



CYCLONE ENAWO - IN THE EYE OF THE STORM



Tombo - stories from cyclone Enawo

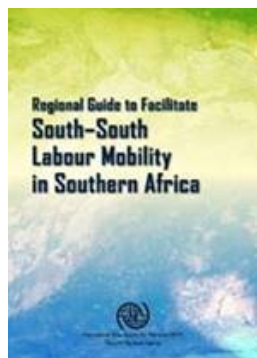


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Integrated Border Management

From March 7- 9 in Antananarivo, Madagascar, key national actors involved in Security and Border Management attended a 3-day training on capacity-building in integrated border management.

Labour Migration



IOM held a Conference on Labour Migration Initiatives in Southern Africa on 29 – 30 March in Pretoria, involving delegates from Mauritius, Seychelles and Madagascar.

[Regional Guide: read here](#)

In addition, an 18-month IOM Development Fund project on facilitating South-South labour mobility involving Madagascar and Mauritius was completed on 30 March.

Migration and Health

On 1 March, Member States of the Indian Ocean Commission formally endorsed a Regional Strategy for Migration and Health 2016-2018, developed in close collaboration with the IOM.

Haja - Victim of Trafficking



[Watch her video](#)

Counter-Trafficking: IOM Madagascar identifies its first beneficiaries

Since October 2016, IOM Madagascar has been implementing a project for "Strengthened Capacities for Improved Coordination, Protection, and Prosecution on Trafficking in Persons in Madagascar." This activity was made possible through support provided by the U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (JTIP) under the terms of Award No. S-SJTIP-16-GR-1015. Among other activities, IOM has set up an Emergency Assistance Fund for up to 30 victims of internal or transnational trafficking, in partnership with ENDA Madagascar, a civil society organization, and in coordination with various government entities under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Four victims of trafficking identified in Kuwait were returned to Madagascar and have started taking benefit of the Fund, including post-return medical consultations, access to a temporary safe shelter, and local transportation support back to their places of origin. Additionally, they will have access to vocational training and the opportunity to launch an income-generating activity (IGA).

Kevish: a Mauritian chef in Italy



In June 2015, Kevish Sunnassy received professional cooking training in Italy within the project "Facilitating a responsible and efficient management of circular migration of Mauritian workers to Italy." We followed up with Kevish who believes this experience has provided him with new skills and insights, positively impacting his catering career. Kevish currently caters for weddings and birthdays and plans to expand his business by investing in new equipment.

IOM's 2017 National Household Survey Report evidences links between migration environmental and climate change in the Republic of Mauritius.

Since January 2014, IOM has been implementing the Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Evidence for Policy (MECLEP) project in Mauritius, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management. MECLEP aims to increase knowledge and awareness about the relationship between environmental and climate change and migration.

Between June and July 2016, IOM carried out a National Household Survey to collect data on migrant and non-migrant households and to record their experiences of environmental and climate-related events in three sites: Port-Louis, Flic-en-Flac/Bambous/Tamarin and Rodrigues. Released in early 2017, the survey report highlights that migration has enabled households to better prepare for environmental and climatic events. Yet, although less affluent households seem better able to adapt when moving, more affluent households tend to adapt in situ. The findings also demonstrate that migration does not necessarily lead to better financial opportunities, while it often leads to a change from a family-based support network to one that is more centered on friends, neighbours and religious organizations. IOM hopes that the National Household Survey Report will inform policies and planning concerning migration and environmental and climate change, and help policymakers mitigate the risk faced by vulnerable communities in the Republic of Mauritius.

Holding your house under the storm



« Before the cyclone came I dismantled the walls of my shelter, I took down the roof and I hid underneath. I held the roof for 5 hours while the cyclone hit. When I came out, not a tree or house was standing in the village, » says Claude, who lives in a village in the southern part of the Antalaha district, in northern Madagascar.

After two days, Claude and his family rebuilt their house. He is worried about the lost rice harvest and his vanilla crops, which have been heavily damaged by the storm. The United Nations System in Madagascar provided emergency support to thousands of people like Claude and his family to help them cope with the aftermath of the Cyclone Enawo.

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