Border Management

The Border Management Information System MIDAS has been installed in Mahajanga, where now the police has IT tools to control the flow of passengers. In May, the system will also be installed at the Nosy Be airport.

Mauritius, Know your Rights!

On 23 March the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms, in collaboration with the British High Commission launched the “Know your rights” pamphlet for migrant workers, with the contribution of IOM and other stakeholders.

Peacebuilding Fund

IOM Madagascar has completed the construction of the Andranambao Gendarmerie’s outpost in the Ihosy region. Four more outposts will be completed in the coming months and will help secure areas of the country heavily affected by rural banditry.

Dance Your Feelings: Body Language Workshop with Victims of Trafficking

Since 2015, IOM Madagascar and the Ministry of Population, Social Protection and Women Empowerment are collaborating to provide assistance to victims of human trafficking. Since the beginning of this year, the assistance includes, beside the medical, psychological and economic reintegration services, the opportunity for IOM beneficiaries to participate to body language workshops. These consists of a series of six classes, lasting approximately two hours. “Each participant has the opportunity to express herself through dance, using different exercises, some on their own, others in pairs and some with the group, with the objective of exploring the internal and external spaces and of living and dancing their own feelings”, underlines Laurianne Bitarelle, educator and tutor of body expression who delivers the workshops. One of the main aims of these workshops is to encourage personal development, knowledge of and self-trust. These aspects are pivotal for the successful social reintegration of IOM beneficiaries, who are predominantly young women that present psychosocial and physical trauma from the abuses and exploitation they faced. The workshops are proving very productive and extremely beneficial: “they (i.e. the workshops) loosen the body and the mind, they bring relief” commented the beneficiaries.

Population Mobility Mapping to Avoid Plague in Urban Areas

In order to prevent plague from spreading to urban areas as it did during the major outbreak of 2017, IOM conducted Population Mobility Mapping (PMM) exercises in three major cities of Madagascar (Antananarivo, Antsirabe, and Fianarantsoa) in close collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Transport. Ten priority sites were identified as strategic zones along major mobility corridors for the establishment of Health Screening Points (HSP) in the event of a declaration of a plague.
From the 6 to 8 March a Technical Assistance for the implementation of an E-Visa system for Mauritius was carried out under the ACP-EU Migration Action initiative.

Counter-Trafficking

In February 2019, IOM Madagascar launched the project “Protecting Human Rights and Enabling Economic Empowerment for Women Victims of Trafficking in Madagascar”, funded by the Australian Government’s Direct Aid Program (DAP), which will cover direct assistance for 25 women VoTs until July 2019.

Career Fair

IOM Mauritius partnered with the UNRCO to participate in the Middlesex University career fair on the 31 January to showcase the work of the UN in Mauritius to the students and raise their interest in working for/with the UN.

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