



RELATIONS

Government Relations



- Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya paid a courtesy call to Dr. Fred Matiang'i, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government. The Draft National Migration Policy, training and capacity building of government officials, support to the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration, COVID-19 support at points of entry among other interventions to support migration in Kenya by IOM were discussed.



- Mombasa County government officials met with Sharon Dimanche, Chief of Mission, IOM Kenya including H.E Dr. William Kingi, Deputy Governor, Dr. Godfrey Nyongesa Nato, County Executive Member (CEC) Department of Health, Mr. Gilbert Kitiyo, County Commissioner and George Shiundu, Kenya Coast Guard Services. The meetings focused on IOM's work in the county, COVID-19 testing for truck drivers as well as opportunities and areas of future collaboration.



SUPPORT

Migrant Protection and Assistance (MPA)



- IOM Kenya with support from the EU-IOM Joint Initiative repatriated 26 Burundian victims of trafficking who were stranded in Kenya. IOM provided temporary shelter, dignity kits, return flight tickets, medical test examinations, and COVID 19 tests . Additionally, the migrants were issued return flight tickets to Burundi. In addition, 42 victims of trafficking from Uganda were supported with dignity kits and were hosted in various NGOs shelters facilitated by CTiP (Counter Trafficking in Persons).



MEETING

UN Network on Migration



Kenya United Nations Network on Migration

Working Better Together

- The Counter Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants Technical Working Group (TWG) met and agreed on the TWGs terms of reference (ToR), discussed the group's workplan and way forward. Additionally, a mapping tool on the work of members was revised. The meeting was chaired by IOM and co-chaired by UNODC with participation from representatives of UNICEF, Stop the Traffik, Candle of Hope Foundation, Trace Kenya, UNHCR, Centre for Domestic Training and Development, AMADPOC, Counter Human Trafficking Trust-East Africa (CHTEA), HAART Kenya and UNWOMEN



RESPONSE

COVID-19 Response in Wajir County



- Wajir County received personal protective equipment (PPEs) and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) supplies including masks, gloves, gowns, gumboots, hand sanitizers, chlorine tablets, and face shields among others for frontline health workers. The donations were made by IOM Kenya through the EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Program.



TRAINING

COVID-19 Response in Marsabit County



- Border officials from the Moyale One Stop Border Point were trained by the Ministry of Health and IOM Kenya on COVID-19 enhance their knowledge on COVID-19 infection, prevention and control measures, vaccine, behaviour change communication and psychosocial support. This training was supported by the EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Program.

ASSISTANCE

Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM)



- The Resettlement and Movements Unit assisted 189 individuals to start new lives in various countries through resettlement and family reunion including:
 - Canada
 - Germany
 - Norway
 - Sweden
 - Australia
 - Burundi
 - USA
 - Ethiopia
 - Italy
 - Finland
- The RMM team provided logistical support for virtual pre departure Norway Cultural Orientation training for 73 participants.

CASE STUDY

Nutritional Status in Eastleigh



- IOM Kenya and AMREF run Eastleigh Clinic Wellness Centre conducted a study in Eastleigh, a sprawling urban migrant settlement on nutrition for children under 59 months, pregnant and lactating mothers and the elderly to assess the quality of community-based management of acute malnutrition services. Vitamin A supplements were also administered to children. The exercise was supported by Okoa Maisha community-based health volunteers attached to the clinic. During the assessment, no malnutrition case was recorded.

TRAINING

Australian Cultural Orientation (AUSCO)



- Two telephonic refresher trainings were conducted for 13 clients based in Malawi from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) who will be resettling to Canberra on 21 July.



MEETINGS

Labour Mobility and Human Development (LHD)



■ IOM held consultative meetings with Nairobi and Mombasa based private recruitment agencies (PRAs) to understand their challenges, identify gaps and opportunities in preparation for a roundtable between the National Employment Authority (NEA) and the PRAs.

■ The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the National Employment Authority (NEA) and IOM Kenya held a three-day workshop; to develop the terms of reference (TOR) for the technical committee and draft a roadmap for Establishing and Piloting the Oversight and Reporting Mechanism to monitor and report activities of unscrupulous private recruitment agencies.



■ One-on-one International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) self-assessment exercise for two Mombasa based private recruitment agencies were conducted. The purpose of the exercise was to establish the agencies progress in incorporating the IRIS principles into their management systems and to strengthen their policies and procedures alignment to IRIS.

■ The knowledge of private recruitment agencies in Mombasa on international ethical recruitment was enhanced during a two-day training. Ethical recruitment makes it fair for workers, recruiters and employers.



■ IOM Kenya is implementing Enhancing Capacities on Labor Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Sharing to support Labor Migration Governance in East and Horn of Africa (EHoA) project. This project will contribute to the common and coordinated approaches in regulation and enforcement, regional cooperation, migration governance and policy, as well as protection of migrant workers.

 SUPPORT

Immigration and Border Management (IBM)



■ IOM country offices in Ethiopia, Kenya and Zambia in collaboration with COMESA secretariat, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Republic of Kenya developed draft Moyale Small Scale Cross Border Trade and Mobility Facilitation Action Plan 2021-2025. The plan aims at reducing costs of doing business for small scale cross border traders, enhance cross border human mobility and facilitate trade at the Moyale One Stop Border Post.

■ The Kenya Institute of Migration Studies (KIMS) and IOM Kenya with support from the IOM Regional Office for East and Horn of Africa formed a Technical Working Group to develop short courses and curriculum on Case Management for Victim of Trafficking (VoT). These courses are part of sustainable capacity building initiative to enhance migration governance in Kenya.

■ Border Management Secretariat (BMS) officials from Nairobi and Border Management Committees (BMC) from points of entry of (Malaba, Isebania, Moyale, Suam, Lwakhakha, Namanga, Lunga Lunga, Garissa, Loitoktok, Wajir) were trained on coordinated border management. The training of trainers is part of the Better Migration Programme.



OUTREACH

Community Theatre Outreach



- Mombasa County residents in Nyali were reached with social cohesion messages through theatre. More than 200 community members participated and reaffirmed their commitment to each other to maintain and improve peace in the county ahead of Kenya's upcoming general elections in 2022.



WORKSHOP

Inter-mediation Sessions



- Two inter-mediation sessions were held in Kilifi and Lamu Counties. In Kilifi, women from Chonyi and Kauma communities discussed their role in peace building. In Mombasa, participants discussed triggers of communal conflicts. All the participants agreed to use available platforms within their localities to create awareness on community cohesion.



ORIENTATION

Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA)



- Stakeholders including COA management, coordinators and facilitators participated in a “Virtual Familiarization” webinar series to network and share experiences on orientation from their respective countries. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, COA facilitators met physically in Canada.

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