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IOM, BIC Bring Color To Lives Of Displaced Populations in North-East Nigeria

Lagos – On Thursday, 11 June, the world’s leading stationary brand BIC donated 28,000 writing and coloring items to IOM. The donation — color pencils, pens and whiteboard markers — will support IOM’s mental health and psychosocial support to internally displaced persons.

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*Maiduguri* – Conflict-affected communities in north-east Nigeria are increasingly vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic as cases continue to be reported in Borno State. An outbreak would have devastating consequences for millions of internally displaced persons throughout the region, a majority of whom live in overcrowded and underserviced camps.

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“I am here to show you how to wash your hands. This is soap and this is water... There is no excuse why you cannot wash your hands.”

These are the words of Chylian Azuh in a video she recently produced herself to teach people how to wash their hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Chylian has become a public advocate in Lagos, raising awareness about unsafe migration. She is now informing people about preventing transmission of the virus.

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**RETURNING MIGRANTS JOIN THE COVID-19 RESPONSE**
Uche makes sure to protect his employees and himself from the disease.

"After work, everybody washes off with sanitizer before we go home. Because if it affects them, it will affect me too."

Happiness turns bright-colored fabrics into face masks that cater to her community’s needs.

“A lot of people cannot afford face masks, so I decided to sew them myself, at a cheaper price.”

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Fanna provides counselling to people affected by conflict in north-east Nigeria. “Building trust and promoting positive coping mechanisms are extremely important.”

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COVID-19 continues to spread in areas surrounding camps for internally displaced persons in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states. Throughout the region, 10.6 million people need humanitarian assistance. Since half of the camps in Borno are overcrowded, a disease outbreak here would be catastrophic.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH
At IOM we make sure that we are an effective part of the system that identifies, isolates and treats those who are affected. 

- IOM Nigeria Chief of Mission Franz Celestin

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I work as a Senior Migration Health Nurse in Abuja.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a test of our resilience. Our nurses and midwives make us stronger.

After returning from a perilous journey abroad with your dreams in tatters, starting over is difficult. But finding peers that share the same background and experiences can make it easier.

Hundreds of families have also been affected by this disaster.

Camp congestion remains a huge concern throughout north-east Nigeria. We must work together to ensure that living conditions for IDPs can be dramatically improved.

The topic today is overcrowding in the sites or camps.

Humanitarians are using the power of radio to communicate with displaced communities and protect their health and safety.

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IOM Warns of 'Possible Dire Consequences' of COVID-19 in Nigeria's IDP Camp
InfoMigrants, 28 April 2020

“...‘Given the rapidly evolving situation in Nigeria and across the world, we must ensure that the health of displaced and host communities is a central part of our response,’ said Franz Celestin, IOM Nigeria Chief of Mission...”

IOM to help Nigeria reduce COVID-19 risk in IDP camps
Xinhua, 25 April 2020

“...The International Organization for Migration (IOM) said Saturday it is supporting Nigeria to construct 90 quarantine shelters across three northeast states, to decrease the risk of COVID-19 spreading in densely populated camps for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) and neighboring communities...”

How Babandede Re-brans Nigeria Immigration Service
Daily Trust, 22 June 2020

“...Through collaboration with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the Babandede administration initiated and commissioned Personnel Training Centres at the Akwa Ibom and Kebbi States Command headquarters for short courses and seminars, respectively...”
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