



# IOM-Chad Newsletter

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## Gore Pre-Screening Circuit Ride



IOM Convoy on the road to Gore

Romarie Nguessan overseeing lunch at the worksite in Gore



**N'Djamena** - IOM-Chad supported a 6 person team from OPE-Nairobi during a circuit ride to Gore, located in southern Chad, on the border with the Central African Republic. The IOM team organized a 7 Land Cruiser road convoy from N'Djamena to Gore to transfer the OPE/IOM team. During the circuit ride, pre-screening interviews for 44 cases of 182 individuals from CAR were completed. The cases were from the three camps located near Gore: *Amboko, Gondje, and Dosseye*. Daily refugee movements were carried out to/from the camp in coordination with UNHCR and OPE. Due to the distance and potential for road closures during heavy rains, individuals from Dosseye were housed at a guest-

house in Gore for the duration of their interviews. IOM also conducted a separate mission to Moula Camp (south of Danamadji, 435 kms from Gore),



Transporting from Moula Camp

to transport an additional family for resettlement interviews. At the onset of the mission inter-agency meetings and orientation were done with the local administrators and CNAR, the Chadian government body, responsible for refugee and IDP affairs. ◇

### IOM Counter Human Trafficking Project in Chad

Project Coordinator, Mahamat Nour Moussa, is accompanied by consultant Caroline Zwaenepoel for country-wide research and fact-finding currently underway. The team has had meetings and completed research in Bongor, Moundou, Gore, and Abeche to assess the phenomenon of human trafficking in Chad. Some of the organizations they have met include: Delegate for Human Rights, CNAR, Adoum Barka University, National Police, Department of Justice, UNHCR, and UNI-



Meeting women's group in Amboko

CEF. The findings will determine the direction of the project in implementing law enforcement training, capacity building with service providers, victim assistance, and prevention.

### Cooperative Agreement Signed Between Government of Chad and IOM

**N'Djamena** - After building key relationships with government of Chad officials and Ministries, tireless determination and patience of Chief-of-Mission, Dr. Qasim Sufi, an agreement has been signed between the government of Chad and IOM. Director General Swing exchanged the signed document in Addis Ababa with the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Chad. The agreement recognizes IOM's diplomatic status, and Chad as an observer member of IOM.



### MINURCAT in Chad

In late May, the United Nations Security Council, after a request from the government of Chad, made the decision to withdraw UN peacekeeping forces from Chad by the end of 2010. The 25 May Security Council agreement included the extension of the MINURCAT mandate until 31 December 2010 with the transition of all security responsibilities to the government of Chad prior to the end of the mandate. This includes the protection of refugee camps and IDP sites, as well as humanitarian workers operating in the country.

(MINURCAT - continued)

MINURCAT forces continue to train a specialized division of the Chadian police force known as DIS (*Detachment, Integrete, et Securite*) who will be charged with implementing security measures in Chad. IOM-Chad is cautiously optimistic about the



changing security landscape, and is confident

that our refugee movements and operations can still be safely and effectively carried out with the support of DIS, in the absence of MINURCAT. ◇

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#### ACTIVITIES:

- Gore Circuit Ride completed 20 May to 02 June
- Counter Human Trafficking Project Update
- State of MINURCAT in Chad: An Update
- Cooperative Agreement signed between Gov of Chad and IOM
- On-going Assisted Voluntary Return
- Updates from Abeche
- Accreditation by Gov of Chad for Chief-of-Mission, Dr. Qasim SUFI.

#### UPCOMING:

- IOM to attend CENSAD conference in N'Djamena



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## IOM-Chad Sets Up Guesthouse in Abeche

**IOM  
 Guesthouse  
 in Abeche**



**Abeche** - IOM has established a guesthouse near Idriss Deby Avenue in Abeche for IOM staff accommodation and guests. The house is situated close to the IOM Transit Center and office compound, with easy access to Abeche airport. To further develop programmatic capacity and logistical support, the Abeche Sub-Office is working with UNHCR on taking over one of their

*("Guesthouse" - continued)*  
 compounds in Abeche. This will require some security upgrades and general refurbishments to have the offices ready for OPE prescreening and DHS adjudications. ◇ Abeche Sub-Office continues to manage the refugee population at the Transit Center, which includes overseeing health care, coordinating with Abeche

## Assisted Voluntary Return and Migration Support for Family Reunification

IOM-Chad continues to provide migration support for Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVR & R). Specifically, we have worked closely with IOM-Rome on an AVR & R case, financed by the Italian Foreign Ministry and the EU Return Fund. Additionally we have established relationships with IOM-Malta and assisted with AVR & R of a Chadian national who was in Malta. Reunification of a Chadian family with their relatives in Australia was completed, and another reunification for a family in Belgium is underway.



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**IOM  
 conducting  
 health trainings  
 at the  
 Abeche  
 Transit  
 Center**



Hospital, monthly food and NFI distribution, documentation for new babies, and liaising with OPE for travel-ready cases for flights, escorts, and departures. ◇

The Operations Unit is planning a mission to three camps in the East to follow up on cases and to collect fingerprints that have been requested. These cases were previously pre-screened by OPE. ◇

## IOM Invited to CEN-SAD Conference

**N'Djamena** - In late July, IOM is honored to accept the invitation to attend the 12th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads-of-State of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD). CEN-SAD is a framework among states in the region to establish integration and complementarity. By working through the African Union, CEN-SAD aims to "strengthen peace, security and stability and achieve global economic and social development." ◇



**Waiting for interviews at the BELCAD worksite, Gore**



**Meal preparation for interviewees during Gore Circuit Ride**



**IOM-OPE-UNHCR Team on the Pende River, southern Chad**

## IOM-Chad Chief-of-Mission Receives Accreditation

**N'Djamena** - IOM's new Chief-of-Mission to Chad, Dr. Qasim Sufi has recently received accreditation for the post from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Chad. He moved to N'Djamena from the IOM-Accra mission, where he was serving as Health Coordinator for West and Central Africa. Dr. Sufi has been instrumental in building current programs, while expanding and diversifying operations and program activities in Chad.

