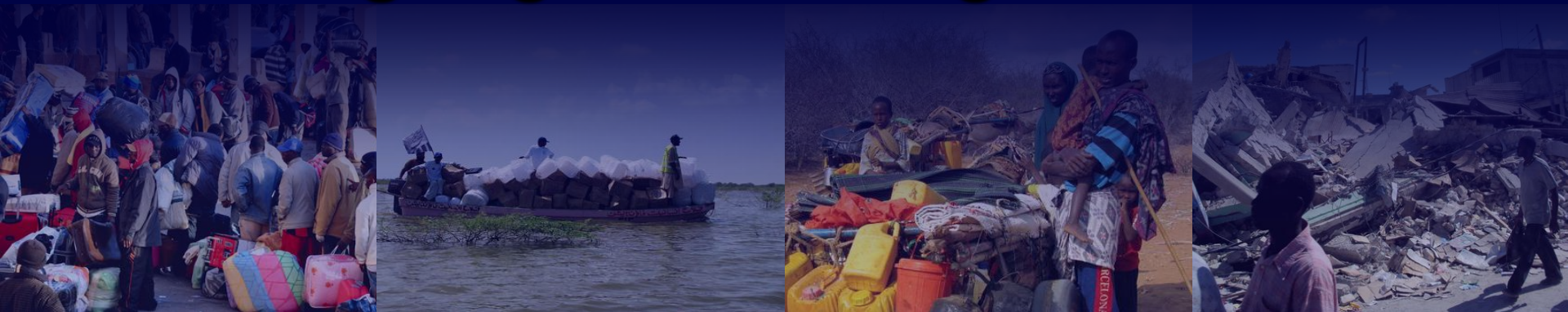




Inter-sessional Workshop

Protecting Migrants During Times of Crisis



Immediate Responses and Sustainable Strategies

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Outline

1. IOM's Involvement in Crisis
- with Significant Impact on Migration

2. Steps Taken for Future Emergencies

I. Response to Migration in Crisis

1992

Kuwait

- IOM Repatriated International Migrants Stranded in the Middle East Following Invasion of Kuwait by Iraq

- **165,000** People Assisted by IOM to Return Home to Egypt and Various Asian Countries

I. Response to Migration in Crisis

2006

Lebanon

- IOM Organized Evacuation and Return of some **13,500** migrant workers

- Most: Female Migrant Domestic Workers
- Isolated in Employers' Homes, Unable to Seek Safety & Assistance

I. Response to Migration in Crisis

2011

Libya (MENA)

- **Hundreds of Thousands** of Migrant Workers Caught in Conflict
- IOM with UNHCR Evacuated/Repatriated **229,000 Migrant Workers to 54 Countries**
- IOM **Still** Evacuating Stranded Migrants in Southern Libya
- Others (still) Stranded in Libya: Targets of Xenophobia, Violence and Suspicion.

Respect for Human Rights
of Migrants - Weak

Anti-migrant Sentiment - Rife



Migrants Exposed
and Vulnerable

I. Response to Migration in Crisis

- IOM Responded to Requests from Govs. to Evacuate Nationals from Syria.
- Donors Reluctant to Support Effort

2011 - 2012

Syria

- To Date, Almost **1,400 nationals** Evacuated to Bangladesh, Chile, Romania, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Côte d'Ivoire and Philippines

2. Steps Taken for Future Emergencies

- Migration Crises Take Different Shapes and Forms



- Crisis in Which Migrants Primary Victims: Not New



- Human Mobility on the Increase, Crises More Frequent

2. Steps Taken for Future Emergencies

A. Inter-Agency Collaboration

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- Guiding Principle for IOM in International Humanitarian Responses
 - Joint UNHCR/IOM Humanitarian Evacuations cell set up in 2011 in Libya:
 - Particularly Successful;
 - Pleased to See This Model Continue.

2. Steps Taken for Future Emergencies

B. Predictability of Response

- Rapid Mobilization of Resources: Is & Remains a Challenge

- At IOM's 100th Council in December 2011:

- IOM Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (MEFM) established by IOM MS – **Funding: 30 mil. USD**
- First Activation Authorized to Enhance IOM Response in Syria.

2. Steps Taken for Future Emergencies

C. Organizational Coherence

Lessons From Field Experience



Sharpen Focus on Human Mobility in Crisis Situations



Bring it Into a Coherent Operational Framework

High-Level IDM Guests



Her Excellency the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh



His Excellency the Foreign Minister of Chad



His Excellency the State Minister for Labour and Social Affairs of Ethiopia



His Excellency the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management of South Sudan



His Excellency Minister Plenipotentiary and Secretary of the National Committee for Refugees Affairs of Yemen



His Excellency, Director General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, European Commission

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