

31 May 2017

SOMALIA MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE FOR IOM STAFF



SOMALI DIASPORA HELP NATION TO FEND OFF FAMINE

CLICK TO READ THE STORY



China Backs the UN Migration Agency's Humanitarian Work in Somalia

William Lacy Swing, Director General of the United Nations Migration Agency (IOM), signed an agreement on 15 May 2017 with China's Ministry of Commerce for USD 1 million of multi-sectoral funding that will support IOM's efforts to assist internally displaced persons, vulnerable communities and returnees in Somalia. This is China's first contribution to IOM's humanitarian work since it became the 165th member of IOM in June 2016.

[Read more](#)



UN Migration Agency meets with Somalia's Inter Ministerial Task Force for Migration Management

The United Nations Migration Agency (IOM) this month joined the first meeting of the Inter Ministerial Task Force for Migration Management under the new Federal Government of Somalia. Established in May 2016 under the Ministry of Internal security, the High Level Task Force is complemented by two Technical Task Forces for Human Trafficking and Smuggling and for Return and Readmission. The Task Forces were established to introduce a Migration Governance system in Somalia, to develop policies and to foster better coordination within the Ministries.

[Read more](#)

IOM IN ACTION

- 18 officials from Somalia's National Commission for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons are better equipped to protect Somalis from trafficking, smuggling and human rights abuses. The officials participated in a training that IOM Somalia organized from 16-17 May 2017, with financial support from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre.
- Through generous funding from the Government of Japan, over 500 households in Garbahaarey will benefit from four newly constructed classrooms that IOM Somalia handed over to the local community on 17 May 2017.
- In response to the drought, IOM Somalia has scaled up from 10 static clinics and 4 rapid response teams (RRT) in 2016 to 15 static clinics and 33 RRT by early 2017 – a more than threefold expansion in operations.
- So far, 64,761 Somali refugees from Kenya's Dadaab Refugee Camp have been supported by IOM to voluntarily return to Somalia. The project, which started in December 2014, is funded by UNHCR.
- To combat Gender-Based Violence in Dhoobley, IOM reached 560 people with behavioural change messages over the month of May 2017. Furthermore, 70 dignity kits were distributed to vulnerable women and girls.
- In May 2017, IOM Somalia successfully offered all local and international staff refresher courses on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.



IOM's Director of the Emergency and Operations Department, Mohammed Abdiker, and Director of the Human Resources Management, Greet de Leeuw, together with Gerry Waite and Julia Hartlieb from IOM Somalia had a meeting with the Somali Prime Minister Hassan Ali Khayre in Villa Somalia on 17 May. IOM and the Prime Minister discussed migration issues in Somalia, IOM's drought response, national ID cards and the importance of the Global Compact for Migration for Somalia.

[Watch here](#)