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IOM in Egypt Contribution to UPR on Egypt

Brief on the cooperation between IOM and the Government of Egypt with a focus on activities aiming to uphold Migrants Rights

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IOM: Brief

IOM is an intergovernmental organization, established in 1951, committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

IOM counts 155 Member States (a further 11 states hold observer status), IOM's programme budget for 2012 exceeded USD 1.2 billion, funding over 2,300 active programmes and more than 7,800 staff members serving in more than 470 field offices in more than a hundred countries.

IOM works in the four broad areas of migration governance: migration and development; facilitating migration; regulating migration; and addressing forced migration.

Cross-cutting activities include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health, and the gender dimension of migration.

IOM works closely with governmental and intergovernmental partners in these areas supporting the government in addressing migrants' needs.

Since 1997, IOM has been particularly active in the fight against human trafficking through implementing over 500 associated projects in 85 countries and directly assisting more than 20,000 trafficked persons.

IOM Egypt: Migration Governance activities with a focus on Migrants' Protection

IOM supports governmental efforts to expand the sphere of protection of victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants transiting through Egypt.

Below is a list of activities implemented by IOM in support of the Egyptian government efforts in the field of Migration Governance in Egypt:

A. Provision of direct assistance to vulnerable migrants in the custody of the Government of Egypt

In close coordination with the MoI, IOM provides direct assistance to migrants in the custody of Egyptian authorities.

Periodic visits for the distribution of direct assistance is coordinated closely with the office of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Interior.

IOM doctors are also granted access to facilities where migrants are in need of medical care.

To date IOM has provided assistance to 11,028 migrants (most migrants receive more than one time/type of assistance depending on the length of their custody).

Below is a breakdown of the type of assistance distributed to date:



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Type of Assistance	Total # 2011- Oct 2013
Blankets	1,702
Hygiene Kits	6,608
Dignity Kits for women	869
Clothing (including underwear, flip flops, etc..)	3,911
Food Bags	6,892
Medical Assistance	1,686

B. Establishment of a regional shelter for the recovery and reintegration of women and girls who are victims of trafficking

IOM in cooperation with the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) operates the first regional shelter for recovery and reintegration of women and girls who are victims of trafficking.

The shelter was established in Dec 2010 with a capacity of 10 victims.

To date, 87 female victims (Egyptians - non Egyptians) have benefited from the range of services offered at the shelter including:

- Secure, transitional accommodation;
- Medical care;
- Psychosocial assistance and counselling;
- Legal assistance;
- Vocational training;
- Assisted voluntary return and reintegration.

IOM and NCCM are planning to expand the capacity of the female shelter up to 20 victims, and to open the first regional shelter for males (estimated to be operational in May 2014) with a capacity for 12 persons.

IOM request the support of the MoI to ensure that the existing National Referral Mechanism (see below) will be extended to male adults and minors who are victims of trafficking.

C. Establishment of a National Referral Mechanism for Victims of Trafficking

IOM, together with the National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Human Trafficking and the Ministry of Interior, established a National Referral Mechanism for Victims of Trafficking (NRM). The referral mechanism was established in January 2012 to enhance an inter-agency coordination of the initial reception, protection and medical and social assistance provided to victims and presumed or potential victims of human trafficking in Egypt.

D. Developing the Legal Guidelines to implement the Anti-trafficking Law No 64/2010



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The guideline is a primary source of information for law enforcement officials trained on the legal proceedings of cases of trafficking. The guideline was developed jointly between IOM and the Ministry of Justice.

To date, 2000 copies of the guidelines were distributed to relevant law enforcement agencies and civil society organizations

E. Supporting the establishment and operation of the Trafficking Victim Support Unit at the National Bank Hospital

In 2011, IOM in cooperation with the NCCM and the MoH established a medical recovery unit to provide medical assistance to VoTs, especially for emergency cases.

To date, the recovery unit assisted over 260 VoTs.

F. Train and capacitate Egyptian medical professionals and the provision of medical assistance to migrant communities

Since 2010, IOM Egypt has provided health related technical and professional trainings for over 1,671 Egyptian health care professionals.

IOM Egypt, in cooperation with the NCCM and the Ministry of Health (MoH) has trained 900 medical professionals and social workers on victim identification and the psychological consequences of VoTs.

G. Capacity building of law enforcement officials and civil society on migration issues

Since 2010, in cooperation with the MoI, IOM delivered 17 trainings for 428 police officers and law enforcement officials on the implementation of Law 64/2010 on combating human trafficking.

The trainings implemented to date have covered the south of Egypt governorates. It has been agreed with MoJ that by end of 2014, IOM would have provided training to all Egypt's prosecutors on Law 64/2010, in turn raising awareness on the phenomenon an law throughout all of Egypt's Governorates.

IOM is also delivering training to lawyers and community-based organisations on international migration law.

H. Study visits

Within the framework of supporting the Government of Egypt in the development of a legal framework governing irregular migration, IOM Egypt organizes study tours to countries with good practices on the same subject matter for senior officials of the Government of Egypt. Topics include, but are not limited to: alternatives to deportation, counter trafficking and humanitarian border management, addressing needs of migrant children.

I. Inter-ministerial workshops

Within the framework of supporting the Government of Egypt in the development of a legal framework governing irregular migration, IOM Egypt organizes inter-ministerial workshops to



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address migration challenges in contemporary Egypt, enhancing effective working relations with the MoI, MoH and MoJ.

J. Access to information

IOM responds to the challenge of providing accurate, up to date information on organizations providing services to migrants in Egypt via the IOM BOSLA web site (<http://bosla-egypt.info/>).

BOSLA provides information on e.g. legal aid, health care, education, housing, resettlement and return. The main audience of this website is the migrant community but also the local organizations, CBOs and community centers. Organizations are able to create their own online profiles on the website directory and update information about their respective services and activities.

IOM Egypt: Proposed collaboration with the GoE for 2014

A. Provision of training to enhance migration governance and safeguard migrants' rights along migratory routes

With an emphasis on Egypt's border with Libya and areas located along important migration routes, IOM seeks to engage the relevant authorities in addressing migration governance challenges along border areas.

Following a needs-assessment, IOM will design and deliver workshops and trainings, targeting relevant Egyptian authorities, in order to enhance officials' knowledge on topics such as: human rights and international law; migrant registration and assistance; public health in the migration context; data management, intelligence and risk management; search and rescue operations; and document examination techniques.

B. Provision of training to strengthen institutional capacities to manage migration flows and safeguard migrants' rights

Through the establishment of a network of regional focal points, comprising trained Government officials/border guards and/or protection agencies, located at strategic border crossing points and along maritime borders, IOM will also seek to support the Government of Egypt in the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on irregular migration.

To this end, IOM will (i) provide targeted training to local authorities to establish/reinforce cooperation mechanisms to enable efficient identification, registration and provision of assistance to migrants; (ii) capacitate focal points to collect, analyse and report information on out/incoming migratory flows, including human trafficking and migrant smuggling; (iii) provide ad hoc support and guidance to local authorities.

C. Strengthen dialogue and cooperation with other MENA countries on migration governance

IOM will look to promote high- and/or technical-level dialogue on migration governance between Egypt and neighbouring countries (with an emphasis on Libya and Tunisia).

Therefore, under this programme, IOM will establish a technical working group comprising Egyptian, Libyan and Tunisian officials, creating a platform to discuss common and country-



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specific challenges, as well as potential cooperation to counter irregular migration and protect migrants' human rights.

D. Provision of equipment to enhance migration governance and safeguard migrants' rights along migratory routes

Based on Government of Egypt-identified needs, IOM will procure, deliver and install equipment to enhance technical and infrastructural resources along significant trafficking and smuggling routes, with a particular emphasis on Egypt's border with Libya.

It is anticipated that necessary equipment may include satellite phones and computers, additional CCTV Cameras with central control room and night TV cameras, advanced document fraud detection equipment, lighting equipment and alarm sensors. Where necessary, IOM will provide training on equipment utilization and maintenance at the central and field levels.

E. Provision of Sexual and Gender Based Violence training to governmental counterparts

IOM can support the delivery of a series of training and capacity building activities targeting police officers and social workers dealing with victims of SGVB. This training can be replicated to other governmental counterparts in Egypt.

NOTE

IOM has a number of studies that look at various aspects of migration including assessments of migratory routes, as well as on Unaccompanied Migrant Children, that can be shared upon request with relevant partners.

Annexes:

IOM Annex A - IOM Comprehensive Assessment of Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Egypt Dec 2013

IOM Annex B1 – Cover page Cover Guidelines Law 64 CT

IOM Annex B2 – Guidelines Law 64 CT