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The focus of this issue of SLM Addis Ababa newsletter is on the mission's activities on Emergency and Post-Crises situations

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IOM Assists Urban Vulnerable Population

IOM together with its partners implemented its first ever urban humanitarian project in Addis Ababa between in the first four months of the year responding to the growing needs of this project primarily aimed to save lives and improve the quality of life for the urban aged and dependents (60+) living with no support, proper shelter, inadequate food, and lack of access to health support.



Mr. Ogina, Mr. Vincent, & Aba Abiye visiting one of the project sites

The main components of the project include rehabilitation of dilapidated houses for homeless and older people headed households, community feeding programs, health assessments and provision of essential drugs, psycho-social support through community activities and counseling and small scale income

generating activities for those capable.

The project addressed the most urgent needs of the urban aged in 20 kebeles spread across 6 sub-cities in Addis Ababa.

Overall, more than 250 households headed by old people directly benefited from the emergency shelter rehabilitation while more than 670 received medical treatment, 875 received food through community feeding programmes. In addition, close to 100 beneficiaries were able to be engaged in small scale income generating activities through this project.

On the 29th of July 2010, Head of Mission for IOM, Mr. Josiah Ogina and Country Director for UNOCHA, Mr. Vincent Lelei visited the project site of KAMSD and St. George. "Although we are under the Church, our organization does not discriminate against religion we serve those who are in need" said the project coordinator for St. George Mergbare Senai, Aba

Abiye.

Another international NGO, Help Age International was directly engaged in the implementation of this project especially in coordination, technical advice and training for project partners.

ENAHPA Continuous Medical Education Mission

A team of 21 members of the Ethiopian North American Health Providers Association (ENAHPA), a non-profit association of Ethiopians and 'Friends of Ethiopia' based in Canada, visited Ethiopia in the month of June on a Continuous Medical Education (CME) mission.

The team consisted of physicians, nurses,

respiratory therapist, biomedical engineers (Biomed) and other health professionals. IOM facilitated the mission activities of delivering training in the areas of emergency care, rehabilitation, clinical gastroenterology, teleophthalmology, ICU/CCU medicine, and biomedical to Ethiopian patients in need of high-tech medical assistance.

Hospitals in Addis directly benefiting from the ENAHPA visit include St. Paul's, Black Lion, ALERT, St. Peter's, Girum, Ras Desta, Menelik II, and Mekelle Ayder Referral hospitals. In addition to the hospitals training was given to the City of Addis Ababa Fire and Emergency Prevention and Rescue Agency.



Representatives from GOE, IOM, Canadian High Commission & ENAHPA

In addition the team donated, set up and repaired various medical equipment and training materials in the hospitals of Addis Ababa. Doctors, nurses and biomed from various health facilities in and out of Addis Ababa were beneficiaries of this team.

The visit is one of many collaborations of IOM with ENHAPA towards engaging the Diaspora in the development of their country as part of its Migration for the Development in Ethiopia (MIDETH) program. MIDETH's objective is to encourage links with the Ethiopian Diaspora through mobilization and utilization of their resources in support of the Government of Ethiopia to achieve sustainable development within the Poverty Reduction Strategy Plan framework.

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ES/NFI Project in Gambella Region

IOM is currently implementing a project in the Gambella region with the aim to provide strategic camp coordination and camp management advice as well as capacity building for humanitarian actors and the regional government.

The project will also give direct relief assistance to effectively address the protracted and revolving IDP situation in the region.

The project *An IDP actively participating in an NFI needs assessment* components include deployment of CCCM specialist, roll-out of needs based non-food items and provision of hygiene and sanitation kits for women and adolescent girls.

An estimated 15,790 women and adolescent girls will be provided with basic material for improved hygiene

and sanitation. The kit includes underwear, sanitary pads and additional soap for personal hygiene. All of the



Woreda IDP settlement. The HoM mission was accompanied by the Chief of Jikawo and a government official from DPSS. There were discussions with the IDPs on common concerns. Mr. Ogina expressed his gratitude for the coordinated response on the registration.

Gambella Regional State is currently experiencing one of the worst humanitarian crises in Ethiopia. Intra-clan conflicts cross border cattle raids of Murle and Lou Nuer population migration from

South Sudan into Akobo Gambella. This has resulted in several waves of displacement and currently an estimated 9,650 IDP households are displaced within the region.

services are designed to serve the beneficiaries in a gender sensitive manner.

From 13th – 16th July 2010, SLM Addis's Head of Mission, Mr. Josiah Ogina, visited field sites in the Gambella region to monitor the IDP registration exercise in the regions Jikawo

TB Trainings for Staffs & Government Counterparts

IOM funded and organized two trainings on MDR-TB for IOM staff and Government counterparts in Shire IOM sub-office and in Addis from April 12-16, 2010 in collaboration with the Fed-

eral Ministry of Health in Ethiopia.

The training was attended by doctors, nurses, laboratory technologists and HIV counselor.



IOM Staff on Training

This training aims to establish a clear understanding on relevant framework for MDR/XDR TB control in the country, challenges in implementation as well as the socio economic cause to describe the epidemiology of TB, TB/HIV and MDR-TB at Global, regional

The training was organized in a participatory manner to achieve better understanding and exchange of information on the theme.

Participant's expectations were met at the end of the training, and level of understanding improved on the relevant factors for emergency MDR/XDR and its management says Dr. Natalia Gitu, Medical Health Unit Head in Addis Ababa.

IOM organized and facilitated this training with technical assistance of St. Peter TB Hospital.

and national levels.

Shelter Support - Touching Lives of Urban

Before and...



Etagegn grew up in Jimma where her father was in the military. She came to Addis Ababa in the early 1970s and was married to a house guard. They lived together but since they had no children he threw her out. Since then she has been living at her sister's house. For work she collected wood to sell and she also spun cotton. After Etagegn's sister died she took over the house and continues living with her niece and her niece's child. They share the rent expense but other than that they live separate lives. Before, there was almost no roof and the walls were made of sacks. The shack was in a bad state of disrepair. Made from random pieces of wood, old pieces of corrugated iron and cut up sacks that used to hold flour or Teff, the

structure leaned against the wall of the house next door. There were many gaps and holes in both the sacking that made the walls and in the old metal roof. The floor was uneven in the extreme and was made of compact earth that would turn to mud during the

with its new walls and roof Etagegn feels protected and sheltered from the harsh environment.

Etagegn also feels safer with a new lockable metal door. The floor is now flat and has been concreted, but the house is still very much divided into Etagegn's side and that of her niece.

...After



rainy season. Etagegn slept on the floor on a pile of old clothing and during the rainy season she slept under a plastic sheet.

Agar has renovated the dilapidated house under the "Support for Urban Older People in Addis Ababa" project and

Over 1,000 Ethiopians Assisted to Return Home

During the last twelve months IOM has assisted in the voluntary return of more than 3,781 Ethiopian irregular migrants stranded in the Middle East, Libya, Somaliland, Punt land, Tanzania and Europe.

In August alone, IOM will assist more than 600 irregular migrants to return home in safety and dignity from Yemen. The main places of origin in Ethiopia include South Wello in the Amhara Regional State, Southern Tigray in the Northern part of the country and the Hadia, and Kembata in the Southern Nation and Nationalities People's regions.

As the main stopover en route to Saudi Arabia and other destinations in the Middle East, Yemen receives large influxes of migrants on a regular basis, with irregular migrants from Ethiopia accounting for a significant proportion of these.

IOM voluntary return assistance ac-

tivities are carried out in conjunction with ongoing in-country information campaigns targeting groups

likely to engage in irregular migration and encouraging them to make informed decisions on migration.

One such campaign, recently launched by IOM Ethiopia involves a radio drama entitled 'Hilim

and destinations. The drama employs famous local actors to portray the realities and hardships of irregular migration, as well as highlighting opportunities closer to home.

IOM will assist an additional 1,000 Ethiopian irregular migrants to return home from Tanzania, Libya, Yemen Somaliland and Punt land Somalia in the coming three months.

IOM facilitates the voluntary return of stranded migrants with the Ethiopian Department for Immigration and Nationality Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and IOM missions and government bodies in the receiving countries.

This programme is funded by the Swiss Development Cooperation, **TiCAD**, **HRF**, and the international community and is part of IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programmes providing arrival orientation, counseling, medical support and start up capital for smooth reintegration upon return to the places of origin.



IOM Staff gives orientation to returnees from Yemen

Alem', or "Mirage", which recounts real-life scenarios of irregular migrants en route to transit loca-

Workshop on Mixed Migration Brings Together Journalists from the Horn of Africa

A group of 28 journalists from Ethiopia, Somaliland, Puntland and Djibouti have concluded a two-day workshop in Addis Ababa on mixed migration flows in the Horn of Africa.

The training, which was funded by the Swiss and Japanese Governments, aimed to further the media's understanding of migration dynamics in the region, with a view to promoting partnerships for informed and balanced reporting on the realities of mixed migration.

"Participating journalists showed a tremendous interest in reporting migration related issues," says Odile Robert, IOM's mixed migration programme officer. "They voiced their commitment to work with IOM to raise awareness of the needs of migrants and to

advocate through their reporting on the dangers of irregular migration."

Every year, tens of thousands of migrants and asylum seekers make the hazardous journey from their place of origin through Somalia, the region of Punt-

land state, Somaliland, Djibouti and onwards across the Gulf of Aden. These individuals, driven by political unrest and extreme poverty face not only dangers at sea but also physical risks, harassment and discrimination during their journey on land.

This workshop is part of a broader IOM programme to strengthen the protection of, and emergency assistance to, irregular migrants and asylum seekers from Somalia and Ethiopia who travel through Somaliland, Puntland and Djibouti. return to the places of origin.



Workshop held at UNECA

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Mission

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. As the leading international organization for migration, IOM acts with partners in the international community to:

- ◆ Assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management,
- ◆ Advance understanding of migration issues,
- ◆ Encourage social and economic development through migration, and Uphold the human dignity and well-being

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