



The coastal town of Obock, Djibouti marks both a departure and arrival point for the bi-directional flows that characterize mixed migration in the Horn of Africa. (Photo credit: Andreas Stahl, used with appreciation)

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February 2017 Programme Updates

- On February 20th, PRM disseminated the **call for proposals for the Regional Mixed Migration Program for upcoming fiscal year 2017-18**. IOM-Washington has shared this guidance with Regional Office Nairobi, and the call was in turn shared with country offices on February 21st in order to elicit input for upcoming Phase VIII of the Regional Mixed Migration Program and to establish a timeframe of deadlines for the various inputs for the project development process. The majority of work on proposal development, including budget preparation, endorsement, and finalization of the preliminary proposal will take place in March 2017. PRM indicated interest in expanding work on Pillar 5 (Emergency Migration Management) of the PRM Regional Mixed Migration Model as well as interest in focusing on capacity building and child protection programming.
- Consultation has taken place with **MICIC and MCOF** focal points, and preliminary planning carried out, for the preparation and design of a training of trainers (ToT) workshop that is tentatively scheduled for the final week of April 2017. The training will be delivered at IOM's African Capacity Building Center (ACBC) in Moshi, Tanzania. This ToT is a required component of the current phase VII for PRM and is included as the 5th pillar (Emergency Migration Management) of the PRM Regional Migration Program Model. Invitations will be shared with relevant country offices in mid-March.
- A **RMMP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework** has now been shared with country offices in Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somaliland, Puntland, and Yemen to help improve tracking and measuring impact of the projects comprising the RMMP. Preliminary results from use of the framework are promising and will allow improved strategic leverage of the data resulting from the RMMP's work in the region.
- Preliminary findings of the **external evaluation of the RMMP conducted by Social Impact** were shared with RO Nairobi during February 2017. The final report from Social Impact will be shared with RO Nairobi by PRM in mid-March 2017.
- IOM RMMP wishes farewell to T. Craig Murphy, departing Regional Coordinator for Mixed Migration, who spent much of February 2017 conducting a handover with incoming Interim Coordinator Christopher Wade to ensure coordination and continuity of the RMMP as the vacancy for Regional Coordinator is filled. Craig Murphy will be taking up a new role in IOM focusing on building the Emerging Resettlement Countries Mechanism (ERCM), a nascent IOM resettlement programme based in the Department of Operations and Emergencies (DOE) in IOM Geneva. Craig continues to be reachable on the same IOM email address as in the past: cmurphy@iom.int

Summary of February 2017 Regional Migration Response Center Data Collection System

In February 2017:

- 489 (485 Ethiopians) migrants were interviewed in five MRC locations, a 25% increase from registrations in January.
- Of the 489, 259 (53%) were interviewed in Somalia.
- 71% of migrants indicated that they intended to travel onwards to Saudi Arabia to look for work. The migrants cited a number of reasons for migrating, 80% citing "economic reasons" as a major push factor.
- 22% were identified as potential victims of trafficking.
- Ethiopian migrants interviewed were mainly from the Oromo ethnic group and reported to have suffered imprisonment and detention during the migration process.
- 97 (80% male and 20% female) migrants were profiled to have medical needs and were referred for medical assistance while 180 were given psychosocial support.

IOM's Director General Speaks Out on Xenophobia through an IOM Press Release

Geneva, 25 February 2017

IOM Director General William Lacy Swing Expresses Concern about Anti-Migrant Violence in South Africa

"During the past two weeks I have noted with deep concern the escalation in hostilities towards migrants in South Africa. As the Rainbow Nation, South Africa is synonymous with diversity, inclusivity and multiplicity and the current anti-migrant violence is an anathema to the true spirit of Ubuntu (or humanity towards others) for which African cultures and societies are well known and rightly lauded. As South Africa's Minister of Home Affairs, Malusi Gigaba rightly pointed out, "South Africa remains the most diverse country on the continent and is by many measures, a beacon of tolerance and human rights." Migrants across the world and especially in South Africa have made valuable contributions across all spheres of life and have added value to their new communities and adopted countries. IOM remains committed to working towards a prosperous and diverse South Africa that can serve as an example not only in Africa but throughout the world."

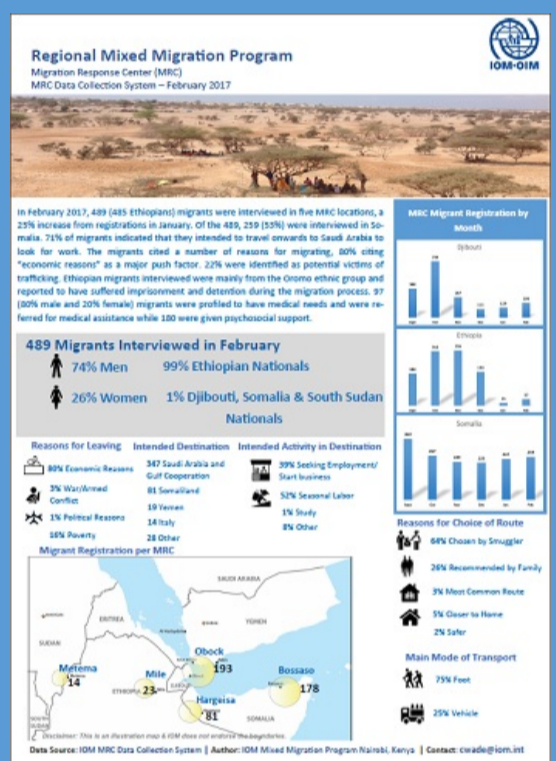
William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General

This IOM Press release was originally shared with IOM staff via an IOM Press statement available [here](#).

Media Highlights related to Mixed Migration

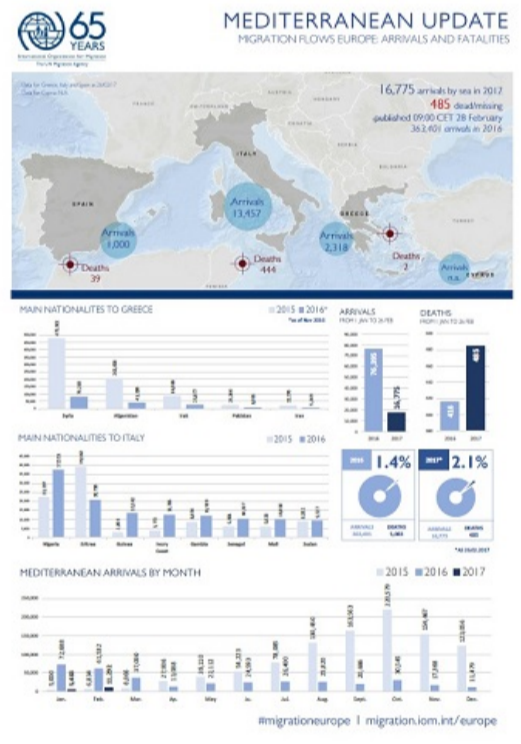
- Lauren Collins**, in a New Yorker article entitled "Europe's Child-Refugee Crisis" writes that, "Minors... live on the extreme edge of the refugee experience." She says, "At an age when most kids need supervision to do their homework, hundreds of thousands of minors are crossing continents alone." [Read on](#)
- An **UNSO** report from Feb 27, 2017 carried the headline "Over 100 Somali refugees fleeing conflict in Yemen arrive in Mogadishu," and covered the return operation facilitated by IOM, with the support of partners. [Read on](#)
- A second news report in media source **Africa News**, quoting IOM's **Sam Grundy**, also covered the operation and carried the headline: "Somali refugees fleeing conflict in Yemen arrive in Mogadishu; Over 100 Somalis repatriate from Yemen." [Read on](#)

MRC Data Collection System February 2017 Report



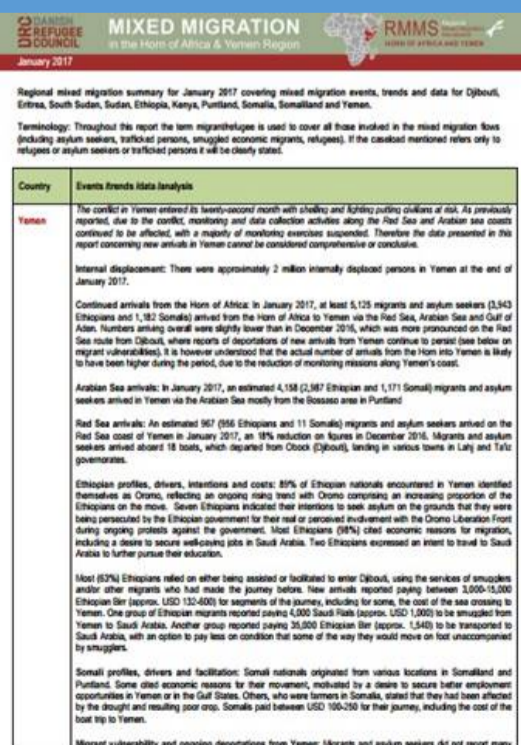
IOM: Migration Flows to Europe as of 28 Feb 2017

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