

## IOM Sudan Resettles Over 2,000 Refugees to Canada in 2017



Under Canada's Multi-Year Resettlement Commitment, IOM Sudan has successfully completed its 2017 plans to resettle 2,048 refugees hosted in Sudan to Canada. Cultural orientation sessions were given to 1,338 adults, with childminding and learning activities provided by IOM while their parents attended the sessions. Canada has four categories for refugee resettlement: government assisted, privately sponsored, family reunification and Blended Visa Office Referred. Out of those resettled, 119 families have been reunified; 1,629 were privately sponsored and 300 government assisted cases. Canada's family reunification programs are some of the most generous family reunification programs and committed by the Canadian government to keep families together whenever possible. There are a number of relationships that qualify for family reunification, including spouses and common-law partners, parents and grandparents and dependent children. Government-assisted refugees are those whose initial resettlement in Canada is entirely supported by the Government of Canada and support can last up to one year from the date of arrival in Canada, or until the refugee is able to support him/ herself. This may include: accommodation; clothing; food; help in finding employment and becoming self-sufficient; and other resettlement assistance. Canada's Multiyear Resettlement Commitment is overseen by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and supported by IOM, UNHCR and other implementing partners. IOM provides resettlement services including pre-departure medical examinations and treatment, cultural orientation abroad and transport from Sudan to final destinations in Canada.

### IN THE NEWS

#### IOM Partners with Sudan's Criminal Justice System to Address Human Trafficking



During a high-level ceremony on the 14<sup>th</sup> December chaired by his Excellency Honorable Chief Justice, Haider Ahmed Dafa'a-Allah at the Sudan Judicial and Legal Sciences Institute (JLSI) and attended by dignitaries from the Sudanese government and members of the international community, the Institute formally endorsed its new counter-trafficking training curriculum on investigating and prosecuting human trafficking in Sudan. The training curriculum is one of the products of a nine month project funded by the Government of the United Kingdom. IOM has been working closely with the JLSI to develop an extensive set of training material and train trainers from within the criminal justice system to deliver it. The training will enhance the knowledge and skills of Judges, Prosecutors and Police Officers on human trafficking legislation and in applying care and protection principles during the investigation and prosecution of cases. A notable success of the training is that it brings together the three branches of the Sudanese criminal justice system: the Judiciary, the Criminal Prosecution Services and the Police Force. Additional achievements under this project also include training of 20 senior judges, prosecutors, police and social workers to become trainers of the aforementioned training curriculum; the development of a national handbook on investigating and prosecuting human trafficking; national guidelines on victim care and protection of trafficked persons; five successful workshops to develop and pilot the material; and training of 87 judges, prosecutors and police from eight states. [Read More](#).

#### IOM Opens its first Migrant Guest House in Sudan

Migrants in need of temporary accommodation in Khartoum as they continue their journeys either within Sudan or abroad can now use IOM's newly established guest house. With a capacity to accommodate 84 migrants at once, the guest house supports refugees who are resettling to final destinations such as Canada or Europe and awaiting their flights while completing their resettlement procedures; as well as Sudanese returnees in need of a place to stay until they travel to their homes outside Khartoum. The guest house also provides temporary accommodation to migrants being assisted by IOM to voluntarily return to their home countries. The IOM funded guest house helps to ensure that migrants are given a safe, well protected and respectful environment. It is also within proximity to IOM's main office, which enables easy access to final resettlement procedures. The guest house is well-equipped and well-furnished, providing accommodation, healthy meals, safe drinking water and most importantly, safety to migrants. Additionally, there is a training area for cultural orientation and psychotherapy sessions.



#### Migrants Film Screenings- 2017 International Migrants Day Nyala Khartoum



#### Improved Migration Management in Sudan

A 5-day basic level training on Document Security and Fraud Detection was held at the Sudan Training Authority. 25 immigration officers were trained on the essentials of document examination and its relationship with cross border related crimes. The course was the ninth of a series of trainings which have reached more than 300 immigration officers on Border Management so far. This particular 5 day training was implemented under the Better Migration Management (BMM) Project. The BMM Project is financed by the "European Union Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing the root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa" (Horn of Africa Window). This is a regional project aimed at promoting the cooperation among the countries concerned through strengthened common approaches to improve migration management.



#### Five Short Films Created by Migrants and Sudanese Journalists



IOM Sudan supported Sudan Film Factory in conducting a three week filmmaking workshop for 20 Sudanese journalists and migrants to produce 5 short films about migration. The workshop introduced character building in films, developing personal memoirs, and the transition to the production stages, along with preparing all the participants to write and direct their own films. Participants were given the technical skills to create films that capture their personal journeys and the messages on migration that they wish to share. The final 5 films were screened in Khartoum, Nyala and Karmakol to mark this year's International Migrants Day.

#### IOM Produces a Multi-Lingual Song to Celebrate Migration in Sudan

IOM supported the production of a new multi-lingual song made by the talented Karmakol International Festival musicians to celebrate International Migrants Day with celebratory messages of tolerance, hospitality and Sudan's multi-cultural heritage. [Watch the video](#)



#### IOM and Norway Sign 4.3 Million NOK Agreement to Renew Support to IOM's MRRC in Sudan

The Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security and IOM signed a 4,300,000 NOK (526, 058 USD) Agreement to fund the one year Phase IV of the "Enhancing Protection and Improving Knowledge on the Risks of Irregular Migration in Sudan" Project. This Project will continue to contribute to enhancing the protection of migrants by increasing their access to services and promoting alternatives to irregular migration. [Read More](#)

#### IOM Middle East and North Africa Regional Director Visits Sudan



The 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 marked the first visit of an IOM Regional Director to Sudan. Ms. Carmela Godeau came to Khartoum for two days to attend the Khartoum Process, meet with IOM donors, the Sudan Minister of Foreign Affairs and discuss with IOM Sudan Mission staff the important work being done.

#### Legal Aid Training to Migrant Associations at the Migrant Resource and Response Center



In celebration of the Global Hand Washing Day, IOM Sudan and the Water Environment Sanitation Project organized a hygiene promotion mobile theatre performance, a community folklore play and the distribution of 100 water filters. 120 families have recently returned to Otash Village from Otash IDP camp and IOM Sudan has been supporting the returnees by providing Water Sanitation and Hygiene services in both Otash IDP camp and Otash Village for over a year; complementing the Humanitarian Aid Commission's strategy.



To mark the 72nd Anniversary of the United Nations, the UN Country Team engaged 50 artists from Sudan to show their understanding and vision of the Sustainable Development Goals- [Watch Video here](#)

[The Rapid Response Fund Allocates Over \\$200,000 to Prevent and Treat Acute Watery Diarrhea in North Darfur.](#)

[IOM and the Sudan Ministry of Labour Work Together to Improve Labour Migration Policy](#)

[The Government of Sudan Launches its First National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking](#)

[Sudanese Criminal Justice System Strengthens Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking in Dongola](#)

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