

Mission

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. As the leading organization for migration, IOM works with its 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
- Uphold the humanity and well-being of migrants

IOM Burundi's Mission, Vision and Values

- As the leading migration agency, IOM Burundi seeks to assist the Government of Burundi, local institutions and migrants in order to harness key migration opportunities through the provision of effective migration management services for the benefit of all.
- IOM Burundi endeavours to provide orderly, efficient migration management which contributes to enhanced integration and improvement of socio-economic conditions of vulnerable migrants and their host communities.

Partners and Financial Support

- Government partners: Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Interior, and Ministry of Health.
- External partners: IOM Burundi has been able to implement its past and current activities thanks to financial support from the United States of America's Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the European Union's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), the Government of Japan, the United Nations' Central Emergency Response Fund, the Belgian Development Cooperation, the Government of Turkey, and the IOM Development Fund.

Staff and office

IOM has been operating in Burundi since 2007. IOM's main office, as well as the Migration Health Assessment Centre, are located in the capital of Bujumbura. It has its sub-office in Rutana. IOM has significant experience in responding to different humanitarian responses over the years. The mission in Burundi counts on 39 experienced staff in its three offices.

IOM Burundi's Core Programmatic Focus for 2015-2018

The Government of Burundi has been a member state of IOM since 2007. IOM works closely with the government and within the United Nations Country Team and Humanitarian Country Team in Burundi. The Organization's strategic interventions in Burundi for 2015-2018 fall under IOM's traditional mandate of:

- Facilitated migration through resettlement of refugees to third countries.
- Migrants' humanitarian and reintegration assistance through the implementation of community stabilization initiatives that contribute to social cohesion.
- Migration management supporting the government's first national policy on migration and integrated border management.
- Migration and human development which encourages diaspora engagement through the diaspora policy in their country of origin
- Migrants' assistance to contribute towards the fight against irregular migration, counter-trafficking and the promotion of safe and orderly migration for the benefit of all.



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Areas of Action

1 Movement and Operations

IOM provides transport assistance to individuals or groups in a temporary or permanent manner, to and from places of origin under a variety of programs, such as resettlement or return operations. IOM provides assistance for migrants who wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin and supports to assists returnees to reintegrate into their communities. This is an indispensable part of a comprehensive approach to migration management, aiming at orderly and humane return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries.



2 Emergencies and Post-crisis

Emergencies require an immediate response to save lives and limit suffering. IOM has been involved in numerous emergency and post-crisis operations around the world. During crises, IOM seeks to mitigate the factors that cause tension and displacement through community stabilization and reintegration activities. These ensure basic needs beyond emergency relief are addressed.



3 Migrants Assistance

To facilitate safe, orderly and dignified migration, IOM is enhancing the capacity of the Government of Burundi in order to address effective cross-border migration governance by addressing irregular migration, and improving dialogue and collaboration with its neighboring countries. IOM provides assistance to voluntary/forced returnees and vulnerable migrants, such as victims of trafficking and unaccompanied minor children through identification, voluntary return and reintegration, as well as protection and/or referral to its partners.



4 Migration Health

IOM carries out pre-departure health assessments for various categories of migrants, including resettling refugees, migrant workers and displaced persons. This reduces and manages the potential public health impact of human mobility of migrants, receiving countries and communities. IOM also provides travel health assistance and conducts health promotion activities.



5 Migration and Development

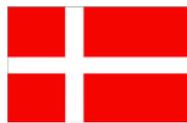
Many highly qualified and skilled Burundians now live and work abroad and send money on a regular basis to their country of origin. IOM in Burundi will seek to facilitate remittances in particular towards rural areas, promotion of investment opportunities for diaspora members in Burundi, diaspora skills transfer and national institutional strategic partnerships including with the private sector.



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