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IOM's Global Solar Lanterns Initiative #LightTheirWay

More than 57,000 vulnerable families in camps and communities across Africa, Asia, and Latin America need greater protection, support for education as well as better health and safety. Help spread the light by providing solar lanterns to households living "off-the-grid" with little or no access to electricity.















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IOM has assisted migrants for 60+ years.



IOM's Global Solar Lanterns Initiative helps:

REDUCING RISK

Women and men living in camps can experience assault and insecurity. By using solar lanterns at night to carry out routine chores or travel to and from water and sanitation facilities, they can feel safer.

SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

Completing homework is difficult for children with no access to electricity. By providing solar lanterns youth can study at night and improve their performance.

INCREASED HEALTH AND SAFETY

Replacing kerosene lamps with solar lanterns helps avoid inhaling toxic fumes and greatly reduces fire hazards and dependency on expensive, non-renewable resources.



Somalia remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises, with over 2.9 million people in need of assistance.

1.1 million Somalis remain internally displaced within Somalia and a similar number of Somali refugees reside in neighbouring countries.

Thirty-year-old Farhiya (name changed) has lived with her 7 daughters in a makeshift shelter for 15 years at the Kosaar IDP settlement in Burao, Somali-land. "I used to have a solar light at home until it broke. The new one is lighter and I can use it to charge my mobile phone. I can carry it around the house and I feel much safer moving around the settlement at night," she says.

In 2014, IOM Somalia lit up the lives of more than 20,000 IDPs through the distribution of solar lanterns. Through IOM's Global Solar Lanterns Initiative, IOM Somalia is aiming to enhance the lives of 123,075 more individuals.

IMPROVING LIVES

AROUND THE WORLD





REDUCING RISK

In Somalia, solar lanterns help internally displaced persons (IDPs) develop an improved sense of security against assault at night.



EDUCATION

In Tajikistan, young girls receive solar lanterns, helping them to study at night and in the morning. Better education reduces young girls vulnerability to human trafficking.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

In Philippines, solar lanterns help reduce fire hazards in tents and exposure to harmful toxic fuels.

"Our community did not have light before now our nights have become days."

~ Fadumo Mohamed, Somaliland

"I was able to wake up at 3:00 a.m and read until 7:00 a.m. without worrying about light."

~ Kirumba, Uganada

Kirumba came from a camp in Uganda and has emerged top of his district in his final exams, something he attributes directly to reading more as a result of having a solar lantern.

"My family members are not coughing anymore because they are not inhaling the toxic flames produced by the kerosene lamps."

~ Kibeneu, Kenya

IOM'S GLOBAL SOLAR LANTERNS INITIATIVE

Our Fundraising Target





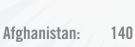
Health-Care Workers











Arghanistan: 140 Bangladesh: 14, 285 Haiti: 5,650

Haiti: 5,650 Kazakhstan: 2,000 Kenya: 250 Malawi: 7,000
Philippines: 1,500
Somalia: 24, 615
Tajikistan: 572

Zambia:

500







57,142 FAMILIES

AND WILL SUPPORT



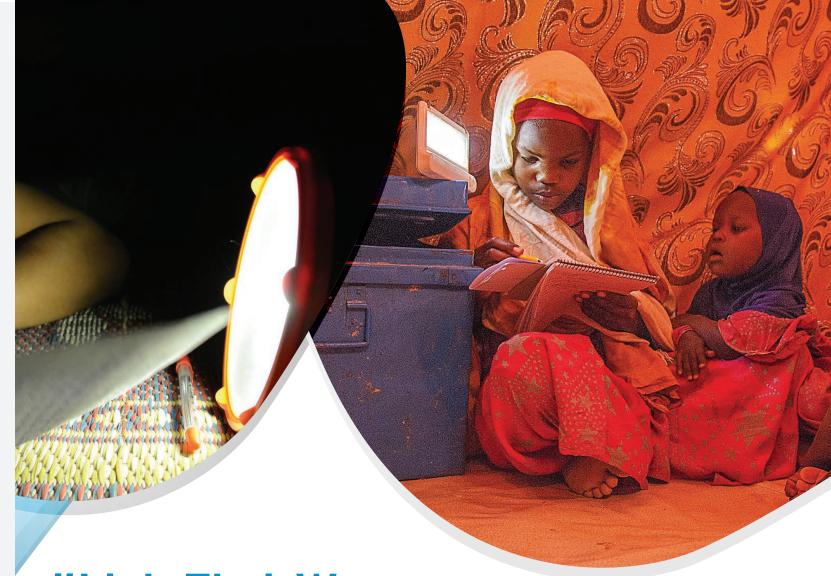


Reducing Risk









#LightTheirWay

Light is an essential part of our daily lives. It is crucial for activities such as reading and studying or keeping a business open after sunset. In some cases, individuals and families lose their access to light when uprooted by natural or man-made disasters. Families flee their homes, leaving behind their possessions and livelihood to seek safety. They may find refuge in IDP or refugee camps where electricity is unavailable. In other cases, families living in remote areas are "off the grid" all together, with little access to infrastructure.

IOM has seen light empower individuals, families, and communities in crisis, recovery and post conflict, and development contexts. Help IOM spread the light to communities in 10 countries across the globe!

Our Reach

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration, working closely with governmental and intergovernmental partners. IOM has 157 Member States with offices in over 150 countries and over 9,000 staff members, more than 95% of whom are based in the field.

IOM helps ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, promotes international cooperation on migration issues, assists in the search for practical solutions to migration challenges and provides humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced persons.