

International Organization for Migration Nigeria assists in the relocation of 189 displaced families living in a school building

Mauduguri (Nigeria) March 18, 2016 - As part of its overall support to families displaced by violence in Northern Nigeria, in partnership with the government and other agencies on the ground, IOM relocated 189 families from a school to Bakasi camp. Each family was provided with a newly built shelter by IOM along with a non-food item (NFI) package.

This voluntary relocation is part of a government-led drive to vacate schools where internally displaced persons (IDPs) were initially settled in order to be able to reopen them for classes in April.

Richard Danziger, the IOM Regional Director for West and Central Africa, (WCA) who was on an official visit in the area reassured the IDPs of IOM's commitment to provide shelter and NFIs to alleviate their plight. He stated that "providing assistance to internally displaced persons in the North-eastern part of Nigeria is imperative as a first step toward long-term stability in Northern Nigeria and the entire Lake Chad sub region."

Justus Zare, Permanent Secretary to Borno State Ministry of Education and the secre-



IOM coordinating the relocation of IDPs from Government College to Bakasi Camp

tary to the Relocation Committee, explained that efforts are being made to improve the situation of the camp. He said "shelters are being provided, drilling for water is completed, solar panels are installed and we are happy with IOM and other partners for assisting us."

Two years ago many displaced people were housed and shielded in school facilities when schools were shut down due to Boko Haram offensive. Surviving family members were scattered across various schools used as temporary camps in the state. With the relocation and provision of shelters by IOM many families are now reunited.

IOM is also conducting baseline

assessments and registration for IDPs living in camps and host communities under the Displacement Tracking Matrix project. In addition, psychosocial services are provided to the IDPs and referrals are made for appropriate treatment where applicable.

The humanitarian crisis in Northern Nigeria continues and yet the aid community is facing significant funding gaps to sustain interventions. IOM is appealing for USD 15 million for continued shelter support, displacement tracking and biometric registration, camp management and camp coordination (CCCM) and psycho-social support.



IDPs being received by IOM at Bakasi camp Maiduguri

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Federal Government of Nigeria Pledges Commitment to the activities of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Migration

Abuja, Nigeria – “Now, I have no doubt that there is change; in fact, we are more than ever committed to ensuring absolute consistency in our approach and focus to the Technical Working Group (TWG) activities.”, This was the statement made by Mrs. Margaret Essien, the Acting Federal Commissioner for National Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) in her welcome address at the First Quarter Coordination meeting of the TWG on Migration organized by the International Organization for Migration in collaboration with NCFRMI held at Valencia Hotels on 8th March, 2016.

The TWG meeting was organized within the framework of European Union (EU) funded project “Promoting Better Management of Migration in Nigeria”. The IOM Chief of Mission, Ms. Enira Krdzalic represented by Mr. Omoyeni Sunday, National Project Officer in her welcome remark affirmed that “indeed the TWG has provided a platform for more efficient and coordinated management of migration in Nigeria as it played a very crucial role in the development and subsequent approval of the National Migration Policy by the Federal Executive Council in May 2015 as well as the development



Mr. Omoyeni Sunday the National Project Officer delivering welcome remark on behalf of the IOM Chief of Mission Ms Enira Krdzalic at the TWG meeting

of pilot projects for the implementation of the policy.”

The objective of the meeting was to update the TWG members on the progress so far made on the implementation of the National Policy on Migration plan of action, discuss the European Union African Caribbean Pacific (EU ACP) Technical Assistance Initiative amongst others. The meeting brought together 55 representatives from key Ministries Departments and Agencies of Government and Civil Society Organizations working on migration related issues. These include NCFRMI, National Bureau of Statistics; National Population Commission; Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity; Nigeria National Volunteer Service; Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDO); Nigeria Immigration Service amongst several others.

The outcome of the meeting was the consensus reached by the participants of TWG members to solicit for technical assistance within the frame work of European Union African Caribbean Pacific (EUACP) Migration programme on remittances and trafficking in persons. It was also resolved that the stakeholders should ensure that the Valetta Plan of Action does not short-change Nigeria national Interest.



Ms Odette Bolly the Regional Coordinator for the ACP- EU Migration Action in West and Central Africa making presentation during the TWG meeting

Government of Japan Supports the International Organization for Migration in countering terrorism by enhancing Land Border Control in Nigeria

Abuja (Nigeria) April 5, 2016 - The Government of Japan has extended a grant of USD 910,000 to the International Organization for Migration to support the Government of Nigeria in immigration and border management activities. The financial support is provided under the 2015 Japanese Supplementary Budget.

The project is designed to contribute to countering terrorism and other transnational crime by enhancing land border control in Nigeria through the installation of Migrants Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS) in four Border Crossing Points (BCPs) in Nigeria. The project will be implemented over a period of 12 months, commencing from 1 March 2016 – 28 February 2017.

Speaking about the grant and the project, the IOM Chief of Mission in Nigeria, Ms Enira Krdzalic, said: “IOM has been steadfast in supporting the activities of Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) in border management and control through innovative and result-based strategy. IOM, through this funding, will expand current interventions on MIDAS installations to other land border crossing points not previously covered, thereby contributing to reducing the incidence of irregular migration in and from Nigeria. Through this support, additional four land BCPs will be equipped with MIDAS, bringing the total coverage of the viable major land BCPs to nine.”

The project will facilitate the key outcome of strengthened inspection and control of cross border movement, through checking of persons against national and international watch lists and better identification and registration of non-nationals in the country.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) trains government officials on effective running of Migrant Resource Centre

Lagos (Nigeria) March 31, 2016 – IOM in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Labor and Employment (FMLE) organized a 2-day training of government officials on effective management of Migrant Resource Centre (MRC).

Two MRCs have recently been established within the framework of European Union national 10th EDF project “Promoting Better Management of Migration in Nigeria” and IOM Development Fund Project joint funded project implemented by IOM. It is aimed at improving labour migration management in Nigeria as well as assist migrants to access services and to empower them to migrate in a legal, voluntary and protected manner.

The training which was held at Lagos state from 31st March – 1st April, 2016 for 20 officials of FMLE was to enhance the capacity of relevant government officials who would be assigned to manage the centers.

The establishment of Migrant Resource Centres is one of the projects developed by the Technical Working Committee members

for the implementation of the National Policy on Labour Migration plan of action which was approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in October, 2014.

IOM Nigeria Chief of Mission, Ms. Enira Krdzalic in her welcome remark affirmed that “ MRC is a ‘one-stop shops’ where migrants, potential and returning migrants would access relevant information and a wide range of services to enable them make informed decisions about their migration aspirations, thereby minimizing the risks and maximizing the benefits of their migration experience.”

Ms Krdzalic who was represented by Mr. Sunday Omoyeni, National Project Officer, also stressed that the MRCs established in the two locations if well managed could go a long way in addressing issues of irregular migration. She also thanked the European Union for its generous financial support to the project and FMLE for its collaboration in the implementation of the project.

The IOM Development Fund project which is funded by IOM and implemented by IOM

in partnership with FMLE is specifically supporting the implementation of the National Policy on Labour Migration plan of action with a co-funding of 200,000 USD.

The training provided adequate knowledge and motivation for government officials to deliver high quality services to migrants.



IOM Nigeria Chief of Mission, Ms. Enira Krdzalic and Head Of Sub-Office, Ms. Emma Khakula inspect shelters for IDPs that was provided by IOM at Bakasi Camp Maiduguri.



IOM conducting biometric registration of IDPs in Maiduguri Borno state with Richard Danziger, the IOM Regional Director for West and Central Africa (WCA) testing one of the equipment



Group picture at the IOM training on MRC



IOM providing livelihood support items to IDPs in Maiduguri

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