



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAMME FOR NORTH AFRICA

PHASE VI - KEY RESULTS UP TO DEC 2023

Under the overarching objective of improving protection standards for vulnerable migrants in North Africa and across the Central Mediterranean route, during the reporting period, IOM has worked on child protection and counter trafficking through its National and Regional Offices in the RDPP NA target countries.



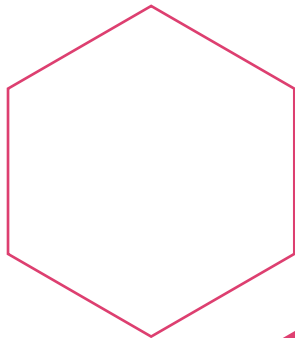
EGYPT

Over the past six months, IOM Egypt has achieved the following accomplishments: organization of a pivotal roundtable on the provision of protection services to migrants in Egypt involving representatives from West and Central African countries and relevant national bodies; finalization and submission of a Detailed concept note and recommendations for the National Councils to enhance the data collection of victims of trafficking (VoTs) cases; Mapping of the operational and organizational capacity of the Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Delivery of essential items such as desks, chairs, stationery, toys etc to a CBO which is receive a high number of Sudanese migrants ; Design of a guidebook for community leaders for migrant's rights advocacy.



MAURITANIA

IOM organized several preparatory meetings with the key national partners, such as the MASEF and the Direction of the Centres for the Protection and Social Inclusion of the Child (CPISE in French), discussed the dissemination of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) and the creation of the Counter Trafficking (CT) units at the CPISE centres. Afterwards, IOM selected three local NGOs that will collaborate closely with the CPISE and the Direction of Childhood to consolidate the foster families' system established in 2022. A photo contest and an event under the topic of gender-based violence and working conditions of women working as house assistants were also organized.





MOROCCO

IOM Morocco launched the first National Steering Committee (Comité de pilotage du projet) and the first regional meeting held in Tangier, which gathered the main national counterparts from different ministries, CSOs and UN Agencies. The meetings led to the conclusion of agreements with two CSOs for the provision of direct assistance and legal assistance. In total, 35 representatives of key actors participated to a joint training on migration governance and protection and on identification and protection of vulnerable migrants, on PSEA and gender equality

35 key actors in Morocco trained on migration governance

571 people reached awareness on the risks of irregular migration

NIGER

Despite a challenging context marked by the July 2023 coup d'Etat in Niger, the IOM project achieved the following key results: Identified a Consultant for the operationalization of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for VoTs; began the layout and French translation of the IOM Handbook on Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants; began the rehabilitation, enhancement and construction of an infirmary inside the shelter for VoTs; improved reception facilities and provided direct assistance services (food, water and NFIs) to 9,079 vulnerable migrants returned from Algeria through official convoys.



TUNISIA

On counter-trafficking, coordinated the training IOM Tunisia has plan with the National Authority Against Trafficking Committee as well as the provision of support on comprehensive case management of trafficking survivors with a CSO; Detected and supported 9 female trafficking survivors through counselling, case management and provision of assistance and has held a focus group discussion with 5 trafficking survivors, which will now constitute the basis for the assessment of the perception of trafficking within the migrant communities.

Furthermore, IOM organized the first meeting of the National Coordination Group on Child Protection, which include key players from Government bodies, CSOs, NGOs as well as UN agencies and is scheduled to meet on a quarterly basis. A joint pilot intervention with Unicef UNHCR will allow to increase the target of AND THE development of alternative care solutions through foster families and semi-independent living options from 6 to 25 children assisted.

LYBIA

IOM Libya has established a multi-service community center (MRRM base) and a MRRM mobile team in Ejdabya in charge of providing a wide range of direct assistance services to vulnerable migrants and host communities as well as raising awareness of the risks of irregular migration, alternatives to regular pathways, availability of other services accessible and to migrants To this end, 64 beneficiaries benefitted from Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and IOM Libya initiated the procurement process of food, non-food items, and medical equipment to commence delivery of services in the communities.

Migrants' reception facilities in Niger enhanced

1 MRRM base and MRRM mobile team established in Ejdabya (East Libya)



REGIONAL

The IOM Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa has actively engaged with government officials including during the GCM objective 21 regional event, which brought together 62 state representatives from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. In synergy and coordination with national governments and frontline actors in North Africa, a needs assessment on child protection and counter trafficking in the region has been conducted and officially validated. The project team has also developed the concept notes and methodology of the knowledge products to be produced under the regional intervention. A total of 30 participants from child protection teams, frontliners and case workers were trained and consulted to assess gaps related to cross border case management of children. The project team has also organized and held in Cairo the first regional workshop on protection of VoTs and children on the move with the participation of child protection and counter trafficking professionals from all the RDPP NA target countries.

