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Launching Ceremony of the Study to Help Scale up Formal Remittances to Ethiopia. IOM 2017 (Alemayehu Seifeselessie)

## UN Migration Agency Launches Study to Help Scale up Formal Remittances to Ethiopia

IOM, the UN Migration Agency, last week (24/08) launched Scaling up Formal Remittances to Ethiopia, a research study that explores increasing the volume and value of formal remittances to Ethiopia.

“An estimated USD 465 billion in remittances is expected to flow into developing countries in 2017 alone,” said Maureen Achieng, IOM Ethiopia Chief of Mission, at the launch of the report.

“Remittances contribute to more than 5 per cent of Ethiopia’s GDP and have increased from USD 141 million in 2003 to USD 4 billion in 2015/16 fiscal year,” said Demeke Atnafu, Director General for Diaspora Engagement Affairs Directorate General at the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also at the launch. [Read more](#)

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**Bossaso** – On 18 and 27 August, IOM, the UN Migration Agency helped a total of 50 vulnerable Ethiopian migrants return home from Puntland. The two groups were made up of five women, 29 men and 16 children, one of whom was accompanied. [Read More](#)

### Story of a South Sudanese Refugee

From South Sudan to a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Meet Nyelowak and her adopted family of 14. [Watch here](#)

### Shelter & NFI Cluster Ethiopia

In its role of Shelter/Noon-food items (NFI) cluster co-lead, IOM is engaged in coordinating and sharing information on shelter and NFI response activities, needs assessments and advocacy & resource mobilization efforts, jointly with the cluster lead, the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC). The Shelter/NFI Cluster in



*IOM staff assist Somali, Ethiopian migrants who were forced into the sea by smugglers. Photo: UN Migration Agency (IOM) 2017*

**Aden** – Up to 180 migrants are reported to have been forced from a boat today (10/08) by smugglers off the coast of Yemen. Five bodies have been recovered so far and around 50 are reported missing. This latest incident comes barely 24 hours after smugglers forced more than 120 Somali and Ethiopian migrants into the sea as they approached the coast of Shabwa, a Yemeni Governorate along the Arabian Sea resulting in the drowning of around 50 migrants. The migrants had been hoping to reach countries in the Gulf via war-torn Yemen. [Read More](#)

Ethiopia assures the provision of an accountable, predictable and reliable emergency and recovery response to affected people in need of shelter and NFI assistance, notably through the activities of its technical shelter working group and shelter/NFI cash working group. Among activities conducted by the cluster members in 2017, 57,564 emergency shelter & NFI kits had been distributed in six regions whereas IOM had distributed 982 cash grants and vouchers as of end of August and 2,878 kits were being distributed or allocated for distributions.

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