



### IOM DJIBOUTI HOSTED THE DTM GLOBAL TRAINING

The latest regional training for the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) took place in Djibouti city, Djibouti from May 22 –26, 2017. The DTM is a system used to capture and monitor displacement and population movements. DTM has become increasingly recognized as the primary source for displacement information at the country level and accepted at the global level by clusters as a source for displacement information.

The purpose of the training was to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of how DTM works in the field, and how it has expanded from a tool that monitors displacement in cases of natural disasters to a tool that tracks migrant population movements through its Flow Monitoring component. Participants of the training came from Eastern and Southern Africa, Yemen, the Netherlands, and IOM headquarters in Geneva and were encouraged to exchange their experiences and best practices in the region and beyond.

The training covered 12 modules which provided a greater overview of DTM, its methodology, and the four DTM components (Mobility tracking, Flow Monitoring, Registration and Surveys). In May 2017, IOM Djibouti has implemented Flow Monitoring which will map the paths of migrants who traverse the country.

### i am a migrant



Abdurahman:

*"My wish is to go back to Ethiopia as soon as possible"*

I started my journey from Ethiopia 6 years ago with my wife, who was pregnant at the time. We wanted to travel to Saudi Arabia to seek better life. We made it to Yemen and decided to live in Sana'a as casual workers. We continued living in Yemen with our daughter for the next 6 years.

Due to the conflict in Yemen, we decided to go back (to Ethiopia). In order to cover our travel costs, we took a loan for \$ 800 USD. The loan paid for passage by boat for me and my daughter to Djibouti. The condition for the loan agreement was that my wife would remain behind in Yemen to work as a house maid in order to pay back our loan, and she would join us later after the payment of the debt was completed. My daughter and I traveled to Obock and arrived at the port of Obock where we were assisted by the Navel police to go to the MRC.

IOM Djibouti is helping my daughter and I return to Ethiopia.

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## MIGRANT SKETCHES

IOM Djibouti held several media sketches from the 30th of March to the 18th of May. The acting troupe "La voix de l'est" told the story of a group of migrants who planned to journey from Djibouti across the Red Sea. The troupe performed the sketch in both Somali and Afar. The sketches took place in the town of Dikhil, Ali Sabieh, Obock, Tadjoura and Djibouti city (PK 12 and Arhiba). The sketches were performed with the goal to sensitize adults, young adults and children to the risks and dangers of irregular migration across the sea.

The sketches were conducted as activities under the project "Strengthening Security in Djibouti and Safety of Migrants through Counter-Trafficking, Marine Safety and Emergency Assistance", financed by the Japanese Government. This project aims to raise awareness of the risks of trafficking, smuggling and inform migrants of their legal rights.



## POLICE TRAINING ON WORKING WITH BIOMETRIC EQUIPMENT

The police force of Djibouti underwent a training session on the use of the mobile biometric system "Seek Avenger" which was procured as a part of the Japanese funded Counter-Trafficking project. The training on May 2 was designed to introduce the methodology and a set of best practices for the systematic collection of biological information by Djiboutian police officers.

## IOM DJIBOUTI STAFF RETREAT

IOM Djibouti had its first staff retreat in Arta, Djibouti. The two day retreat on April 10-11 focused on developing an IOM country strategy for the next two years.



## E-VISAS

Following on from its recent launch of biometric passports and residence permits, the Government of Djibouti, through the Directorate General of the Police, intends to set up a secure web-based electronic visa (e-Visa) system for inbound travelers intending to enter Djibouti. IOM Djibouti will support the venture which is being financed by the EU Trust Fund for Africa.

The appointed visa expert, Greg Watts, has now been in Djibouti for 2 weeks and has been working closely with the Directorate General of Police and has produced a high level design for the e-Visa system. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of June.



## POLICE TRAINING ON THE DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

On the 20th of April, IOM Djibouti trained members of the National Police to be enumerators for the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) project to be implemented in Djibouti in May. 12 participants, including 10 from the National Police, were able to participate in this training and acquire the knowledge and methodologies needed to understand the DTM.

The DTM project in Djibouti will enable the monitoring of migrant flows through the country's points of entry, points of transit and points of exit. This exercise is designed to illustrate a better picture of the paths migrants take throughout Djibouti. DTM enumerators will capture data at 7 Flow Monitoring Points (FMP) throughout the country. The number of FMPs throughout Djibouti is planned to increase to a total of 10 by the end of July.

## PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AT THE MRC

Dr. Kurt Barnes, a psychosocial expert, has been working with IOM Djibouti to provide individual psychosocial training and support for staff working in Obock. Dr. Barnes is working with staff to give them the tools needed to provide effective counselling and emotional support to migrants who arrive at the MRC. One of his methods has included ensuring that staff are equipped to provide effective self-care.

Dr. Barnes has been at the MRC for the last two weeks providing consultations for migrants who arrived at the MRC from Yemen. Many of these migrants have been receiving one-on-one support to attend to their emotional and social needs due to the trauma they experienced. The doctor will be holding a training for staff and government actors such as the Ministry of Health, SEAS, and the Ministry of Women and Family from the 5th to the 8th of June about Psychosocial care.



## MRC TRAINING ON IPC

IOM staff, Fatouma Ali and Dr. Claire Nyambati from IOM Nairobi conducted a workshop on IPC— Infection Prevention and Control for Health Assessment Settings— in Obock, Djibouti on May 9th.

The objective of the training was to inform nurses, mid-wives, and hygiene staff from the Centre Médical Hospitalier (CMH), the district hospital of Obock, of the set of Policies, Procedures and Measures used to reduce the risk of infection among all people.

## SPONTANEOUS RETURNS

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of April, IOM Djibouti organized the voluntary return of 62 and 137 Ethiopian migrants, respectively, who were expelled from Yemen and stranded in Obock, Djibouti by flight to Addis Ababa.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, IOM Djibouti and IOM Hodeida organized the return 83 Ethiopian migrants from Yemen. These migrants arrived in Obock and were received at the Migrant Response Centre (MRC) before returning to Addis Ababa.



### PREPARATION OF AN SOP FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

The national coast guard of Djibouti and military base commanders from Italy and France met with IOM chief of mission Lalini Veerassamy for a workshop to reflect on the conception of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on rescue at sea operations in Djiboutian waters.

The workshop set out to examine what an SOP on marine search and rescue operations would entail as well as define the national and international actors who would act in cases of migrants stranded at sea. A team consisting of the Coast Guard, military and IOM has been set up to prepare the SOP.



### HEALTH CASES RECEIVED AT THE MRC

Ethiopian migrants expelled by the Yemeni authorities on the 12th of April 2017 arrived in Obock, Djibouti seeking assistance at the Migrant Response Centre (MRC). Of these migrants, 1 death was reported and 2 others were referred to the district hospital, Centre Médical Hospitalier (CMH), due to severe cases of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD).

On the 29th April, the MRC received 93 migrants arriving from Yemen. Of these, 7 migrants were under observation by the IOM nurse for AWD.

### Number of stranded Ethiopian migrants evacuated from Yemen and assisted by IOM Djibouti during April and May 2017:

Male	
Adults	Children
229	58

Female	
Adults	Children
5	4

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