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IOM NAIROBI HOSTS A CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT VALIDATION WORKSHOP



IOM Regional Representative, Mr. Ashraf El Nour, addresses inter-agency staff who participated in the CCCM validation workshop.

The global Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM) cluster last month organized an inter-agency training to roll out a new CCCM guideline aimed at equipping interagency staff who work with internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Kenya with a new whole new approach to CCCM.

This training focused on the IDP situation in Kenya and is ultimately geared towards providing assistance to affected populations as well as support for government efforts in this regard. The improved manual now includes issues such as camp set up, urbanization, early recovery, IDPs living outside camps and camp consolidation among other issues.

There is a realization that gender sensitivity needs to be linked to the services that we offer

Ashraf El Nour

In his opening remarks, the IOM Regional Representative for East and Central Africa, Mr. Ashraf El Nour, underscored the importance of adapting the CCCM cluster to local needs, in reference to the Government of Kenya's response to the post election crisis. He emphasized the need to ensure the training took gender concerns into account. "Let us be gender sensitive on the way we approach our

service delivery. Share your knowledge and past experiences and at the end of the training have a team that is well prepared to manage a crisis should it occur".

The training aimed at ensuring that workers in the field are better prepared in case of an emergency. "This pioneer training uses a manual that has been put together from different experiences since 2005 and offers a new approach to camp management," said Kritte Hoffritz, CCCM Senior Advisor, UNHCR Geneva.

The three day workshop was hosted by IOM, and brought together 24 interagency staff working with IDPs in Kenya. Based on the feedback received from the participants in Kenya, an in- depth training of trainers will be undertaken in Amman, Jordan.

I worked with IDPs following the post election crisis until they returned to their homes and the whole exercise was a nightmare. This training has enlightened me on a number of issues relating to CCCM

Sr. Macrina Cheruto, IOM



Interagency staff who participated in the CCCM workshop

KENYA'S DRY LAND PRODUCES BUMPER HARVEST AS PASTORALISTS TURN TO FARMING

IOM MANAGES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FROM RWANDA TO FINLAND



Sorghum planted on 10 acres land at Napek farm in Turkana West directly benefits 512 households

Turkana West is an arid pastoralist district in the northwest region of Kenya. For the longest time, the definition of family and individual worth was determined by the livestock owned. This traditional practice is now under siege due to protracted drought and cattle rustling that are dramatically costing residents of Turkana their means of livelihood.

The region has been hit by drought, resource based conflict, insecurity, poor or no harvests, high starvation and malnutrition rates, water scarcity, poor farming techniques, lack of clean seeds for planting during rainy seasons, high food prices and increased dependency on relief food. These factors have contributed to chronic food shortages that affect residents socially and economically.

With funding from the Japan Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), IOM has supported agro-pastoral livelihood activities in Turkana by distributing drought resistant seeds which included sorghum, green grams, millet, cowpeas and ground nuts. This intervention is expected to improve food security, reduce poverty and provide an alternative source of livelihood rather than the traditional dependence on livestock.

A total of 512 households benefited from this distribution. The community have also been encouraged to take advantage of the heavy rains that have been experienced in the north west regions.

The livelihood activity was largely successful and farmers are now reaping the fruits of their labour.

"We have not experienced this kind of harvest in Turkana...this harvest can sustain us for the next five months," confessed one farmer.

IOM is mobilizing more pastoralists to participate in the next phase of seed distribution and planting, even as pastoralists continue to realize that this can be a source of livelihood. IOM is also working out modalities of the project's sustainability.

IOM Rwanda facilitated the departure of 46 refugees accepted for resettlement by the Finnish Government from Kigali to Helsinki on May 25th, 2010.

The refugees, who were settling in a camp in Rwanda, were moved to Kigali, where they underwent pre-departure medical checks and were transported to Kigali Airport for departure. IOM provided an escort for this large group, which included many children, travelling from Kigali to Brussels, and then onward to Helsinki, Finland.



Briefing of refugees before transportation to the Kigali Airport by IOM staff Saed Guled (IOM Helsinki) and Marie Claudine Uwineza (IOM Kigali)

Since the beginning of 2010, IOM has facilitated the movement of 81 individuals from Rwanda to Finland with Rwanda being the major resettlement caseload from Africa for Finland.

In 2010, 108 individuals total from the whole region are expected to depart to Finland. As such, Rwanda comprises approximately 75 percent of the total number of migrants from Africa who will resettle in Finland.



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EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFICKED AND UNDOCUMENTED CONGOLESE WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN IN UGANDA

The plight of approximately 1,500 undocumented Congolese migrant women and children stranded in Uganda continue to be a grave concern to the Governments of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). These women and children are unable to benefit from existing humanitarian services, and the prevalence of HIV is as high as 65 percent amongst some groups of women, most of whom are also becoming susceptible to human trafficking. The deteriorating conditions that these women and children face in areas of Uganda such as Pajule, Kotido, Gulu, and Kitgum are of both humanitarian and protection concern.

Through \$480,000 funding from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and the Royal Norwegian Embassy, IOM has been implementing a project entitled, *Emergency and Transitional Assistance to Trafficked and Undocumented Congolese Women and their Children in Acholi and Karamoja Regions of Uganda*, which is designed to support stranded undocumented Congolese migrants through enabling their voluntary return back to DRC. The broad objectives of this project are to reduce the communal tensions and security threat experienced by these women and their host communities as well as to

enable these women return home, a desire that has time and again been elicited as their predominant intention, in hopes of transforming their lives into productive members of society.

Between 4 January 2010 and 31 May 2010, IOM Uganda provided repatriation and socio-economic reintegration assistance to 158 Congolese women and their children to DRC provinces of Orientale, Equateur, and Ituri.

IOM Uganda has also trained three local partners, Union des Femmes Acquis Au Changement Evolutif (UNIFACE), Foundation Internationale Shekina (FISH), and Forum de Mamas Ituri (FOMI), in areas such as family tracing and reunification; individual case management; business viability assessment; and socio-economic reintegration monitoring and evaluation aimed at supporting the Congolese migrants.

Currently, there are a total of 66 women that IOM and its partners are assisting in Kisangani, Orientale, Gemena, Equateur, Bunia and Ituri provinces of DRC.

IOM SUPPORTS KAMUKUNJI DISTRICT TO REACH MIGRANTS DURING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH WEEK



IOM staff assisting the Kamukunji District Health Team to conduct Malezi Bora campaign at Eastleigh Community Wellness Centre. Of note is the participation of men in this activity. Credit: M. Maalim, IOM

Within IOM's *Urban Migrant Health Programme Framework*, the Eastleigh Community Wellness Centre serves as a platform for piloting health promotion activities in partnership with the local health authorities and community service organizations. Eastleigh Estate of Nairobi is largely comprised of irregular migrants from neighbouring countries who are marginalized from accessing health services. Lack of equitable access to services impacts both migrants and their Kenyan neighbours. In partnership with the Kamukunji District Health Management Team (DHMT), IOM participated in *Malezi Bora* (Good Nurturing) campaign from 9th to 13th May 2010.

This is a national initiative launched in 2008 offering a comprehensive service package to promote children's and mothers' health. This initiative breaks away from the past practice where health interventions were delivered mainly through outreach campaigns,

but instead mothers are being encouraged to routinely bring their children to their local health facilities. The objectives are: to promote exclusive breast feeding, growth monitoring, de-worming, prevention and appropriate management of diarrhoea, improve routine immunization and vitamin A supplementation, service delivery to pregnant women, and family planning uptake.

IOM offered use of the Eastleigh Community Health Centre for the campaign, as it is recognized and trusted by the community. IOM also provided a translator and community mobilization activities, which aimed to engage men in promoting family health.

Following the campaign, Florence Opiyo, the District Public Health Nurse (DPHN), Kamukunji, said *"I want to sincerely thank IOM for the support accorded to Kamukunji DHMT during the Malezi Bora week in May 2010... Without your help, we would not have achieved what we did. We look forward to working with you always."*

Government counterparts have been very appreciative of IOM collaboration and unique ability to bridge marginalized migrants to available health services, and have formally requested IOM to provide a full package of MCH services for migrants and the host community.

Immediately after the campaign, IOM is planning to start Weekly Immunization Day at the clinic. As part of the continued partnership, the DHMT will provide vaccines and second a public health nurse to conduct the immunization. This will contribute towards achieving improved immunization coverage in the community. IOM's major challenge is that services are being provided with a very limited budget. The DHMT is ready to provide a support letter to any donor interested in collaborating with IOM and its partners for improving availability of comprehensive MCH services.

IOM FACILITATES PEACE BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND SHELTER CONSTRUCTION



IOM implemented the construction of shelters funded by the African Development Bank

Efforts by IOM, in collaboration with Kenya's Ministry of State for Special Programmes (MoSSP), to facilitate sustained peace in the North Rift Valley continue even as the country faces a daunting task of voting for a new constitution. Community deliberations to find sustainable peace among the Kalenjin and Kikuyu communities have taken centre stage with participants appearing keen on living as friends.

The latest of such meetings took place at Geiti farm where the displaced communities are still camping at the *Operation Rudi Nyumbani* transit camp awaiting shelters that IOM has, in partnership with MoSSP, been constructing for the returnees.

Participating members showed their commitment to put aside their differences and stamp out the conflict and divisions that exist between them. Inter-marriages are also occurring

between the two communities and therefore they see the need for a peaceful environment for the generations to come. They plan to achieve peace through reconciliation ceremonies and a united front against tribal animosity and incitement.

The frequency of such meetings is on the rise. IOM has been helpful in facilitating interaction between the two communities in order to deal with fears, shame, anger, frustration and bitterness that exist among them. They community is hopeful in achieving long lasting solutions.

The Peace Building team has also been on the ground running the shelter project. The first lot of shelters funded by the African Development Bank have been underway. More than 1,400 shelters have been constructed. MoSSP conducted inspections with the Ministry of Public Works in order to certify the units constructed. Monitoring and evaluation process is also taking place. Constructions for the second lot within Burnt Forest and Timboroa are to begin on certification of the first lot of constructions.

THE SWEDISH MIGRATION BOARD VISITS DADAAB

The country of Sweden has for the first time begun the selection of refugees to be resettled from the Dadaab Refugee Camp in North Eastern Kenya this year. During the months of March and April 2010, the Swedish Migration Board and the Swedish Cultural Orientation Team visited Dadaab to conduct interviews of over 300 Somali refugees at Dadaab Refugee Processing Centre as well as provide cultural orientation to the refugees.

IOM Dadaab Operations hosted both groups, facilitating all of the logistics associated with process of resettlement selection including but not limited to contacting individuals for notification of interviews, transportation of refugees to the interview location, and coordinating a variety of other necessary resettlement related activities during the period.

The Cultural Orientation five member team, which comprised of three officers from the Migration Board and two officers from the respective municipalities in which the refugees were going to be resettled, carried out the week long classes by dividing the refugees into three age categories: adults over 20 years, youth aged 13-20 years and children aged 6-12 years. Children aged 0-5 years had a fun week of watching cartoons, coloring, and learning basic Swedish while the rest underwent the classes.

The orientation classes covered core and valuable information on Sweden such as the journey to Sweden, new life in the country, learning the Swedish language, municipal information, day-to-day life in Sweden, amongst others.

At the end of the class some of the officers shared their own "Migration to Sweden stories"; this was a highlight for the refugees who were participating in the training.

On May 25th, 2010, the first group of 99 Refugees left Dadaab to the IOM Nairobi Transit Center to begin the journey to Sweden the following day.

The IOM Operations Team stationed at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) facilitated the departure (including check-in, customs, immigration, and boarding) of these 99 refugee clients to Sweden on an evening of unusually high airport activity where departure assistance was provided for over 240 refugees.