



# IOM Morocco conducts training on Migration, Human Trafficking, and Integrated Border Management

**26 June 2014-** IOM Morocco, in partnership with the Ministry in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, completed a training workshop on Migration, Human Trafficking, and the Integrated Border Management for governmental actors, in order to respond to the challenges of mixed migratory flows and to sensitize them on the protection of the rights of migrants.

In total, 24 participants benefited from this training workshop, representing various departments and law enforcement personnel in Morocco including Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice and Liberties, Ministry in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, Inter-Ministerial Delegation for Human Rights, Police, Gendarmerie, Auxiliary Forces and Civil protection.

The workshop covered lessons learnt and good practices on how to improve the protection of victims of trafficking, in accordance with the law and consistent with international standards. It also provided the opportunity to discuss best practices on border management which can be applied to Morocco.

Morocco witnesses migratory flows from Sub-Saharan Africa and Asian countries, and is not only a country of transit, but also a country of settlement for irregular migrants. The living conditions of this population and other vulnerable groups (including refugees, asylum seekers, and unaccompanied minors) are generally precarious. The new migration policy introduced by Morocco in September 2013 aims to update the legislative framework of migration, asylum and trafficking in Morocco, in accord-



ance with the obligations of international migration law, including legal instruments ratified by Morocco. This policy includes provisions for the regularization of refugees recognized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Morocco, the regularization during 2014 of some groups of migrants in an irregular administrative situation, and the development of measures to improve the integration of migrants. The report issued by National Human Rights Council in Morocco (CNDH) highlighted the need to sensitize all personnel responsible for dealing with migrants (police, border police, prison staff, judges, health care staff, etc.) in order for them to better understand the situation of migrants and to better manage migration. It also recommended developing specific training program to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement officials in their fight against human trafficking. IOM aims

to support the Government of Morocco in the implementation of this policy through the provision of training for, and undertaking sensitization activities with, relevant personnel.

The workshop, which was co-funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the IOM Development Fund (IDF), is an integral part of IDF project "Empowering Governments to Address mixed migratory flows and Protect Migrants transiting to, through and from North Africa". It was conducted by local staff from IOM Morocco and UNHCR Morocco, and also benefited of staff from IOM Egypt and IOM Mauritania specialized in the fields of trafficking and of Integrated Border Management.

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