya Resident Coordinator, chaired the second UN Network on Migration meeting. The Government of Kenya joint the meeting, with relevant participation of UN Agencies, and presented the National Action Plan for GCM implementation. A draft work-plan for the Network was also amongst the items discussed in the meeting.

World Day Against Trafficking



■ The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, IOM Kenya and other partners commemorated World Day Against Trafficking on 30 July 2021 virtually. Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya was a guest speaker. Discussions focused on Kenya's efforts such as legal framework to curb trafficking in persons, IOM's support to the government as well as whole of government, whole of society approach ensure migrants are protected from trafficking.

Migration Environment and Climate Change (MECC)



■ MECC unit held discussions with county officials and stakeholders from Tana River County on the findings of a survey conducted to determine gaps and needs for beneficiaries of climate change and blue economy initiatives by IOM Kenya. Planned pilot projects and training for beneficiaries were also in focus. These initiatives are supported through the International Development Fund (IDF) funded Project on Blue Economy in Tana River.



LAUNCH

Migration Governance (MG)



■ The Kenya UN Network on Migration launched the Migration and Prevention/Countering Violent Extremism Technical Working Group. During this meeting, the Terms of Reference (ToR) were discussed and revised. The group is a platform for stakeholders to discuss and strengthen monitoring mechanisms as well as anticipate risks concerning migration and prevention/ countering violent extremism.

Technical Committee



■ The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection launched a Technical Committee to establish and operationalize the piloting of Oversight and Community Feedback Mechanisms' that will monitor the Kenyan recruitment industry focusing on private recruitment agencies. The 22-member committee is drawn from government, trade unions, non-governmental organizations, victims of trafficking and labour migrant returnees.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Technical Committee



■ The Technical Committee to establish and operationalize the piloting of Oversight and Community Feedback Mechanisms' was trained on their Terms of Reference to ensure the members have an in-depth understanding of their roles and mandate as they embark on the journey to establish the Oversight and Community Feedback Mechanisms'. This initiative was funded by GFEMS.

Private recruitment agencies (PRAs)



■ Nairobi based private recruitment agencies (PRAs) were trained on the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) to strengthen their capacity to practice ethical recruitment that meets international standards.



Immigration and Border Management (IBM)



■ IOM conducted a sensitization workshop to newly recruited immigration officers from Busia, Namanga and Nairobi they were trained on document examination and fraud detection. Separately, another training was conducted on senior government officers focus being coordinated border management (CBM).



■ A rapid assessment in Lamu, was conducted as part of the Enhancing Security through Improved Border and Immigration Management II project. Findings of the assessment will provide guidance on equipment to be availed for the Lamu immigration office and subsequent capacity building support for border management committees.

Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA)



■ COA published a report Digital Inclusion of Refugees Resettling to Canada: Opportunities and Barriers. The research was supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Department. The purpose was to assess and better understand barriers and enablers of refugee's access, connectivity, and ability to use digital training tools in the pre-arrival stage, to optimizing refugees' access to services along the resettlement continuum.



For more information, please visit our website for this report at https://bit.ly/3AzLogG

Australian Cultural Orientation (AUSCO)



■ Four Australian cultural orientation sessions were conducted for eight individuals who had been approved for travel under emergency consideration. Three were undertaken telephonically due to the COVID-19 measures and one was facilitated in person. Additionally, the Kenya AUSCO team conducted a training of trainers for IOM global colleagues focusing on housing. The refresher training created awareness on housing expectations based participants' feedback and was a platform to share experiences.

SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH

Immigration and Border Management (IBM)



■ IOM Kenya provided technical support for the development of curriculum modules on case management for victims of trafficking as part the sustainable capacity building initiative under better migration management. The modules were developed by a multi-sectoral technical working group on case management.

Migrant Protection and Assistance (MPA)



■ IOM Kenya facilitated travel of two consular officers from the Embassy of Ethiopia in Kenya to Malawi to screen, identify and prepare travel documents for 134 stranded Ethiopian migrants to prepare for their repatriation. This exercise was supported by EU-IOM Joint Initiative.



Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM)



- The Resettlement and Movements Unit assisted 89 individuals to start new lives in various countries through resettlement and family reunion including:
- Canada
- Norway
- Germany

- Sweden
- Burundi
- Australia

- USA
- Austria
- Ethiopia

- Italy
- France
- Finland
- United Kingdom Switzerland

Departures from Kenya: 01 - 30 July 2021



Individuals who received resettlement assistance



Individuals facilitated with migration services



Individuals granted return assist to migrants and government



Individuals that received return and Reintegration assistance (Migrant/Gov)



Individuals supported with Immigration services and Visas

Departures: By Citizenship









Ethiopian













IOM Mombasa



- IOM Kenya, Mombasa sub-office in partnership with Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics Trust with funding from USAID conducted intramediation sessions in Lamu, Kilifi and Tana River Counties to address conflict and tension instigated through religious stereotypes, contested grazing farmlands and, inter-ethnic conflict triggers. Psychosocial support for victims of terror attacks was also discussed. Youth focused sessions based on dangerous political narratives that lead to violence were held.
- Meetings outreaches were held in Tana River, Lamu and Kilifi counties, County bi-annual meeting which discussed the USAID project "Contributing Towards Sustainable Peace in the Coast Region of Kenya programme", progress, challenges, achievements and lesson learned of the program implementation and the role of women in contribution towards peace in the region. The theatre outreach program aimed at promoting social cohesion with key peace messages through stage and community shows and performances by local artists.



COVID-19 RESPONSE

EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response



■ Religious, youth, women and community leaders from Marsabit County were trained on COVID-19 infection, preventive and control measures, risk communication and community engagement by the Ministry of Health and IOM Kenya. These leaders will cascade the knowledge acquired to the wider community. This initiative was supported by the EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Program.

EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Beneficiaries

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263 **Beneficiaries**



Number of people who received specific care in quarantine /isolation Centre



Individuals provided with psychosocial and psychological support



GBV survivors provided with psychosocial support counselling

MOYALE



Number of people who received specific care in quarantine /isolation Centre



Individuals provided with psychosocial and psychological support



Community and religious leaders trained on IPC



OUR PARTNERS







































