



208 returnees assisted with counseling and business reintegration

Close to 7,000 people provided with 13,958 bars of soap



Photo: IOM 2020



RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (RCCE)

In August 2020, IOM conducted refresher training for 48 hygiene promotion community volunteers and 14 water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) committees. IOM also sensitized 856,756 individuals with targeted hygiene promotion messages including COVID-19 modes of transmission, symptoms, and prevention in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) states.

As part of community engagement efforts, IOM conducted sensitization activities in eight markets in Lagos, Edo, and Delta states reaching 4,605 individuals with key messages on safe migration pathways, dangers of human trafficking, and COVID-19 preventive measures. A total of 310 safe migration posters,

210 COVID-19-related stickers, and 117 face masks were distributed among the traders.

IOM enhanced the capacity of nine volunteers from the Migrants as Messengers campaign with report writing, basic photography and video editing and media engagement skills. This training was organized to help volunteer messengers improve on the quality of reports and content creation.

To strengthen digital engagement, IOM produced a video titled 'Shine Your Eyes' featuring messages shared by ten volunteers to inform potential migrants and the general public on the need to verify information influencing their migration planning and avoid becoming victims of trafficking.



POINTS OF ENTRY (PoEs)

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the state Ministry of Health, has been conducting monitoring of individuals moving into Nigeria's conflict-affected north-eastern states of Adamawa and Borno states. A range of data was

collected during the assessment to better inform on migrants' nationalities, gender, reasons for moving, mode of transportation, and timeline of movement as shown in the [COVID-19 Point of Entry Dashboard](#).



INFECTION AND PREVENTION CONTROL (IPC)

To prevent further spread of infection IOM continues to supply clean water to internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Throughout August 2020, 46,260,061 liters of water were provided to 111,827 individuals from 60 boreholes and 22

hand-pumps in Borno state. In addition, 6,953 people were provided with 13,958 bars of soap and installed four handwashing stations. Since the outbreak of the pandemic in

Nigeria, IOM has installed 319 hand-washing stations in the north-east.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

IOM has completed the construction of 116 self-quarantine shelters in Pulka, Gwoza, Munguno, Damboa, Bama, and Ngala local government Areas (LGAs), and the construction of

supporting facilities such as reception area, office, and guard post in Bama.



PROTECTION

MHPSS team continues to engage IDPs and host communities in positive coping strategies and activities, including how to cope with stress during a lockdown or movement restriction, reintegrating COVID-19-related messaging and sensitization in the MHPSS interventions, including psychological first aid, lay counselling, gender-based violence sensitization, informal education, and counter-trafficking sensitization. Throughout August 2020, IOM conducted 655 sessions to 7,973 individuals, including 3,688 men, and 4,288 women. Since March 2020, the MHPSS team has assisted 116,490 individuals in the north-east.

between 12 and 16 August 2020, IOM supported the government in returning 70 stranded migrants from Lebanon and completed the screening and identification of immediate reintegration needs for the 109 returnees from Mali among whom one female returnee was referred for specialized mental health care.

In August 2020, IOM supported 27 male and 181 female migrant returnees through counseling and business reintegration, bringing the total number of supported returnees since June 2020 to 1,708 individuals. Additionally,

IOM supported the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) to establish three state-based task forces to address human trafficking in Rivers, Cross Rivers, and Akwa Ibom states. The state and traditional leaders were involved in the process and pledged their commitment to curb trafficking, and IOM and NAPTIP will provide additional capacity building support to ensure that the task forces are operational.



TRACKING MOBILITY IMPACT

Through DTM, IOM conducted the second round of [COVID-19 Situation Analysis](#) in the north-eastern states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, and Yobe aiming to support the government and humanitarian partners in providing better

response to the needs of displaced communities. The analysis was based on the assessment of the knowledge, practice, and impact of the pandemic on IDPs and covers the period from 27 July to 15 August 2020.



COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

IOM in collaboration with Rehabilitation Empowerment and Better Health Initiative (REBHI), INTERSOS, and Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) organized a three-day training for humanitarian actors and government officials on mainstreaming MHPSS approaches and principles. The training focused on the essential knowledge of MHPSS based on the IASC Guidelines on MHPSS in Emergency Settings, basic psychosocial and

communication skills, and Psychosocial First Aid with COVID-19 considerations. A total of 21 individuals participated in the training.

IOM donated 15 laptops to five civil society organizations implementing reintegration assistance in Edo, Delta, and Lagos States to enhance their capacity in the reintegration of migrant returnees.

IOM in partnership with Nigeria America Chamber of Commerce (NACC), Nigeria British Chamber of Commerce (NBCC), National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), and the Federal Ministry of Labor and Employment (FMLE) organized a

workshop on 25, 26 and 27 August 2020 in Lagos State to enlighten the private sector on their role in ensuring sustainable reintegration of returnees. A total of 82 people attended the workshop.



Training on pineapple processing and production in Edo State. Photo: IOM 2020



Volunteers conduct market sensitization in Edo State Photo: IOM 2020

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