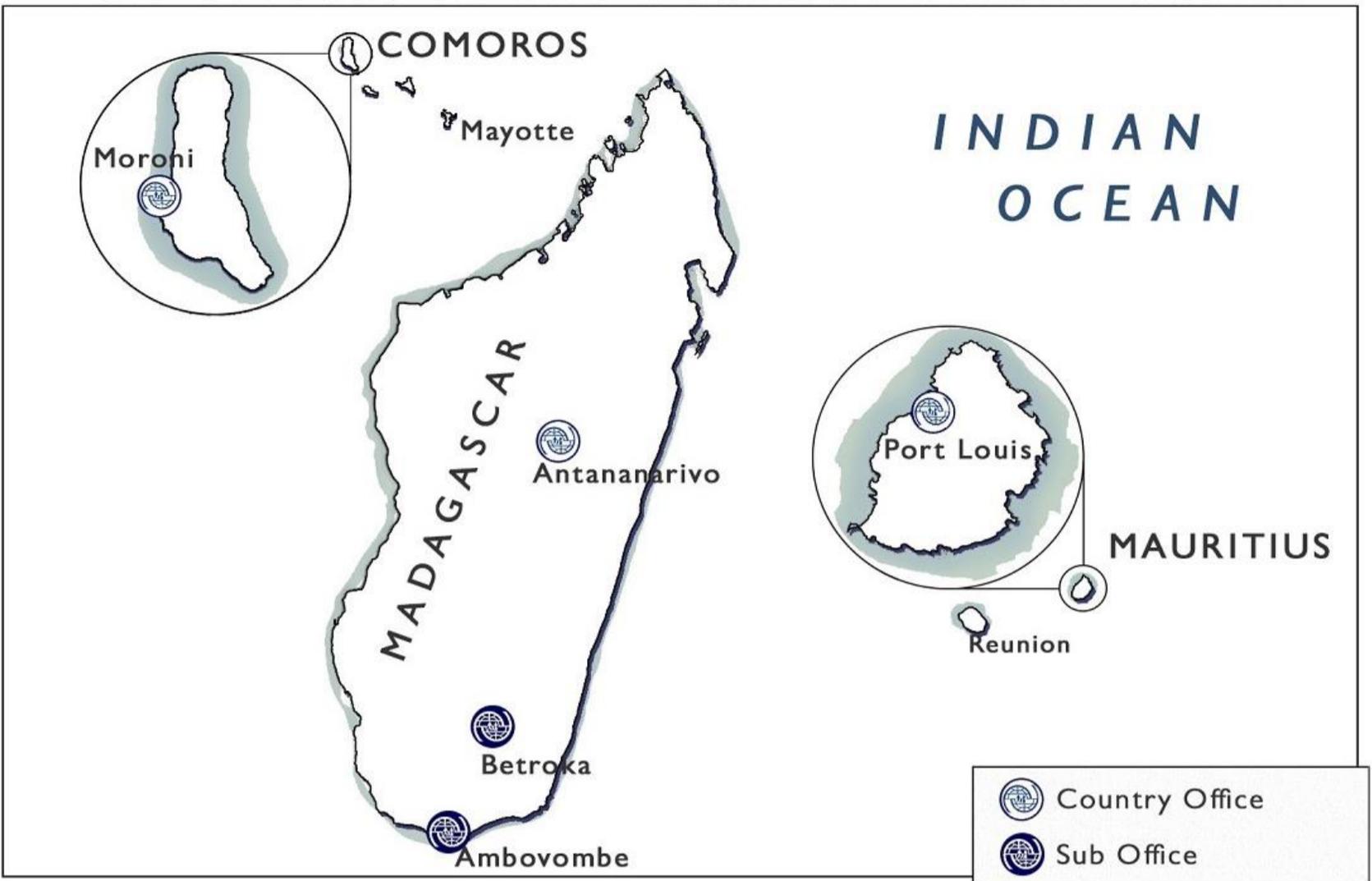




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## IOM OFFICES IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN



### Border Management



IOM is working with the Malagasy Ministry of Public Security to install **MIDAS**, a border management information system.

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### Displacement Tracking Matrix

Pushed by the drought in southern Madagascar, some migrants travel up to 2,400 km looking for a job without any guarantee of finding one.

[Read more about it!](#)

### Counter-Trafficking



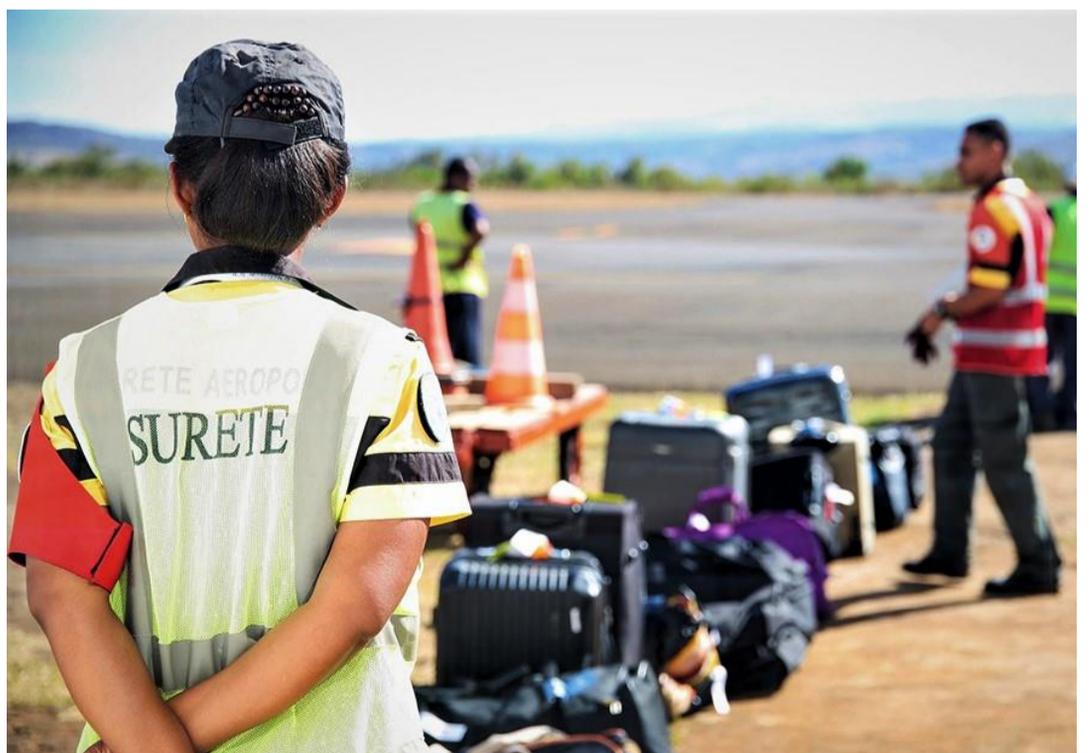
Since the beginning of the Counter-Trafficking project, about a **hundred of judicial, police and gendarmerie officers have been trained** in the national law punishing human trafficking. In addition, about a hundred social workers received capacity building support on victim identification and assistance.

### IOM Opens Office in Moroni, Union of Comoros

In January 2018, IOM opened a Local Office in Comoros. The Office is placed under the Madagascar Mission, which spearheads activities and representation to the Governments of Madagascar, Comoros, and Seychelles. Comoros is a Member State of IOM since 2011. **Migration is an essential feature of the history and social fabric of Comoros**, and migration remains a topic of high relevance in the development of the Comorian archipelago.

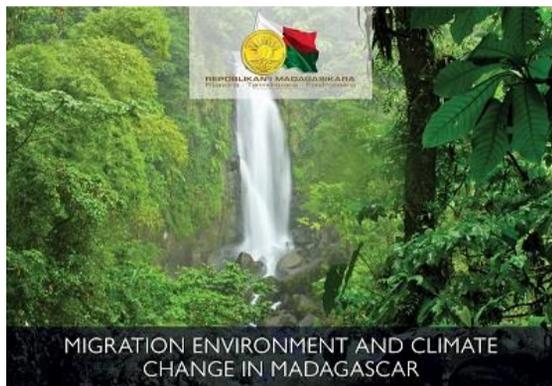
With a population of 807,000 and an estimated 200,000 to 250,000 of its nationals living abroad, the engagement of the Comorian diaspora to national development is – among other topics – an area that IOM will contribute technical expertise and capacity building to the Comorian Government, UN partners, and national stakeholders. “The opening of a Local Office in Comoros materializes our engagement to be present on the ground where it matters, and where IOM can make a positive contribution. We are very much looking forward to the renewed engagement with the Government of the Union of Comoros” underlined Daniel Silva y Poveda, IOM Madagascar Chief of Mission.

### Border Management Assessment in Madagascar – ARSSAM Project



The findings of the Border Management Assessment in Madagascar were presented on 21 February 2018. The Assessment, carried out by IOM and the Ministry of Public Security, took place between June and December 2017 as part of the ARSSAM project.

## Migration Environment and Climate Change



On 22 March 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests held with the support of IOM the first-ever High-Level National Dialogue on MECC.

## Strengthening State Authority in South Madagascar



IOM is managing the construction of the United Nations common Office in Betroka. Five strategic locations have already been identified with the Gendarmerie to build barracks and secure “red areas” in the south of the country.

## Malagasy Diaspora and National Development



Bearisoa left for France in 2004 to complete his studies, but often returns to Madagascar to lead development projects.

[Watch his video!](#)

The Assessment findings and recommendations to a range of public and private border management stakeholders will support the ongoing Security Sector Reform in Madagascar.

Some of these recommendations will be implemented in the coming months, including the setting up with IOM support of a **multi-stakeholders Coordination Center** at the Ivato international airport, which will facilitate information sharing and operational coordination between the Police Malagasy Civil Aviation, Customs, the Ministry of Health, and the airport management company. Also, and at the request of the Ministry of Public Security, a new border management information system, **MIDAS** (Migrant Information Data Analysis System) **will be installed at the Nosy Be and Mahajanga airports**. The new system, will improve the capacity to collect and treat information with a view to ensure that borders are secure, while facilitating and streamlining the legitimate flow of people and goods to and from the country. [Read more here about the Assessment restitution.](#)

## Lesotho Delegation in Mauritius for Study Tour and Bilateral Discussions

Supported by the IOM Lesotho Office as part of its labour migration project funded by IOM Development Fund (IDF), a delegation of nine representatives from the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (Ministries of Labour and Employment, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Education and Health) undertook a study tour on labour migration management and governance to the Republic of Mauritius from 4 to 10 February 2018.

The study tour allowed the Lesotho delegation to gather information and exchange with Mauritian stakeholders on the general economic background, labour laws and governance of labour migration and the recruitment and placement of migrant workers in Mauritius and Mauritians abroad. Bilateral discussions between the two countries also allowed them to identify specific industrial sectors and occupations for possibilities of labour exchanges. A Declaration of Intent (DoI) was signed in Port Louis on 9 February 2018 and commits the two Parties to reviewing and finalizing a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



## Migrant Story: From Nepal to Mauritius

A group of Nepalese nationals were recruited by a private agent in Nepal with promises of work in Mauritius in exchange of a hefty fee payment. They came to Mauritius with hopes of finding work to support their families left behind but spent three months in search of work. Most were able to leave the country, disappointed and having spent most of their savings, before their visitor’s visa expired.

But two of them could not; left without any resources and eager to go back to their families, they disclosed to immigration officers the reason they came to Mauritius. IOM was able to assist the stranded migrants to return to their country of origin and support their reintegration. Aamir and Saru (not their real names) have now started a business venture in Nepal and are happy to be able to provide for their families. “We went away in search of a better life but you should never trust unreliable sources”.

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