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Boats carrying Congolese refugees from remote landing sites where they had been stranded to the accessible Nsonga landing site on Lake Albert. This was done by IOM Uganda, working with Office of the Prime Minister and UNHCR – and funded by UN-CERF © IOM / ABAS AHMED ALI



ABOVE: IOM Uganda staff carry a baby off the boat, after the child and its parents were evacuated to the accessible Nsonga landing site on Lake Albert. On the Right, the IOM and UNHCR team hands over life jackets to the Marine Police. © IOM / PETER NZABANITA

UN-CERF / IOM Uganda Project Evacuates 456 Stranded Congolese Asylum Seekers

As tens of thousands of Congolese have been fleeing into Uganda to escape ethnic clashes and human rights abuses since late 2017, at least 2,500 landed at remote fishing villages on the shores of Lake Albert. There they remained unacknowledged by the Uganda Government, uncouned in refugee statistics, and unreachable by humanitarian agencies.

To alleviate the plight of these asylum seekers, IOM Uganda worked with the Office of the Prime Minister, Marine Police and UNHCR to evacuate nearly 500 most vulnerable to accessible centres where they were picked up by UNCHR. This was part of the project funded by the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (UN-CERF)

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BRIEFS & GALLERIES

• MHAC hosts vaccination Training

The Migration Health Assessment Centre (MHAC) has hosted about 60 colleagues and partners from a dozen countries across the world, for a training of trainers for the IOM Expanded Vaccination Programme.

The May 21-25 workshop brought together partners such as IOM, the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the public health agency John Snow, Inc.

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Kampala Capital City Authority boss Jennifer Musisi (Left) follows proceedings with the head of Governance and Human Rights at the European Union Delegation, Thomas Tiedemann, and Governance advisor Sabrina Bazzanella. This was during the stakeholder consultation on urban refugees and migrants, supported by IOM Uganda's EU-SSCoS project © IOM / ABUBAKER MAYEMBA

EU / IOM support Kampala City Authority on Migrants

On 13 April, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) held a consultative meeting on taking a coordinated approach to serving urban refugees and migrants.

The stakeholder meeting at Serena hotel was supported by IOM Uganda's Strengthening Social Cohesion and Stability in Slum Populations (SSCoS) project, which is funded by the European Union. In attendance were members of the diplomatic corps, development partners, United Nations agencies, NGOs dealing with migrants and refugees, and officials from the central and local governments.

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• CERF project trains Marine Police unit

Funded by the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), IOM Uganda recently boosted the capacity of the Marine Police Force unit in the western district of Hoima. IOM trained eight Police officers in medical and search-and-rescue skills, and donated 400 life jackets and VHF radios to the MPF at Sebagoro landing site on Lake Albert. More than 80,000 Congolese have fled to Uganda since 01 January, many crossing Lake Albert. The Police will be better-equipped to answer distress calls.

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Meeting Point: James: From Enforcing Law and Order to Preaching Hygiene

One of the standout community volunteers among South Sudanese refugees in Palorinya settlement in Moyo district is Ababa James Oful. James **(Pictured Right)** has endured many ups and downs in his life.

Now 25, he joined the South Sudan police in 2010, after dropping out of school in Senior 2. But in August 2011, his police patrol vehicle was involved in an accident that cost him his left leg. He was treated in Nairobi hospital and returned to work in Juba – until war forced him to seek refuge in Uganda.

[Read James' story](#)



● ‘Facilitate Migration’

Although the IGAD region has some of the best intra-regional infrastructure in Africa, it has the worst indicators on free movement of persons. To move from this grim statistic, member states of IGAD (Inter-Governmental Authority on Development) need to transition from restrictive to facilitative border management strategies. That was the message delivered in April by Mr Ali Abdi, the IOM Uganda Chief of Mission, at a high-level meeting in Kampala.

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Water flows at Bidibidi piped water system funded by European Union



A water system funded by European Union Humanitarian Aid in Bidibidi settlement in Yumbe district is all but complete. In May, water started flowing. The system is part of IOM Uganda's EU-funded operations for water and sanitation for refugees and host communities in Yumbe and Moyo.

See [Photo Report](#) published in April.

ABOVE: IOM Uganda Chief of Mission Ali Abdi (Left) and Project Manager Adeniyi Adebisi watch a girl draw water at a public stand post on the new Bidibidi piped water system, while (on the Right) a woman walks home after getting water. © IOM / ABUBAKER MAYEMBA



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