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Participants of 15th IDMR workshop at IOM conference room. ©IOM 2016 (Alemayehu Seifeselassie)

IDMR Findings – Ever More Pertinent and Instrumental for Humanitarian Partners in Addressing the El Nino Phenomenon

Due to the ongoing and protracted El Nino phenomenon, IOM's quarterly Internal Displacement Monitoring Report (IDMR) is ever more relevant and crucial to help partners in providing coordinated, efficient and timely response to displaced persons. The 15th (IDMR) workshop held on the 21st of April, 2016 with participants from the government, UN agencies, donors, INGOs and local NGOs highlighted the alarming increase in numbers of displaced persons and the aggravating hazards caused by the El Nino phenomenon mainly in the regions of Afar, Amhara, Oromia and Somali. Read more



Ethiopian returnees at the Addis Ababa IOM Transit Center awaiting transportation allowance ©IOM 2016 (Alemayehu Seifeselassie)

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IOM joins humanitarian partners and the Government of Ethiopia on a 90-day campaign to raise awareness on the urgent need for additional funding for the drought crisis in Ethiopia to address the humanitarian resource gap. Read more.



Smuggled Migrant: "My Humanity Was Taken Away From Me"

Tempted by the new house that his neighbors could afford and propelled by his dreams for a better life, Ahmed left his motherland imagining that he would get

better opportunities when he arrived in the Middle East. The opposing reality could not have been more palpable. This 21-year-old young man from the northern part of Ethiopia paid smugglers to transport him across the Red Sea. This is when his traumatic ordeal began. Never in his life could he imagine the inhuman tribulations that he was about to face. Read more

UNICEF-IOM partnership on assisted voluntary returning children from Ethiopia



Ahmad, 17, demonstrates how traffickers in Yemen held him for ransom. A joint project between UNICEF, the International Organization of Migration and the Ethiopian Government, the transit centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia reunites migrant children with their families. © UNICEF Ethiopia/2016/Mulugeta Ayene

ADDIS ABABA, March 31, 2016 – As Ahmad* was being chased through the Yemeni desert by the motorcycle-riding human traffickers that had tortured and beat him in their camp for months, he thought he would never see his home village in southern Ethiopia again.

"I didn't think I was going to make it home," recalled the young 17-year-old with an expressive face and wide eyes as he described his five months of attempted migration to Saudi Arabia that resulted in him getting ransomed by traffickers twice and ended in a harrowing midnight escape when he rolled off the truck containing bodies of fellow migrants he had been sent to help bury. Read more

First-Ever Migration Profile for Ethiopia: Validation of Preliminary Findings Completed



Preliminary findings on Migration Profile for Ethiopia presented by Dr. Mehari Taddele ©IOM 2016 (Alemayehu Seifeselassie)

Migration profiles are country-owned tools that provide a framework and foundation for monitoring and managing migration. In addition to providing a comprehensive "at a glance" overview of countries' migration situation, migration profiles suggest approaches to setting up systems and mechanisms for tracking migration over time, as well as evaluating the link between migration and development and assessing the socio-economic impact of migration. Read more

Back to Motherland



A new documentary film on the lives of Ethiopian returnees who received a reintegration assistance from IOM.



You can view the documentary in our YouTube channel.

IOM Ethiopia

National Anti- Trafficking and Smuggling Taskforce steps up coordination efforts in managing migration in Ethiopia



H.E. Madame Chantal Hebberecht, Ambassador of the European Union giving the opening remark. ©IOM 2016 (Alemayehu Seifeselassie)

IOM and the Government of Ethiopia National Anti-Trafficking and Smuggling Taskforce wound-up a two workshop, on "The Review of the National Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons (TiP) and Smuggling of Migrants (SoM) and Harmonization of the National and Regional Taskforce Structures," on 1st April 2016 in Addis Ababa.

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IOM Creates Livelihood Opportunities: "I've never had this opportunity before"



21st-25th April 2016, Tigray Region- A Basic Business Skill training was provided by IOM to Eritrean refugees and Ethiopian communities in Tigray Region at the Shire Town Poly Technique College. The first group of beneficiaries included 30 men and 30 women from Mayayni and Adi-Harush refugee camps and from the host community. Read more