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US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PRM VISITS SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES IN GAMBELLA

AUGUST 7 - ADDIS ABABA

The US Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) Anne C. Richard visited the South Sudanese refugees in Gambella, Ethiopia. Accompanied by the United States Ambassador to Ethiopia Patricia Haslach, Richard visited the South Sudanese refugees in Gambella, Ethiopia, including IOM’s transportation and pre-departure medical screening assistance. After her visit, the Assistant Secretary admired the hard work IOM and other humanitarian organizations have put in and emphasized that her Government will continue its support.

Following the US delegations’ visit to Ethiopia and South Sudan on July 8-15, the United States Government announced that it will contribute USD22 million towards humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in South Sudan and refugees in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

The US stated that the contribution will allow both international and non-governmental organizations to provide refugees and IDPs with basic life support - such as access to clean water, food, health care, and essential household items, employment training; gender-based violence prevention; and programs for child protection, including efforts to restore family links severed as a result of displacement.

The US also added their strong support towards the efforts of humanitarian organizations to meet the needs in South Sudan, but highlighted that the aid can only be effective if the Government of South Sudan, opposition forces, and all other parties to the conflict cease the fighting and grant the delivery of life-saving assistance.

During the visit, the delegates were briefed that Ethiopia is hosting over 570,000 refugees, including the new influx of South Sudanese refugees whose number has recently exceeded 160,000.

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The two-year project, which will be implemented in Djibouti, Yemen and Ethiopia, will contribute to the ongoing efforts of combating irregular migration and protecting the rights of vulnerable groups including unaccompanied minors. Opening the workshop, Mr. Carreras – Head of Cooperation at the European Union Delegation to Ethiopia – stressed that many of the migrant children suffer tremendous atrocities such as torture, sexual violence, and killing – not only during the journey but also upon arrival in destination country. Elaborating on the EU’s support, he said, “this particular project will help improve the conditions for migrants and help prevent trafficking.”

Over the years, the plight of Ethiopian migrants and in particular of unaccompanied minors has alarmed the international community. Reports from Mille Woreda of Afar Region show that the number of irregular migrants has significantly increased over the past year. IOM has partnered with different government bodies to tackle the problem. IOM Ethiopia, Officer in Charge, Mr. Gabriel Okutui on his part commended the Ethiopian Government for its strong commitment in the effort to combat irregular migration. He also appreciated the European Union for its continuous support in response to the challenges.

The participants of the workshop stated that the mass exodus of Ethiopian returnees from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the end of last year and beginning of this year has been a real eye-opener on how the challenges of irregular migration have increased in Ethiopia. They also stated that the efforts IOM is putting into fighting irregular migration and forming a close collaboration amongst partners are exemplary.

**IOM PROVIDES LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN GAMBELLA REGION**

The International Organization for Migration in Ethiopia (IOM) provided livelihood assistance to 1,055 households in three refugee and one host community site at Gambella region of Pugnido district. The assistance, funded by the Japanese Government, provided different types of early maturing and adaptable vegetable seeds for home gardening. Accordingly, three types of vegetable seeds, namely tomato, cabbage and lettuce for 450 refugees and 35 host communities were distributed in July, 2014.

IOM also organized two day training on improved vegetable production practices and management for 485 beneficiaries. Among the total participants of the two day training, 392 (81%) were women while the remaining 93 (19%) were men.

In order to introduce improved vegetable production and management practice, and to increase its pragmatic adoption by the target beneficiaries, the project established three demonstration plots at Village 12, Nuwer and Anyaqui refugee sites. The objective of the demonstration plots was to showcase improved vegetable production practices as opposed to the conventional production system to the beneficiaries and the community.

To address the identified needs and help beneficiaries execute the farming activity effectively, the project distributed three types of farming tools for 485 households. The farming tools consisted of a digging hoe, a water can and a garden fork.

The project also established nine small business managing groups with 10 members each. The selection and establishment of all the business managing groups composed of all women refugees from the three refugee sites was accomplished.

IOM is planning to provide a 15,000 ETB cash grant to the nine small business managing groups as a start-up for their business.

Furthermore, in order to strengthen the capacity of the small business managing groups and create a job opportunity, IOM supplied start-up materials such as cash box, keftu, thermos and sugar to enable the groups to start a small coffee service. Likewise, functional businesses plan for the established groups was prepared.

The planned activities under the livelihoods assistance project also include; provision of poultry assistance for targeted households in the three sites. A total of 4,500 chickens, 3,600 pullet and 900 roosters will be provided to 450 beneficiaries, among which 400 are refugees and 50 host community members. An individual household will receive dual purpose environmentally appropriate 10 chickens, 8 pullets and 2 roosters each.

In addition, with the objective of supporting improved production systems and to enhance beneficiaries’ practice of beekeeping, 10 beneficiary households from the host community at Pugnido Woreda of Olegna Kebele received one modern beehive with its complete accessories each. Similarly, 20 host community members from the same Kebele received fishing materials, namely fishing rods and accessories.

IOM’s support is part of the first round livelihood assistance to refugees in Gambela, Gambella Region.

**IOM TRAINS POLICE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON IDENTIFICATION, PROTECTION AND REFERRAL OF VULNERABLE MIGRANTS**

The training’s aim was to enhance the level of awareness on issues of irregular migration, trafficking in persons and smuggling of people among members of police, regional administration and security officials, Bureau of Labour and Social Affairs, Bureau of Women, Children and Youth Affairs, Bureau of Health, Customs Authority as well as Mille Woreda Emergency Migration Response Center (EMRC).

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Through the training, the participants were introduced to key migrant protection issues which are vital in engaging relevant partners on the management of Mille EMRC in a well-coordinated manner.

**August 28 - Addis Ababa**

The International Organization for Migration Special Liaison Office (IOM STL) organized a two-day training workshop on identification, protection and referral of vulnerable migrants for 31 government officials in Mille Woreda, Afar Region - one of the major routes for irregular migration to the Middle East through Djibouti.

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Intercepted irregular migrants on the Afar corridor heading through Djibouti and Yemen to reach the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

OCTOBER 16 – KHARTOUM

The first Regional Ministerial Conference on Human Trafficking and Smuggling in the Horn of Africa took place in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, from 13-16 October 2014. The overall objective of the conference was to foster improved cooperation among the Member States in the region in addressing the challenges of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants within and from the Horn of Africa, and to create a forum for cooperation among Member States in the region, transit and destination countries.

The meeting was attended by delegates from the following AU Member States: Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, Djibouti, South Sudan, Tunisia, and Libya. The following AU organs, Regional Economic Communities, intergovernmental, non-governmental organisations, and cooperating partners were represented: EAC, IGAD, Union of Arab Maghrib States (UAM), IOM, UNHCR, UNODC, EU, ILO, ECAPAT International, All African Conferences of Churches (AACC), Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat (RMMS), ICRC, ICMPD, IDEP, the League of Arab States (LAS), Italy, Malta, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Switzerland, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

The meeting had three segments - the experts’ meeting, the EU Horn of Africa Initiative (HOAI) – Khartoum process discussions and the Ministerial meeting. The first segment was the two-day experts’ meeting; where discussions were focused on the state of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in the Horn of Africa. The experts clearly identified a way forward on how to translate existing national, regional and international instruments into concrete measures and common standards to prevent trafficking and smuggling of persons, prosecute traffickers and smugglers and to provide direct assistance to victims of trafficking and other vulnerable migrants, including refugees and asylum seekers.

The EU HoAMM (Khartoum process) discussion highlighted the need to engage in dialogue that would bridge both Europe and Africa through initiatives such as the Khartoum Process with a long term objective of regional development and boosting trade. The ‘Rome Declaration’ which is planned to be adopted in Rome, Italy in November was also discussed. The Italian Deputy Foreign Minister highlighted the Rome Declaration will not be an end but itself the beginning of process for programmatic cooperation, and a political process to initiate broader cooperation.

The Ministerial meeting dialogue was undertaken with the aim to foster better understanding of the mutual affect between human mobility and transnational criminal activities, namely human trafficking and migrant smuggling. The meeting considered and adopted the report of the experts’ meeting. The following documents were also adopted as a road map for the Member States:

1. The Khartoum Declaration on AU-Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants
2. Strategy and Plan of Action on AU-Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants
3. Terms of Reference for the AU-Horn of Africa Initiative

AU HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON KAMPALA CONVENTION

AUGUST 12 – ACCRA GHANA

The African Union held a consultative meeting to promote the signing and ratification of the Kampala Convention among Member States of the African Union (AU) and to identify challenges encountered by Member States in ratifying the Convention.

As well as to provide possible solutions to these challenge. The Kampala convention was adopted in October 2009 and came into force in December 2012 after its ratification by 15 states. This Convention, which is the first of its kind in the world, is a regional instrument that binds governments to provide legal protection for the rights and well-being of those forced to flee inside their home countries due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and other human rights abuses.

The meeting enhanced the awareness of government officials, ministers and state institutions dealing with displacement issues, participating Member States are supported by the African Union and other partners in ensuring signature and ratification of the Convention and in creating a framework for dialogue and exchange with both state and non-state actors in order to identify common challenges and obstacles to the ratification of the Convention.

The meeting was organized by the AU and attended by parliamentarians and high officials dealing with displacement matters in AU Member States, representatives from national human rights institutions and national agencies dealing with displacement issues. IOM was represented at the meeting by the Mission in Ghana.

HEAVY RAIN THREATENS IOM’S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES

SEPTEMBER 30 – ADDIS ABABA

As a result of heavy rain which started in mid-July, IOM’s relocation of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia has been facing difficult challenges. The rain has caused water levels to rise rapidly, causing flooding at the Matar way station, Papak and Burubiri entry point and refugee reception sites, forcing many refugees to seek refuge at higher grounds. The flooding has made IOM’s registration and movement of South Sudanese refugees difficult in Gambella Region (a region with multiple entry points into Ethiopia from South Sudan).

In addition, IOM’s Matar accommodation compound was also flooded in August and IOM staff members were forced to leave their compound and move to nearby hotels. Due to the flood, staff members’ bedrooms were full of water and their personal belongings soaked.

The European Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) has designated a new dry location for IOM to continue its registration for the movement at the end of August to ease the challenge. However, with higher water levels blocking roads and flooding camps, over 62,000 refugees including those previously relocated are in need of relocation to camps with higher ground.

It is to be recalled that IOM has been IOM BRIEFS ETHIOPIAN DIPLOMATS ON DIASPORA MAPPING

AUGUST 18 – ADDIS ABABA

IOM organized a briefing in Addis Ababa on diaspora mapping for over 110 Ethiopian ambassadors and senior diplomats from around the world.

The briefing, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, took place at the Ambassadorial Annual Review Meeting and followed a diaspora mapping seminar organized by IOM Ethiopia at the end of June 2014. The briefing, conducted by IOM experts from South Africa and Maldives, provided an introduction to diaspora mapping and highlighted its importance as a first step towards formulating a diaspora engagement strategy. It also explained the process, international best practices and lessons learnt.

The event was opened by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Dawano Kedir, who thanked IOM for its contribution to capacity building, and for its support in times of need, notably during the recent influx of Ethiopian returnees from Saudi Arabia.

IOM Chief of Mission Josiah Ogina highlighted the importance of diaspora engagement in development. “History has shown diasporas, their capital and networks have had a major impact on development worldwide. In Europe, the Republic of Ireland is just one good example,” he said.

The briefing concluded with an introduction to the IOM Diaspora Mapping Tool, and a demonstration of the tool in action.

The event was hosted by the Embassy of Ethiopia in Rome, Italy in November was also continued on page 10 ...
23 year-old Asiya Mohammed's dream was to go to college and study medicine. But then, war broke out in Somalia, and she was forced to flee from her home town, Mogadishu. "I had just finished high school and was getting ready to join the university when the war broke out," she remembers the incident which changed her life. "When I got home from school, there was a mortar attack at my house, which claimed my brother's life instantly and left me unconscious," she said. What was even more shocking for her was waking up and assessing the irreversible damage the attack has caused. "By the time I woke up, my neighbours had taken me to their place. I noticed that the explosion has claimed my leg and left me with some scrap metals in my body."
Two years ago, after recovering from the devastating accident, Asiya travelled to Ethiopia in search of refuge. Fleeing the war and coming to Kebri Beyah camp in Ethiopia was never an easy task, as gunfire looted the lorry Asiya was on and shot dead the owner on board for not having enough money on him.

Asiya has not seen her father and stepmother for two years after the accident as they had moved in various directions. Coming to Ethiopia, however, she was reunited with her stepmother. “I found her here in this camp in 2010. I was given a shelter and food here and felt very welcomed.”

Despite having gone through such a hard ordeal in life, Asiya is optimistic. She hopes to head to the United States and pursue her education and become a doctor. Her unquenched thirst for education is still with her.

Through the United States Refugee Programme (USRP), of which the International Organization for Migration (IOM) operates as an overseas processing entity, the optimistic young Asiya hopes that she will see this dream realized.

IOM facilitates the processing of refugee admission into the United States, including pre-screening, case preparation, overseas “cultural orientation,” transportation assistance among others.

Asiya Mohammed at Kebri Beyah camp in Asiya, Ethiopia

HEAVY RAIN THREATENS...

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relocating South Sudanese refugees from Burbiey, Akobo, and Pagak entry points in Gambella to safe camps built by ARRA and UNHCR. As a result of IOM’s efforts, over 172,000 refugees have been relocated to safe camps inside Gambella. As of mid-July, however, all camps in Gambella have surpassed their capacity. Hence, there has been a backlog of refugees at Matar temporary accommodation station and Pamdong Transition Station. ARRA and UNHCR have set up Okugu camp with a capacity to accommodate 29,000 refugees. However, refugees have shown concerns about relocation to Okugu fearing close proximity to clashing tribes. As refugees continue to arrive and rising water levels continue to push refugees out of previously set up camps, the backlog continues.

From the total of over 455,682 South Sudanese refugees who have fled into neighboring countries, 189,343 have crossed into Ethiopia. This makes Ethiopia the biggest receiving country of South Sudanese refugees displaced due to conflict in the Region.

World Humanitarian Day honours humanitarian heroes

September 25 - Addis Ababa

The IMO Resource Centre adds three new books to its extensive resources in September 2014. The three new books are entitled International Migration and Development Contributions and Recommendations of the International System, Migration and the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda; and Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration: Addressing Vulnerabilities and Harnessing Opportunities.

Coordinated by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and IOM, efforts to advance global understanding and inter-agency cooperation on migration.

The second addition outlines the links between migration and development and proposes how migration can best be factored into the future development framework, offering a timely contribution to the argument for migration’s inclusion in the coming development agenda.

The third book includes the report of a conference on ‘Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration: Addressing Vulnerabilities and Harnessing Opportunities’ held on the 19th of February 2008 in Geneva, co-hosted by the Greek Chairmanship of Human Security Network and IOM. The publication comprises of presentations and discussions in Greek, English, French and Spanish respectively.

The three additions make the total publications and reference materials at the IOM Resource Centre to approximately 1,360.

The IOM Resource Centre was setup in 2012 with the aim to address the resource gap faced by students, to facilitate knowledge exchange and to serve as a central location for migration resources. The resource center also provides access to soft copy materials such as e-books from IOM book store and also access soft copy files from the resource centre’s off line archive.

Sheiknoor Hassan was among the Humanitarian Heroes honoured at a ceremony held at the UN Economic commission for Africa (UN ECA) with a calendar and photo exhibition.

“Every human being on this earth has the right to lead a dignified life. My dream is to see a world free from suffering, poverty and humanitarian crises. I want to contribute and be a part of that world. As a humanitarian aid worker, I feel rewarded when I can reach out to disaster affected communities and bring a smile on the faces of the people in need.”

“In 2011, a severe drought hit some of the east African countries including Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya leading to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. Families and vulnerable individuals including children, women and elderly were coming to the Ethiopian border on foot from long distances which made them very weak to work. Most of the children were critically malnourished and some of the refugees had died on their way to the border due to a lack of water and food. I will never forget the human suffering I saw during this humanitarian crisis but I feel very satisfied and rewarded about having been a part of the emergency intervention which saved many human lives.” Sheiknoor Hassan

August 19 - Addis Ababa

World Humanitarian Day falls on 19 August, the day when 22 aid workers were killed in a bombing at the UN headquarters in Baghdad in 2003. It is a day to communicate those who have lost their lives supporting humanitarian relief operations and to celebrate the spirit that inspires humanitarian work around the world.

This year the World Humanitarian Day was celebrated by honouring Humanitarian Heroes from around the world. In Ethiopia, representing IOM and its humanitarian work, Mr. Sheiknoor Hassan.
Close to 190,510 South Sudanese asylum-seekers have arrived in Ethiopia mainly through the Pagak, Burbiey and Akobo-Tergol border points since the influx began on 16 December, according to UNHCR. IOM has relocated a total of 173,588 refugees to Pugnido, Tierkidi, Leitchuor, Bonga, Kule and Nip Nip camps as of the beginning of October, 2014. Children make up 70% of new arrivals; of the adult arrivals, women make up more than three-quarters. The IOM medical team is conducting the PDMS at the entry points. IOM has also relocated over 2,500 refugees in the Regional State of Benishangul-Gumuz since January 2014.

IOM has used over 40 buses and 10 boats to relocate the refugees from entry points to camps. IOM has assigned doctors and nurses to conduct PDMS.

**BACKGROUND**

**TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL CHECK UP**

**TOTAL ASSISTED BY MONTH**