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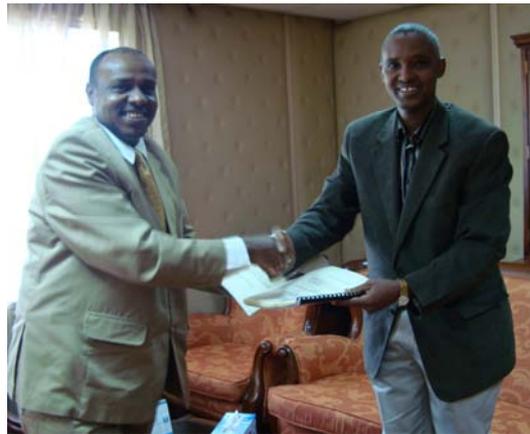
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THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA AND IOM ENTER ANOTHER AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT SHELTERS FOR RETURNING IDPs IN THE RIFT VALLEY



IOM's Regional Representative, Mr. Ashraf El Nour, and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of State for Special Programmes, Mr. Ali Mohamed, during the signing of the agreement.

IOM and Kenya's Ministry of State for Special Programmes (MoSSP) have signed yet another agreement that will see IOM construct 5,184 low cost shelters for returning internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Wareng District, Rift Valley Province.

The \$1,848,332 funding from the African Development Bank will address the housing needs of people displaced after the 2007 post election violence. The first round of 1,784 shelters have commenced construction, with a second round of 3,400 shelters to be built by June 2010. This will bring the number of houses constructed by IOM since September 2008 to a grand total of 14,134, thus making IOM the leading agency in facilitating reintegration assistance to returnees in this region that was adversely affected following the post elections violence.

Since the onset of the violence in January 2008, IOM has worked closely with the Government of Kenya – through the MoSSP – to support recovery efforts and help bring back stability to the livelihoods of the affected families in the Rift Valley. IOM's success in the implementation of recovery efforts in the Rift valley has built confidence in the Government who identified IOM as the agency to implement this programme

MoSSP is once again demonstrating its commitment to alleviating the displacement problems faced by Kenyans, and IOM has been a truly reliable and effective partner.
Ali Mohamed, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of State for Special Programmes

on its behalf.

In 2008, through the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), IOM constructed 700 low-cost shelters in Molo, Uasin Gishu and Lugari Districts of the Rift Valley.

The Government of Japan availed recovery funding that saw IOM construct 8,000 units of low cost shelters, support livelihood activities and sustain an environment of peace in the Rift Valley. The programme in the Rift Valley, *Shelter and Livelihoods for Peace and Reconciliation*, is drawing to a successful conclusion with 8,250 shelters constructed in six districts and more than 10,000 families reached with livelihoods support.

"This programme has been instrumental in the process of bringing back stability in the lives of the affected families and in sustaining peace building and conflict prevention efforts in areas of return. We are proud of our excellent collaboration with MoSSP," said IOM's Regional Representative, Mr El Nour.



Residents of the Rift Valley Province lost their property during the onset of the post election violence.

DFID AND THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IOM TO SUPPORT THE EAC SECRETARIAT IN ENHANCING FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS BETWEEN THE PARTNER STATES

The United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the British High Commission signed an agreement with IOM to support the East African Community (EAC) in its efforts to harmonize migration management in the region.

The agreement will contribute towards overall efforts to ensure free and safe movement of people between EAC partner states while tackling issues such as irregular migration, smuggling, human trafficking and labour migration

Large refugee movements and internally displaced people, labour migration, irregular migration (including trafficking and human smuggling) and traditional temporary migration characterize East Africa's migration flows. Many of the migrants originating from the EAC Partner States remain within the region, making the EAC Partner States countries of origin, transit and destination.

Studies have shown that countries in the region are also source and transit countries for both refugee and irregular migrant flows along the Mediterranean Route (from the region to Sudan, Egypt, Libya and onwards to Europe), and the southern route towards South Africa.

With the EAC and its partner states aiming to establish a common market for the free movement of people by 2010, several issues and hurdles need to be addressed such as national security, migrants' and workers rights, refugee protection and human trafficking.

The £507,000 (US\$821,000) funding from DFID will allow IOM to support the EAC Secretariat and partner States - Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi - to strengthen their capacity to address these migration issues. This will be through technical support to a new Migration Desk to be established at the EAC Secretariat, increasing migration expertise at EAC policy making level. It will also help ensure that migration is incorporated into the common market protocol and provide information to the Secretariat and partner states on emerging migration challenges and possible interventions.

In addition, a Regional Advisory Committee will be set up to enhance dialogue on migration with other regions and countries and a Migration Resource Centre established in Arusha at the EAC Secretariat. This will include a physical and online library for the collection and sharing of information on migration trends and practices.

The project will be implemented as a component of Trade-Mark East Africa, a multi-donor initiative managed by DFID to promote regional economic integration.

IOM, CHILD LINE KENYA, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA LAUNCH A CHILD HELPLINE IN NORTH EASTERN PROVINCE



The Director of the Department of Children Services in Kenya, unveils the plaque during the launch of the child helpline in Garissa, North Eastern Province. The centre was established by IOM, GOK, and Child Line Kenya

IOM, in collaboration with Child Line Kenya and the Government of Kenya, have launched a call centre in Garissa, Kenya, as a response to the need to have a referral system where cases of trafficking and child abuse can be reported and create community networks that support victim assistance. This launch comes after the start of a nation wide information campaign (dubbed *Kaa Chonjo*) that aims at creating awareness on the dangers of human trafficking in Kenya.

Child helpline, a telecommunication and outreach service for children and young people in need of support, care and protection, was established by Child Line Kenya, which partnered with the Government of Kenya in March 2008 and launched the child helpline number, 116. With large groups of children at risk, services received through the helpline include counselling and debriefing, education on child abuse and rights, and referral services to medical treatment, reintegration and rehabilitation.

Since the launch of the child helpline services to date, calls from North Eastern Kenya have been very low in comparison to other provinces, yet there are serious social-cultural issues affecting the development of children in this region. The devolvement of the helpline 116 service to North Eastern Province is seen as one major strategy of dealing with that challenge in that it would bring the service closer to the main beneficiaries.

The launch was officiated by the Director of the Department of Child Services, Mr. Hussein Ahmed, and was attended by the Director of Child Line Kenya, District Commissioner for Garissa, Deputy Mayor of Garissa, IOM Head of Sub-Office Dadaab, religious leaders, women representatives, and representatives from Child Line Kenya, UNICEF, and IOM.

IOM, Child Line Kenya, and the Government of Kenya, signed a tripartite agreement in October 2009 to establish a child helpline in North Eastern Province, making this an important milestone in the development of a referral service system in North Eastern Kenya.

IOM AND THE TANZANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION HOLD A STAKEHOLDERS CO-ORDINATION MEETING ON TANZANIA'S DIASPORA



Participants of the Stakeholders Coordination Meeting in Tanzania met to discuss ways of engaging the diaspora in the development of Tanzania

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania held a Stakeholders Coordination meeting on Tanzania's Diaspora with the aim to examine ways and initiatives to engage the Tanzanian Diaspora in the development process of the country.

"It is a requirement of the Government of Tanzania to allow dual nationality so as to engage the Tanzanian Diaspora, since they play a significant role in contributing towards the national development", said the Minister Tanzanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Bernard Membe, during the opening of the meeting.

He also announced that a new department has been established at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation that will be dealing with Diaspora matters, coordinating with different Tanzanian Diaspora communities through embassies or directly with well structured Diaspora associations.

The framework to assist Tanzanian's Diaspora to engage in developing the country would begin by pursuing the request for Dual Nationality which would serve as an important incentive for Tanzanians abroad to participate in national affairs freely. This would enable Tanzania Diaspora who would like to invest home to return home without hindrances.

Participants shared their views and experiences on the significance of engaging Tanzania's Diaspora urging Tanzanians living abroad to take advantage of the investment opportunities currently offered in Tanzania. Feedbacks from Conventions of the Tanzanian Diaspora in Houston and London emphasized the need of sharing information on current developments in Tanzania with the Tanzania Diaspora who have no easy access to such information.

IOM Tanzania's Chief of Mission, Par Liljert, said formal remittance flows from African Diaspora back home exceeded \$10 billion, but could have exceeded \$40 billion, also considering remittances passing through informal channels, a reality showing that Diaspora has the financial power to engage investments in health, education, agriculture and tourism sectors in Tanzania.

The meeting included representatives from Tanzanian Ministries, Embassies, national institutions and private sector, United Nations and international organizations, and Diaspora from UK, who collectively concluded to form a Task Force that would lead the process of coordinating events and follow ups on the process of engaging Tanzania's Diaspora.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation requested IOM's advisory support and will jointly collaborate with IOM in 2010 for the development of a Tanzanian Diaspora framework, as a project funded through IOM's 1035 Facility.



Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary addressing the Stakeholders at the closure of the Diaspora event