



Morocco, Tanzania and Yemen *and main countries of origin*

Description of the Action

Adequate assistance, return and sustainable reintegration of returnees in the long term cannot be ensured without a common understanding between stakeholders and strong capacities of authorities of sending, transit and receiving countries concerned. The authorities of Morocco, Tanzania and Yemen have identified an urgent need to address the challenges related to the situation of stranded migrants and mixed migration flows in their respective countries. The Action will contribute to improve existing capacities of these three countries as well as those in respective key migrant countries of origin in order to promote an improved management of mixed migration flows in the longer term while at the same time addressing the immediate needs of the stranded and vulnerable migrants currently living in these countries. The Action will last 18 months starting from February 2015 to July 2016.

Objectives

The overall objective is to contribute to developing human rights-based migration management approaches to address the needs of stranded and vulnerable migrants in targeted sending, transit and receiving countries.

The three specific objectives of the Action are :

- **To strengthen the capacity of governmental and civil society counterparts in Morocco, Tanzanian, Yemen and key countries of origin to manage human rights-based and development-focused assistance to and protection of stranded and vulnerable migrants;**
- **To provide safe and voluntary return to and assistance in countries of origin to stranded migrants in Morocco, Tanzania and Yemen in close cooperation and coordination with involved governments, allowing the latter to gradually take on increased responsibility and build up their operational and development capacities to implement these programmes;**
- **To enhance collaboration and dialogue between all countries involved in the return of and processing of assistance to stranded migrants.**

Main activities

- Technical assistance.
- Training and capacity building on migration management.
- Media campaigns and internships/courses for young journalists.
- Mapping and analysis of migration flows and migrant profiles.
- Support to enhance coordination and cooperation mechanisms among the national government and local authorities in managing mixed migration flows.
- Assisted voluntary return and reintegration of stranded and vulnerable migrants.
- Enhance the collaboration between consular entities and national migration services in destination countries.
- Study tours to selected EU Member States or other countries dealing with mixed migration flows.
- Regional technical workshops to promote sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

Target groups

- Government institutions engaged in migration management in the target countries.
- Vulnerable and stranded migrants.
- Civil society and media.

Final beneficiaries

- Governments of the target countries.
- Migrants and returnees.
- Non-governmental actors assisting stranded migrants

Expected results

- The capacities of the target destination and key origin countries to address challenges related to stranded and vulnerable migrants, including their return and reintegration back home, are strengthened.
- Media, journalists, civil society and the general public are sensitized about international migration in all its dimensions, in particular on the contributions of migrants to destination countries and the risks of migrating irregularly.
- Assisted voluntary return of stranded migrants and post-arrival assistance is provided with the direct involvement of national authorities of both destination and origin countries.
- Enhanced assistance is provided for vulnerable cases upon return in the countries of origin.
- Peer-to-peer exchange is promoted and cooperation strengthened among partner countries, including migrant destination and origin countries.
- Facilitating further cooperation on sensitive migration issues and drawing lessons for future actions of countries concerned.





Addressing the needs of stranded and vulnerable Burundian migrants

On the 20th of July 2013, the Government of Tanzania issued a public directive for irregular migrants in the western regions bordering Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda to leave the country by 11th August 2013 or face expulsion. Since the directive was issued, approximately 65,000 migrants were expelled from Tanzania, creating migration impact in neighboring states.

In response to the expulsion of irregular migrants from Tanzania, IOM has been working with the government and its partners to implement a comprehensive protection-sensitive migration management approach. IOM also dealt with regularizations or returns, in order to contribute to the reduction of stranded and vulnerable migrants at Tanzania's borders with Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

IOM Burundi has equally supported the Government of Burundi in organizing the return and reintegration of expelled migrants. It is therefore fundamental to continue to support the Burundian government in the implementation of good practices in return case management and monitoring.

Main activities in Burundi

- Strengthen the capacity of field offices of the Ministry of Solidarity's rights, responsibility and accountability in the sustainable reintegration of returnees.
- Strengthen the capacity of the Burundian immigration department personnel in the respect of human rights upon the arrival of migrants and provide a safe and peaceful assisted voluntary return.
- Initiate meetings between the administrative authorities of Burundi and Tanzania regarding policies and procedures in border and migration management.
- Organize meeting between respective immigration departments of both Burundi and Tanzania to share experiences and good practices.



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