

### LAUNCH

### IOM Kenya Country Strategy 2021-2025 Launch

#### IOM KENYA COUNTRY STRATEGY

2021-2025



■ IOM Kenya launched the IOM Kenya Country Strategy for 2021-2025 that will provide a strategic framework for IOM Kenya for the next five years. Through the implementation of the strategy, IOM Kenya intends to contribute to a migration system and process that safeguards dignity, ensures protection to migrants and benefits migrants, communities and society.

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### SENSITIZATION

### Sensitization of the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) to Private Recruitment Agencies



■ 194 Private Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) from Nairobi and Mombasa counties were sensitized on IRIS Standards to promote ethical recruitment of Kenyan migrant workers while facilitating safe labour migration. PRAs link Kenyans with jobs abroad, majority of the placements are in the United Arabs Emirates (UAE), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar.

### ASSESSMENT

### Tana River County Assessment on Impact of Climate Change



■ IOM Kenya collected data on the impacts of climate change and disasters on blue economy livelihoods in Tana River County. The findings will advise potential pilot projects to be implemented under Migration Environment and Climate Change (MECC) project “Engaging Migrants and Diasporas for Inclusive and Climate Resilient Blue Economy”. Key informants included National and County governments, the community, NGO’s and CSOs.

 TRAINING

Private Recruitment Agencies Trained on International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS)



- 10 Private Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) were trained on IRIS including IRIS certification and the seven principles of IRIS to enhance their knowledge on the importance of their businesses adopting IRIS Standards and adhering to international laws on labour migration. This will enhance safe labour migration and increase requests for labour recruitment by employers to the PRAs.

 SUPPORT

National Migration Policy



- IOM Kenya supported the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration (NCM) to review the draft National Migration Policy. The Policy will provide coordinated policy framework for implementation of programmes on labour migration and to reinforce other existing policies. Currently, migration issues are fragmented in various policy documents implemented by different government Agencies.

 SUPPORT

Donation of Vehicles and IT Equipment



- IOM Kenya donated a vehicle to the Directorate of Immigration to strengthen the government's efforts to enhance border patrols, fight cross-border and transnational crime as well as manage irregular migration. The IT equipment including laptops and computers will support the Directorate's digitized services such as eVisa, ePassport among others.

**RESPONSE**

**COVID-19 Response**



■ In the Hagadera quarantine center- Dadaab, 430 refugees have been supported with COVID-19 surveillance and screening, 85 have received psychosocial services and received Gender Based Violence (GBV) support and referral. In addition, 25 frontline workers tested for COVID-19 and 20 healthcare personnel trained on infection, prevention, and control measures and GBV in the COVID-19 context. In Moyale, 284 guests have been screened and surveilled, three received psychosocial and GBV support. 12 frontline workers tested for COVID-19. This initiative is supported by EU-IGAD.

**SUPPORT**

**Peace Plans Support in Mombasa County**



■ IOM Kenya Mombasa Sub-Office supported Peace Committees across four counties of Mombasa, Kilifi, Tana River and Lamu to draw and update existing peace plans in the counties context to enhance sustainable peace in the Coast region of Kenya. These plans will advise peacebuilding interventions and initiatives that will be adopted by these Committees.

**TESTING**

**Covid-19 Testing**



■ 4,494 COVID-19 tests have been conducted for frontline humanitarian workers by IOM Kenya. To enable them to continue providing life-saving interventions in response to COVID-19.



## SENSITIZATION

### Four-day Community Engagement on Tuberculosis (TB)



- 34,204 residents from Eastleigh were reached with Tuberculosis (TB) messages. 680 were screened for TB and those found positive referred to the Eastleigh Community Wellness Centre (ECWC) and Eastleigh Health Centre. The centre is run by IOM and Amref providing medical services to migrants without access to the national health care system. The outreach was conducted by IOM Kenya, Amref, Ministry of Health and community health volunteers as a lead up to World TB Day.



## MEETING

### Establishment of an Oversight Mechanism



- Kenya will establish an oversight mechanism to ensure protection of migrant works and promote safe, orderly and regular migration. It will prevent human trafficking and exploitation of migrants. IOM and the Ministry of Labour held a consultative meeting on the mechanism focusing on use of online platforms for labour migration management, monitoring and community feedback. The meeting was attended by officials from various government Ministries, Departments and Agencies responsible for migration management.



## ASSISTANCE

### Migrants Accessed Before Resettlement



- Migrants from Dadaab refugee camp received migration health assessments at IOM's Migration Health Assessment Centre in Nairobi prior to their resettlement in USA. This will improve their lives, provide economic and social opportunities in the country of destination.



MEETING

IOM & Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Meeting



- Mr. Simon Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya discussed promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration of Kenyan migrant workers. Milestones and activities by respective institutions on migrant protection was highlighted. The Government of Kenya expressed interest to join the Global Policy Network on Recruitment.



SUPPORT

COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures for Borders Developed



- IOM Kenya supported the Government of Kenya to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for border points in the COVID-19 context. These include: The management and clearance of a traveller at the ground crossings; Traveller registration in Jitenge and Regional Electronic Cargo and Truck Driver System (RECTDS); Management of a suspected case of a communicable disease at the terminus during entry and management of a suspected case of a communicable disease departing from the terminus.



WORKSHOP

Coordinated Border Management



- IOM and the Border Management Secretariat (BMS) held a workshop on coordinated border management for Nyanza and Western Region. The objective was to discuss ways of enhancing whole of government approach for effective migration management in these regions. Participants included county security and intelligence committee, regional commissioners, county commissioners, border management secretariat and border management committee.



## TRAINING

### Border Officials Trained on Border Management



- Border officials from Suam, Busia, Malaba and Lwakhaka borders were trained on effective border management to enhance their capacity on the topic. The 19 officials trained from Kenya Revenue Authority, Port Health, Immigration, National Police Service and Kenya Bureau of Standards will cascade the knowledge to other officials.



## ASSESSMENT

### Community-based Conflict Assessment in the Coast Region



- To build local resilience and peace, a community-based conflict assessment for Mombasa, Lamu, Kilifi and Tana River counties was conducted. The workshop adopted a hybrid format where 64 participants (45 in-person and 19 virtually attended) participated from the National and County governments, UN Agencies, civil society organizations and community members.



## TRAINING

### EU-IGAD Training



- IOM KCO enhanced the capacity of nurses, clinical officers and other health officials from Garissa county on infection, prevention & control measures and GBV in the COVID-19 context as part of EU-IGAD partnership as a response to COVID-19



**WORKSHOP**

**IOM X Contextualization**



- IOM X strategy contextualization workshops were held in three coastal region counties of Kwale, Kilifi and Mombasa to identify trafficking trends and develop key messages for the campaigns. IOM X is an innovative campaign that uses media and technology to inspire young people and communities to act against human trafficking and exploitation. The campaign raises awareness on safe migration.



**ASSISTANCE**

**Resettlement and Movements Management**



- 251 individuals were facilitated to resettle in various countries including USA, Sweden and Germany, which will improve their lives and provide economic and social opportunities that are beneficial to them and their countries of origin.

← ASSISTANCE

Immigration and Border Management



- 190 families from Somalia and Eritrea will be reunified with their relatives residing in Germany. IOM Kenya through the Family Assistance Programme (FAP) assisted these families with the visa application process for Germany.

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