



“The Tale of One City” - IOM Egypt raises awareness about climate change induced migration in the Nile Delta

16 January 2014 - As part of an ongoing campaign to raise awareness on the impact of climate change on internal migration in Egypt, IOM Egypt produced the “Tale of One City”. The two-minute animation video aims to highlight the effects of climate change on populations residing in low elevation areas southeast of Alexandria along the Mediterranean coast. The video also illustrates IOM’s strategy of facilitating precautionary migration as a long-term solution to adapt to climate change before forced displacement becomes the only option for these communities.

Whilst the video specifically focuses on the immediate challenges faced by communities in the city of Abu Qir, IOM and The Government of Egypt have identified the entire Abu Qir peninsula as a high priority area.

Much of the Abu Qir region is below sea level and includes communities with a high population density. It is therefore particularly vulnerable to the potentially devastating impacts of sea level rise and salt-water intrusion. In addition, this region hosts a large number of heavy industries which makes Abu Qir and surrounding communities particularly vulnerable to industrial hazards. The risk of both man-



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made and natural disasters, if not properly prepared for, could lead to forced migration and displacement. Based on the findings from IOM visits to Abu Qir the “Tale of One city” was produced to draw attention to the severity of this problem.

In addition to the video, IOM Egypt, in partnership with the Ministry of Manpower and Emigration and the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), has conducted a number of specific rapid assessments in Abu Qir to better understand the linkages between the expected impacts of sea-level rise and internal migration. Based on these assessments IOM, in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental partners, has developed and implemented pilot initiatives that aim to support the development of an overarching strategy to address the potential displacement of large populations as a result of the expected sea-level rise in Abu Qir and

elsewhere in Egypt. These initiatives have been designed in close coordination with key stakeholders to ensure that key objectives reflect national priorities and existing environmental and human security concerns.

IOM is committed to sustaining efforts to meet the challenges posed by climate change for vulnerable populations. IOM Egypt intends to expand this project and campaign to other parts of Egypt equally affected by this natural phenomenon. “The Tale of One City” and similar ongoing initiatives supporting the IOM climate change awareness campaign are funded by the IOM Development Fund.

“The Tale of One City”, a video on IOM climate change awareness is now available in English and Arabic on the IOM MENA YouTube Channel.

To view in English click [here](#) and for Arabic click [here](#)

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