



- ▶ Sir Mo Farah, Olympic gold medalist and six-time long-distance world championship runner was in Kenya for his inaugural visit as the first IOM Global Goodwill Ambassador. During his visit, he met with over 200 migrants, government stakeholders, development partners, and UN family, to raise awareness and increase support for the needs and aspirations of migrants in Kenya and advocating for sport as a tool to build confidence and integration. [Read more](#)

- ▶ IOM supported organizing the first-ever National Border Management Conference in Kenya on the theme “Building on Coordination and Moving towards Integration.” Attended by senior officials and representatives from Kenya, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Canada, UK, and USA, the Conference covered prominent regular pathways. [Read more](#)
- ▶ IOM Kenya collaborated with Department of Refugee Services and key stakeholders in the migration space, to explore effective strategies for expediting exit permits within refugee resettlement processes to promote safe and regular migration. [Read more](#)
- ▶ A new partnership between the Government of Japan and IOM is benefitting 2,000 people in Kenya’s border communities affected by insecurity, climate crisis, displacement, and lack of basic services and livelihoods. [Read more](#)
- ▶ Government of Kenya, US PRM, and IOM trained 46 members of Civil Society Organizations to improve coordination and harmonization of existing assistance for vulnerable migrants. [Read more](#)



1

1985

Kenya becomes the first African country to join IOM.



1993

Office established in Nairobi, Kenya



6

Offices

(Nairobi, MHAC Gigiri, Dadaab, Kakuma, Mombasa, Mandera)



433

Staff Members

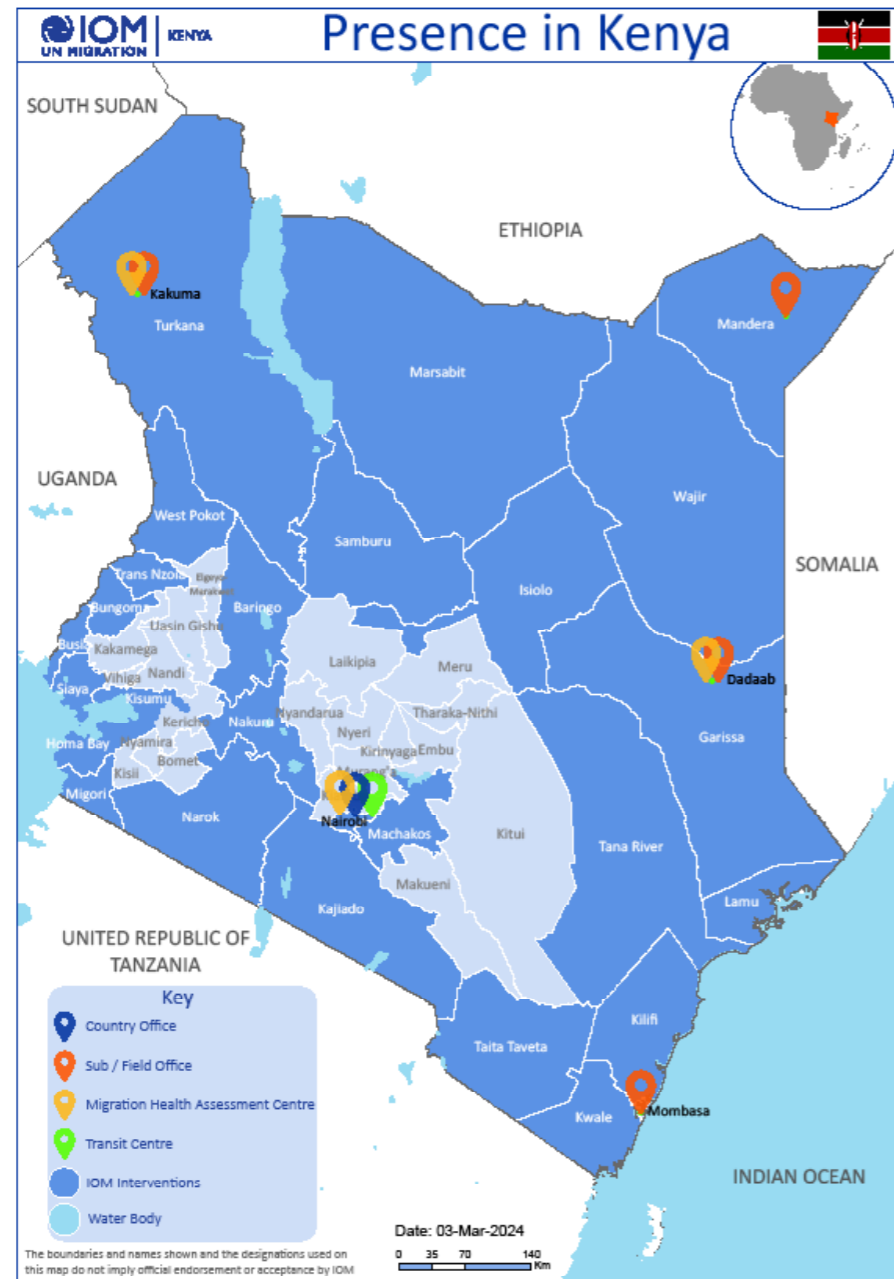
51% female, 49% male

[April 2024]



93%

National staff



The Labour Mobility and Migrant Protection programming supports the effective management of the social, economic, political, developmental, environmental, and humanitarian factors underpinning migration, empowering individuals, families, and nations to attain their development aspirations. Guided by the principle of safe, orderly, and regular migration and working at all stages of the migration process in close collaboration with the Government of Kenya, migrants, diasporas, aid partners, and other stakeholders, IOM focuses on establishing, expanding, and enhancing regular labour pathways, supporting skills-based and talent mobility schemes, facilitating human and economic mobility, protecting and assisting migrants and their communities, upholding their rights and dignities, facilitating the identification of migrants in vulnerable situations, and ensuring that they receive appropriate, immediate, and longer-term support, assisting migrants in making informed decisions in their migration journeys, optimizing the developmental potential of migration, improving the legislation, systems, and structures required to respond more effectively, and regulating migration that works for all.



13

Relevant workshops conducted



17

Persons reached by protection services outreach activities



200

People benefited from LMSI related capacity building activities



2

People benefitted through AVRR activities



2

Returnee migrants registered, profiled and screened for vulnerabilities upon arrival



2

Returnee migrants assisted with onward transportation allowance (OTA) and NFIs



2

Returnee migrants provided reintegration assistance



2

Unaccompanied Migrant Children received family tracing and reunification

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT



The Immigration and Border Governance programming supports the Government of Kenya to establish a comprehensive and integrated border management system to facilitate safe, orderly, and regular cross-border mobility and trade and to effectively address transnational organized crimes, including trafficking in persons as well as smuggling of migrants and goods to, from, and within Kenya. This includes programmes and policy initiatives that enhance mobility and regular pathways for migration, provision of technical support, capacity strengthening, improvement of border infrastructures, and enhancing inter-agency and cross-border cooperation. In addition, IOM supports community engagement initiatives to increase trust and promote a collaborative relationship between border communities and law enforcement authorities for enhanced border security.

In addition, IOM runs a Family Assistance Programme (FAP) Centre in Kenya, facilitating the family reunification of vulnerable migrants with their family members in Germany. The programme offers a wide range of support to families residing in Kenya and who have a family member in Germany with recognized refugee or subsidiary protection status.

2
Assessments undertaken at borders

1,399
Family members contacted to check eligibility and share information

150
Government officials benefitted from IBG related capacity building activities

611
walk-ins assisted

2
Points of Entry/Exit strengthened through infrastructure and equipment support

3,411
People reached through FAP

200
People engaged through sensitization/ workshops/ consultations

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

The Recovery and Resilience programming supports individuals and communities in Kenya affected by or vulnerable to the interconnected impacts of climate change, environmental degradation, natural hazards, conflict, and instability. IOM works to foster comprehensive and sustainable solutions to displacement, and strengthen resilience to existing and future risks.

Focused predominantly on climate change- and displacement-impacted communities in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) of Kenya, as well as on informal settlements in complex urban environments, IOM applies a humanitarian, development, and peace nexus (HDPN) approach to addressing needs, risks, and vulnerabilities over the short-, medium-, and long-term.

IOM's programming is centred around three broad pillars:

- **Prevention:** Prevent and reduce risks and impacts for communities affected by or vulnerable to disaster, climate change or conflict-related displacement.
- **Response:** Save and preserve lives through provision of humanitarian assistance for people on the move.
- **Solutions:** Promote solutions to displacements by facilitating inclusive, community driven recovery processes that address root causes and strengthen social cohesion.



8,000
People supported through Recovery and Resilience activities

4,100
People supported through cash transfer

70
People supported through peace building and cohesion activities

374
People benefitted from capacity building activities




MIGRATION HEALTH


Migration Health programming supports and enables migrants, crisis-affected people, and people on the move to access and benefit from healthcare services, which improves their standard of physical, mental, and social wellbeing, so they can substantially contribute to social and economic development.

- **Migration Health Assessments and Travel Assistance:** Pre-migration health activities (PMHA) consist of preventive, curative, and promotional health services provided to migrants and refugees, aiming to detect health conditions of public health importance, ensure safety during travel, and provide continuity of care in the different stages of migration. PMHA is an array of procedures that are undertaken in the context of regular migration at the request of receiving country governments. IOM Kenya operates PMHA activity in Nairobi, Kakuma, and Dadaab and the services based in the Dadaab and Kakuma camps are primarily for resettling refugees. Predeparture medical services for resettlement purposes are for refugees living in Kakuma and Dadaab Refugee Camps.
- **Health Promotion and Assistance for Migrants:** Advocacy and provision of technical assistance on migrant-inclusive health policies, enhancing the capacity of governments and partners to provide migrant-friendly services and direct service delivery such as free healthcare services for migrants and host community members through the Eastleigh Community Wellness Center in Nairobi. The services include outpatient care, antenatal and postnatal care, SRHR, HIV/AIDS, and mental health and psychosocial support.
- **Migration Health Assistance for Crisis-affected Communities:** Enhancing capacity of government and partners on preparedness, detection, and response to public health events of international concern such as polio, cholera, COVID-19, and Ebola. In addition, border health capacity and surveillance, knowledge sharing, community sensitization, and screening are also supported.





497
 Women of reproductive age received reproductive health services


39
 People benefitted from migration health related capacity building activities

1,004
 People screened for COVID – 19 for clinical and non-clinical Purpose

2,604
 People received the primary health care services in IOM supported facility

6,608
 Health assessments conducted in Migration Health Assessment Centres (MHACs)

581
 Pre-departure medical screenings for migrants

608
 People reached through awareness and health promotion

192
 Children under 5 immunized




RESSETTLEMENT AND MOVEMENT MANAGEMENT





Providing essential support to States resettling refugees and other humanitarian entrants is a fundamental purpose of the Organization and its largest ongoing activity. IOM helps its Member States carry out a variety of resettlement and other humanitarian admission schemes, many of which are well-established programmes, while others are ad hoc responses to specific forced migration crises. IOM works closely with governments, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), non-governmental organizations, and other partners, to enable resettlement.

In Kenya, IOM's Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM) programme facilitates safe refugee movements through the provision of logistical assistance to refugees and migrants that are travelling under IOM auspices. IOM's RMM and Migration Health teams collaborate to support refugees throughout the resettlement process. This can be inclusive of selection interviews, migration health assessments, cultural orientation, transit center assistance, document verification, and departure formalities/airport assistance.


RMM teams work very closely with the Department of Refugee Services and the Directorate of Immigration Services to ensure that refugees and migrants moving throughout the country are supported and safe.

46
 Refugees and migrants assisted for departure under the IOM family reunification programme.

254
 Participants received pre-departure Canadian orientation

349
 Refugees accommodated at Transit Center

535
 Refugees departed from Kenya under IOM's resettlement programme.

310
 People received arrival assistance at the Airport



DATA, RESEARCH, AND POLICY



The Data, Research, and Policy programming harnesses the power of data for operations, making meaning of global migration patterns, and informing foresight. IOM provides data for: action, foresight, and insight – supporting the Government of Kenya and partners in designing and implementing policies that serve migrants and displaced communities and support in building their resilience, improving preparedness, and providing solutions that contributes to the humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding nexus (HDPN).

Data is gathered and analysed to disseminate critical multi-layered information on the mobility, vulnerabilities, and needs of displaced and mobile populations that enables decision makers and responders in Kenya to provide these populations with better context specific assistance. In addition, it allows IOM with a coherent and systematic approach to analysis that integrates all relevant data and research for a comprehensive assessment on multi-dimensional drivers of migration and displacement, enabling more integrated and customized programming that is data-driven, context-specific, and scalable.

IOM's multisectoral assessments and analyses help stakeholders remain responsive to the evolving needs of crisis- and climate-affected communities over time and ensure that vulnerable communities, which may otherwise be overlooked, are not left behind.

-  **2** Relevant workshops to strengthen migration governance and policy
-  **70** Stakeholders trained on migration and its links with the Agenda 2030 and the GCM
-  **1** Meetings held with UN partners and Government on migration governance

-  **2** Displacement report, assessment, and dataset published
-  **5** Counties DTM activities are covering
-  **200** People reached with DTM information

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