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IOM Zambia chief of Mission, Ms. Abibatou Wane during the commemoration of 2015 International Migrants Day. Photo: IOM Lusaka

Zambia Commemorates International Migrants Day

On Friday, 18th December 2015, Zambia joined the rest of the world in organizing a Candlelight Vigil to commemorate International Migrants Day.

The event, themed 'Let the Light Shine', was hosted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Lusaka and held in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The Candlelight Vigil was organized to remember the challenges faced by migrants and refugees around the world, especially those who have tragically lost their lives in 2015 as a result of migration. The event was attended by the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Zambia, UNHCR, and other representatives from UN agencies, migrant and refugee associations, representatives from governments and embassies accredited to Zambia, and other international and local partners. The event was graced by the guest of honour, Dr. Chileshe Mulenga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

According to IOM, there were over 5,086 deaths worldwide in 2015, out of which more than 3,770 lost their lives or were missing in the Mediterranean while trying to reach Europe. Currently there are more people on the move than at any other time in recorded history with migrants comprising some 1 billion of the 7 billion people in the world. Unfortunately, many of them have been forced to migrate.

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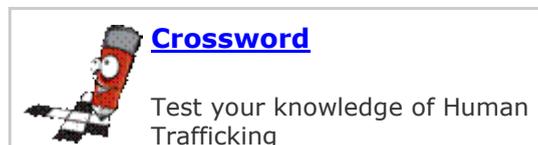
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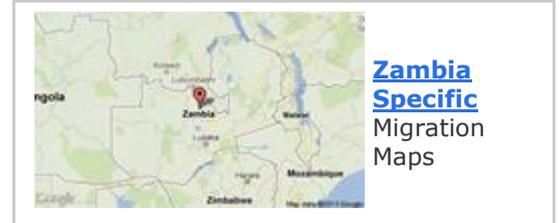
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Delegates at the Regional Conference on Protection of children on the Move in Lusaka, Zambia. Photo: IOM Lusaka



Government of Zambia Hosts Regional Conference on Protection of Children on the Move

In Southern Africa, the number of children on the move has been on the rise with their needs increasingly becoming manifest. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), most refugee and migrant children in Southern Africa are likely to originate from within the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region itself. UNHCR estimates that there are around 20,000 child migrants in South Africa alone, the majority of whom are from Zimbabwe[i]. Save the Children UK research in South Africa has shown that the average age of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) living at some of the borders with Mozambique and Zimbabwe is 14 years old, and that children as young as 7 years are migrating alone. Such children face several challenges ranging from lack of physical safety, to lack of documentation, inability to access services, detention, and abuse and/or exploitation.

A number of national and regional policies, frameworks and strategies, guided by international law, make provisions for the protection of children on the move. These instruments stipulate that children on the move should enjoy the same level of protection and care as local children in the country concerned. However, in practice this is not always the case [Read on](#)

Chief of Mission: Editorial

I am pleased to present the fifth edition of IOM Zambia's Newsletter. It contains the latest information on IOM's activities and projects implemented in 2015, as well as insights into the migration context in Zambia.

We are proud of all the exceptional work being done by the IOM Zambia team to help address the complicated issues surrounding migration. Our IOM Zambia Country Strategy 2015-2016 was developed and finalised. The Strategy aims to support the Government of Zambia in strengthening migration governance in the broad areas of: Migrant Assistance; Immigration and Border Management; Migration Health; Operations, Emergencies and Recovery; and Labour Migration and Development.

Our Migration Health team has spearheaded innovative efforts to strengthen local capacities to address and curb the spread of HIV/AIDS in border districts through supporting decentralised planning using an investment framework approach. Labour migrants and mobile populations, a designated key population group in the Zambian response, were included in these plans which outlined innovative approaches to reach key populations.

Gender-based violence (GBV) can be a result of social upheaval, and areas with high levels of population flows are often prone to violence. IOM has been conducting capacity building on GBV and migration amongst stakeholders and migration-affected communities, as well as strengthening GBV prevention and response programmes for the same communities.

The Migration Management team has also been instrumental in collaboration with technical partners in various government ministries and departments to facilitate the rolling out of comprehensive protection tools and training materials for the protection of vulnerable migrants. IOM has supported the Department of Immigration with setting up of Interview Spaces at border posts to facilitate the screening and assessment of vulnerable migrants.

Furthermore, our Operations team worked closely with partners to provide durable solutions through resettlement to third countries and assisted voluntary return to countries of origin for more than 700 hundred refugees and vulnerable migrants.

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IOM also continues to work as part of the United Nations Joint Programmes on Human Trafficking (UNHCR, IOM, and UNICEF) and Gender-Based Violence (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, IOM, ILO, UNHCR).

For IOM, "Leaving no one behind" – as articulated through the overriding theme of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – entails ensuring migrants and displaced people are included in IOM and national priorities and programmes.

Whether it is migrants' health, human trafficking, or border management, to mention a few, IOM Zambia is committed to the goal of "Migration for the benefit of all."

We thank our partners in government, donors, civil society and the private sector for their continued support.

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