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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

IOM, USAID End Decades of Community Struggles in Accessing Safe Drinking Water in Oro Province

Villagers of Kabuni, Kuririka, Roadside Guesthouse, Baga 1 and Baga 2 in Northern (Oro) Province are happy recipients of the gravity-fed water supply installed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) through USAID funding.

Completion of the 8.3km supply was made possible through the technical assistance and logistics support of the Provincial Disaster Centre (PDC) and Provincial Health Authority (PHA) in Oro. The project was identified by the people of Ward 12 in Tufi Local Level Government during the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) planning – facilitated by IOM in partnership with the Northern PDC.

Onoria Ifuda, an elderly woman from Baga 2 village could not hold back her tears while narrating her struggles since childhood in accessing water for her household. “I started walking to Aubuni (8.3km) from Baga 2 village and canoeing in the sea to go and fetch water for drinking and cooking since I was 9 years old. I am now 71 years old and find it burdensome collecting water for my daily use. I hope that my struggle will end one day”, she noted during an IOM and PDC field visit to target CBDRM communities.

Funded by the USAID; IOM, in close cooperation with the PDC and PHA teams responded to the villagers’ need for clean and safe drinking water through supplying materials including polyvinyl



IOM continues to support several rural communities with improved access to clean and safe drinking water in Papua New Guinea. © Peter Murarera / IOM

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pipes and relevant fittings, cement, galvanized pipes, water taps, shower combinations and couplings to equip the gravity-fed water supply. Men, women and youth from the target communities provided labour including digging trenches for the water pipeline, and carrying sand, stones and gravel used to reinforce the water reservoir and spring box.

Women and children also prepared meals for those who worked on the installation of the water supply.

The gravity-fed supply installed is the first of its kind in the target villages and brings water to the villagers’ doorstep for the first time after decades of community struggles in accessing safe drinking water. The intervention has reduced the distances villagers would walk or paddle, and time they would take in fetching water for their household use.

“This is the first time over many years that our villages are able to collect water from a tap. I am happy to see my dream come true and that clean water is now flowing in the village,” said Onoria.

Migration and Sustainable Development

IOM works to facilitate safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people. IOM works in the Pacific equipping governments with knowledge, skills and tools to develop and operationalise labour migration policies and programmes. Through programmes that aim to protect the rights and wellbeing of migrants IOM is implementing long-term sustainable development projects in migration-affected communities.

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Pacific Governments Conclude Regional Policy Dialogue on Climate Related Mobility

The joint-agency Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security (PCCMHS) programme has hosted a series of six regional policy dialogues with senior government officials from across the Pacific region.



6th Regional Policy Dialogue. © IOM Fiji 2020

In coordination with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the discussions provided an opportunity for Pacific countries to review the human security implications of climate change and mobility, discuss relevant global, regional and national initiatives, and examine different options for the region to ensure the protection of climate related migrants.

Pacific communities have been affected by a range of sudden-onset and slow-onset hazards intensified and accelerated by climate change. It is not uncommon to hear stories of families, communities and villages forced to move due to the impacts of rising sea levels, ocean acidification, coastal erosion, temperature changes, and changes to rainfall variability and El Niño and La Niña climate patterns.

This reality led Hon. Simon Kofe, Minister of Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs, Tuvalu to state that “Every nation must take ownership of and responsibility for climate-change-related issues... Developing a regional framework to respond to climate change and disaster-related migration, displacement, and planned relocation can enhance our regional advocacy at the

international level, boost the Pacific’s role as leaders in battling the world climate crisis, and encourage all nations to do their part in resolving this crisis.”

Six regional webinars were conducted across three months, respectively focusing on the objectives of the dialogue; country perspectives on current mobility trends, existing challenges, and relevant national policies; legal and policy gaps to address and enable proper protection of Pacific communities most prone to the impacts of climate change; and potential Pacific regional response – identifying next steps to enhance the protection and empowerment of migrants and communities adversely affected by climate change and disasters in the Pacific.

During the webinar sessions, government representatives received and considered a comprehensive set of key messages prepared by PCCMHS’s technical advisory group – comprising of experts from across the Pacific region in multiple sectors related to cross-cutting areas of climate migration, as well as from implementing partners including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, International Labour Organization, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Platform on Disaster Displacement.

“I am pleased with the approach taken by the Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security programme which puts Members [Countries] at the centre of this policy dialogue consultation. This engagement would assist partners to frame the best regional response to progress this work during such unprecedented times”, said Dr. Filimon Manoni, Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum.

“The Pacific region has the opportunity to show the rest of the world how it’s done by continuing the conversation on the need to develop a regional response that focusses on protecting the interests and rights of our future generations, so that they can choose to stay where they are, move in anticipation of harm or if they are displaced”, said Mr. Solomon Kantha, IOM Chief of Mission in Fiji.

Discussions on climate mobility will gain further momentum in 2021 as the PCCMHS programme looks to support national and regional consultations in the Pacific region. The PCCMHS programme will review the outcomes of these consultations face to face in Suva to inform a regional framework that respects national policies, strategies and narratives while promoting recognition and the legal protection of migrants and displaced persons particularly in the context of climate change.



Migrants in Canberra and IOM staff gather in front of the MV Southern Cross. © Samuel Abilet / IOM 2020

AUSTRALIA

Migrants in Canberra Gather to Celebrate International Migrants' Day with IOM

Migrants in Canberra gathered aboard the MV Southern Cross to celebrate International Migrants' Day.

People from across different migrant groups and migration pathways came together to share stories and connect. IOM was inspired to meet some of our beneficiaries in person and hear the stories people chose to share.

2020 has been a tough year for many migrants in our community, and we were fortunate to be able to provide a space to hear about some of the challenges as well as some of the joys that people have experienced as part of their settlement journey in Australia.

A broad range of factors will affect the characteristics and scale of migration in the future. The decisions we make in the face of today's unparalleled challenge to global mobility, and people on the move, will affect the global social and economic landscape for years to come.

Thank you to all IOM staff and guests who participated for making this an enjoyable and inspiring event.

KINGDOM OF TONGA

Migration and Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP 2019)

The MSDP, developed in 2019, was submitted in November by Cabinet to the Privy Council for its members endorsement – especially by His Majesty, King Tupou VI. The policy was approved by cabinet in December 2020, and not only shows Tonga's commitment to migration issues but will also ensure involvement and implementation by government Ministries/Departments/Agencies (MDAs). Whilst there is no expected timeline for the release of the Policy from Privy Council, IOM Tonga has already commenced one-on-one meetings with relevant government stakeholders regarding integration of the policy into their Corporate Plan (sectoral plan) and Annual Report. All ministries were enthusiastic to integrate MSDP into their developing policies and planning, and some have begun working alongside IOM Tonga. These include Ministry of Land and Natural Resource, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Revenues and Customs, Ministry of Police, and Climate Change Division of MEIDECC. In addition, planning is underway to conduct Policy Mapping for MDAs and a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) training on mapped activities implementation and progress.

FIJI

IOM and Fiji High Commission Launch Diaspora Survey on Fiji's 50th Independence Day

IOM hosted His Excellency Mr Luke Daunivalu, Fiji's High Commissioner to Australia; Ms. Salote Tagivakatini, Counsellor at the Fiji High Commission; and Professor Satish Chand, representing Fijian diaspora in Australia, to a morning tea on December 9 to commemorate the 50th Fiji Independence Day.

"IOM is honored to host this morning tea. This momentous occasion marks several great achievements that the Government of Fiji has accomplished over the years in national development, diplomacy, international relations, and engagements in multiple United Nations (UN) forums" said IOM Fiji Officer in Charge and Coordinator for the Pacific, Mr Pär Liljert.

IOM is working in partnership with the Government of Fiji through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to strengthen engagements with Fijians living abroad. *"The Government of Fiji appreciates and acknowledges the significant contribution by Fijians living abroad towards Fiji's development"*, said Mr Daunivalu, the Fiji High Commissioner to Australia. *"We appreciate and acknowledge the work of IOM in our country and the region, particularly in recognizing the challenges we face on impacts of climate change and*

natural disasters. We very much look forward to the outcome of the diaspora project."

In reaching 50 years of Independence, Fijian communities living abroad have played a significant role in Fiji's development; socially, economically, and culturally. Between 2012 and 2015, the collective Fijian diaspora sent home an estimated 4.8% of Fiji's gross domestic product. Supported by the IOM Development Fund, the diaspora survey with Fijian communities living in Australia tagged **#Give15forFiji** was also launched at the event. Fiji became an IOM member state in 2013. IOM works to facilitate strengthened engagement between diaspora communities and their home countries through building trust, and facilitating dialogues outreach, and institutional capacity building.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Promoting Resilience in Food and Livelihood Security

Formerly displaced persons in East New Britain province were happy recipients of a rice mill supplied by IOM on 20 August 2020.

The community has in the past received training on climate smart agriculture and rice growing delivered by OISCA Rabaul Ecological Technology Training Centre and National Agricultural Research Institute, and rice seeds and planting tools from IOM through USAID funding.

The rice mill will help the local community to process their locally grown rice and improve resilience in food and livelihood security.



Community members welcome a rice mill supplied by IOM in East New Britain. © Sharon Nerius / IOM 2020

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Jibron Ae (Women's) Entrepreneurs Network Business Planning Training

After launching the Women Entrepreneurs (WE) Network in June, IOM, in close partnership with the Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Working Group and members of the RMI Office of Commerce, Investment & Tourism, Pacific Community-SPC, Regional Rights Resource Team (SPC-RRRT) and UNDP Small Grants Programme (SGP), carried out the first ever Jibron Ae (Women's) Entrepreneurs Network Business Planning training from 1–24 September.

The intensive training focused on building knowledge and skills around starting and growing a business in the RMI.

Each session was facilitated by WEE Working Group members and included special guest speakers from the private sector and RMI business community. After the final training session, participants were able to submit their business plans for an initial review by OCIT, and financial plans for review by a specialist CBA Accountant in Australia, in partnership with the University of Queensland MBA Programme.

On 30 September, participants showcased their business concepts and plans during an open house event at MIR which included a Certificate of Completion ceremony and celebration.



WE training. © Laura Freeman / IOM 2020



IOM Vanuatu staff interviewing a remittance receiver in rural Vanuatu. © IOM 2020

VANUATU

Building Capacity to Harness the Remittance Potential of Labour Migration

The Pacific region has some of the highest remittance transfer costs in the world.

Women and men who migrate for work face many barriers sending money home and maximising the impact of their earnings.

As of late October 2020, IOM and Department of Labour staff in Vanuatu travelled together and interviewed over 80 migrants and their families in five islands of Malekula, Santo, Tanna, Efate and Motalava to understand these challenges.

Thanks to the IOM Development Fund, the research will inform new trainings to increase the sustainable development outcomes of labour migration, including improving labour migrants' financial literacy.

VANUATU

Launch of the Spotlight Initiative

On 26 October 2020 the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Hon. Bob Loughman, launched the United Nations (UN) and European Union (EU) supported Spotlight Initiative in Vanuatu.

The Initiative is a multi-year partnership focused on strengthening efforts to end violence against women and girls by symbolically shining a spotlight on barriers that hinder women and girls from development.

Working in partnership with key institutions and diverse partners, the Spotlight Initiative in Vanuatu will focus its work on Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence through all six key pillars:

- i laws and policies
- ii institutions
- iii prevention
- iv services
- v data
- vi civil society/women's organisations

In launching the Spotlight Initiative, Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Hon. Bob Loughman Weibur said “Violence against women and girls is not normal and is



Panel speakers at the Spotlight Initiative Launch in Vanuatu. © Ginny Stein

“Violence against women and girls is not normal and is unacceptable. The government of Vanuatu is committed to preventing and eliminating all forms of violence and discrimination against women, children and vulnerable groups under the National Sustainable Development Plan. We look forward to working closely with all stakeholders to end violence against women and girls.”

unacceptable. The government of Vanuatu is committed to preventing and eliminating all forms of violence and discrimination against women, children and vulnerable groups under the National Sustainable Development Plan. We look forward to working closely with all stakeholders to end violence against women and girls.” Vanuatu continues to have the highest prevalence rates of violence against women and girls globally with 60% of ni-Vanuatu women aged 15–49 years having experienced physical and/or sexual violence.

Connecting remotely to the meeting, the Ambassador of the EU for the Pacific and to Vanuatu, HE Sujiro Seam, said,

“To eliminate violence against women and girls in Vanuatu, the Spotlight Initiative is an unprecedented investment of 450 million VATU, based on a comprehensive approach, combining regulation, institution, prevention, protection, data collection, and delivered through an innovative partnership led by the United Nations, with the full support from the Government of Vanuatu, represented at the highest possible level of leadership, by the Prime Minister, Hon. Bob Loughman.”

The UN agencies involved in the implementation of the Spotlight Initiative include the United Nations Development Programme, UN Children's Fund, UN Women, UN Populations Fund and IOM.

VANUATU

Strengthening Capacity to Reduce Environmental Impacts of Displacement in the Pacific

IOM Vanuatu is strengthening the capacity of national actors in Vanuatu and the wider Pacific region to raise their awareness of the need for sustainable outcomes and decreased environmental impacts of displacement.

Mass displacement of the kind experienced following the Ambae volcanic eruptions of 2018 and Tropical Cyclone Harold, has many devastating

impacts on the environment, including from the influx of waste created by humanitarian assistance.

With support from the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), IOM Vanuatu in partnership with Little by Little Studio Designs, is developing a multimedia training module on the environmental impacts of displacement that can be made freely available through online and offline or low-bandwidth versions. This will be led through a tutorial style program

specifically designed for Government staff, including policy makers across different sectors in the Pacific Region.

The resources from the online module will be adapted and combined into a training of trainer manual to cascade the offline version of the training.

Preparedness, Response and Recovery from Disasters in the Pacific

IOM continues to support partners to address displacement related challenges by helping to build capacities to ensure displaced populations are protected from and resilient to the impact of natural disasters in the Pacific. Programmes in the Pacific are utilising IOM's global tools and methodologies in the areas of preparedness, emergency response and resilience building.

Target 5
Advocate for equal gender rights, combat discriminatory migration practices including human trafficking and gender-based violence.



Target 6
Deliver Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assistance and coordinate WASH assistance in internally displaced person (IDP) sites.



Target 10
Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration to reduce inequalities within and among countries.



Target 13
Prevent forced migration resulting from environmental factors, provide assistance to displaced populations.



Target 16
Ensure displaced populations, migrant and communities are more resilient. Counter xenophobic rhetoric and racism.



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Improve access to technology and data on global migration and contribute to more effective migration policies.



FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Covid-19 Response – Strengthening Health Dispensaries

While the Federated State of Micronesia (FSM), has remained free of COVID-19, IOM Micronesia has worked to improve health facilities, particularly in Chuuk and Pohnpei State.

These improvements support the decentralization of clinical care, a component of the FSM COVID-19 contingency plan, by ensuring that local health facilities have the infrastructure to meet WASH standards and other infection protection and control (IPC) measures.

In Pohnpei, IOM provided rainwater catchment systems to five dispensaries within the municipalities. At the completion of the rainwater catchment project for Wone dispensary in Kitty, a small ceremony was organized by the staff of the



Handover ceremony for Wone Dispensary in Kitty. © Lee Arkhie Perez / IOM 2020

dispensary to express their appreciation for the project. It was attended by her Excellency U.S. Ambassador Carmen G. Cantor, Public health staff, IOM staff and members of the community.

“Since 1994, I had a hard time having good access of water to the dispensary. Today, I was so happy and fortunate to all of you guys. Thank you very much”, said Agatha Kerman of Wone dispensary.

IOM in Chuuk prefabricated several RCSs to be transported and assembled at dispensaries within the Chuuk Lagoon.

IOM coordinated with health assistants and other stakeholders to ensure logistical support, including the use of community skiffs and manual hauling.

IOM delivered prefabricated RCS structures and to four dispensaries within the lagoon. These systems will provide additional water storage and ensure a continuous water supply to the health center. As a result, local health facilities are better equipped to ensure proper IPC measures are in place and prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 or other infectious diseases.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Covid-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement

IOM continues to support local authorities in various provinces in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working in close cooperation with the established Provincial Taskforces on COVID-19, as well as the Provincial Disaster Centres, IOM is promoting Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), targeting schools and local communities including those hosting displaced persons.

Most recently, IOM teams in Oro and Milne Bay Provinces conducted awareness outreach in some 50 schools reaching at least 17,000 students, and distributed cartons of soap and water containers.

At least 100 teachers from the identified schools took part in the awareness-raising activities held in the two provinces.

“These items will help us better practice recommended hygiene measures, and reduce the likelihood of disease spread,” said an Elementary School teacher.

IOM has to date supported COVID-19 RCCE in East Sepik, East New Britain, West New Britain, Morobe, Oro, Jiwaka, Milne Bay, Madang, and Western Provinces reaching at least 24,000 people.



Community members welcome a rice mill supplied by IOM in East New Britain. © Sharon Nerius / IOM 2020

FIJI

UN CERF Supports IOM Response to Tropical Cyclone Harold Devastation

Tropical Cyclone Harold caused extensive destruction after making landfall as a category 4 storm in the Republic of Fiji on 8 April 2020.

The Category 4 cyclone – which left a trail of destruction in its path with average winds of up to 195km/hr and gusts up to 275km/hr – caused substantial damage to dwellings, livelihoods, and critical infrastructure across the country.

Since June, IOM's partnership with the Fijian NGO Live & Learn has supported rebuilding efforts by responding to the shelter needs of some of the most vulnerable households affected in Vatulele island, Tailevu and Kadavu provinces. To address the shelter, water and sanitation, and food security needs of 200,000 people, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund contributed USD 100,000 to the IOM's response. The humanitarian response was also impacted by COVID-19 lock-down measures, including national travel restrictions on all inter-island transfers which limited access to cyclone affected areas.

Over 464 households whose shelters were damaged are receiving the supplies necessary to rebuild their homes.

They are also participating in a *Build Back Safer* (BBS) training which educates people on building techniques, the identification of safe building locations, and how to use locally available materials in conjunction with the items and tools included in the repair kits to rebuild their homes.

To ensure inclusion of humanitarian protection principles in this relief effort, IOM has also trained Live and Learn Fiji staff and volunteers on mainstreaming protection and gender-based violence risks to ensure the response is provided in a way that avoids any unintended negative effects, delivered according to needs, and prioritizes safety and dignity whilst ensuring a participatory response accountable to the people assisted.



Program beneficiaries display their shelter kits in Wainikavula village, Tailevu District, Central Division, Fiji. © Daniel Noriega / IOM 2020

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

COVID-19 Tabletop Exercise and Simulation

IOM was the lead coordinator and facilitator for the RMI COVID-19 Tabletop Exercise (TTX) and Simulation from August 12–14.

Over 200 participants attended, representing 14 clusters or committees. The TTX tested preparedness and response mechanisms in relation to repatriation of citizens in a COVID-19 context, and provided participants a chance to analyze, plan, and coordinate response

strategies to implement in the face of a COVID-19 outbreak during repatriation.

On August 14, a full-scale simulation walked participants through a repatriation scenario. The six-hour simulation was followed by a two-hour debrief session with simulation evaluators. Following the event, IOM drafted the final reports for both the TTX and Simulation and provided a read out to the National Disaster Committee.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Strengthened Capacity of Messi Health Centre

IOM, in partnership with Provincial Disaster Centres and selected local authorities across the country, continues to strengthen emergency preparedness efforts including improving identified health facilities.

In New Ireland Province, Kaluwan and Karamaradan communities, which were targeted by IOM facilitated Community-Based Disaster Risk Management planning, advised that the church-run Messi Health Centre lacked basic bedding materials to accommodate patients in need of care. Funded by USAID, IOM responded through providing hospital grade mattresses and pillows as part of its disaster risk reduction programming efforts to improve response capacity in identified health facilities. The bedding materials were greatly appreciated by hospital staff and local community members.

"Some of our mattresses used in the past got damaged because of use over many years leading to some patients having to sleep on the floor in uncomfortable and unsanitary conditions. We really needed these replaced and IOM's help is timely," said a Messi Health Centre's staff while receiving the mattresses.

Messi Health Centre provides health services to an estimated 15,000 people from the nearby communities.



RMI TTX – staff at booth. © Angela Saunders / IOM 2020



RMI TTX – working in small groups. © Angela Saunders / IOM 2020

VANUATU

Rebuilding More Than Homes

Support from the United Nations Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) has enabled IOM to work with CARE Vanuatu to supply emergency shelter kits for 800 households and conduct trainings for community shelter focal points in communities most affected by Tropical Cyclone Harold. This support has enabled women like Shelley (pictured) to reconstruct her house.

Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Harold made landfall in Vanuatu on 6 April 2020, destroying homes and livelihoods across three provinces and severely impacting some 123,000 people. The cyclone was terrifying for many people. As Shelley from the community of Hotwota describes, “The first piece of tin roofing went flying so [the men] got up and started to hang on to the end of the tin sheets... They were trying to hold them, but the power of the wind would pull them up, they would fly up with it and then they would pull it back down and stand up again”. Eventually, the roof peeled away and Shelley, her children and her neighbours had to take refuge in the kitchen, the only traditional building left standing.

It was this experience that made Shelley determined to strengthen the defences of her community Hotwota, on Pentecost Island, against the next storm they face. Like most villages in Vanuatu, Hotwota depends on community – not just in disasters but in day-



Shelley and her son stand where their door used to be. Photo Credit © CARE / Arlene Bax 2020

to-day life. Across the islands, the ‘wontok system’ (literally translated to one-talk, one language) weaves people together through indigenous knowledge, socioeconomic exchange and cultural practice, creating an informal social security system based on care and cooperation. During and after the cyclone, the cooperation of communities like Shelley’s ensured the safety and survival of people across the island.

“In the morning, when we opened the door, it was devastating. We came outside but you couldn’t see any houses,” says Shelley. But the very first morning after the cyclone, the community came together to rebuild. “We decided together, first we will sleep here and rebuild the house of one person, the next day we will work on the house of another.”

The community had already begun work using salvaged tin and natungura leaf roofing when CARE Vanuatu, with support from IOM and the CERF, reached Hotwota to provide emergency assistance, distributing build-back safe shelter kits, including shelter fixings and a tool kit, to 800 households in south Pentecost. According to Shelley, these supplies meant they could rebuild quickly – and stronger than before.

“We have used all the nails to fix the houses because that’s what we needed the most, together with the tin snips,” says Shelley.

As well as providing the shelter kits, IOM’s support over five months between June and October 2020 also enabled CARE Vanuatu to train 80 community representatives in Pentecost as Shelter Focal Points – 35% of them women – giving them the skills to rebuild stronger houses better able to withstand cyclones and share that knowledge with their communities. Further, 40 other community members were trained and equipped to process local timber for rebuilding, enabling all members of their communities to access cost effective and locally available timber need for construction.

For the people of Hotwota, this support to rebuild not only meant they had shelter from the weather – it also meant they could quickly turn their attention to reviving their gardens, which is the primary food source of everyone in the community.

“Because you gave us tools, we were able to rebuild our houses, and now the houses are finished we can go and work in our gardens and plant our food,” says Shelley.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Set up of Relocation Guidelines Advisory Committee

The IDF project on the development of relocation guidelines for slow and sudden-onset disasters in Solomon Islands was hailed a success after setting up its Advisory Committee (AC).

The AC was made up of strategic multi-stakeholder organizations that have either worked or are interested in providing support to the implementation of the relocation guidelines. The Advisory Committee has representation from the government, private sector, academics,

church-based organisation, and NGOs. The overall function of the AC is to provide guidance and set priorities for the research project upon which relocation guidelines will be developed together with its Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs). The functions of this body will include providing technical advice to the International Consultant on research priorities in the process of data collection and review. The AC will also: serve as the technical body on issues relating to relocation of communities in the Solomon

Islands; report to relevant government ministries and agencies on the progress of plans and actions pertinent to the relocation guidelines now and for long-term planning; ensure that the research priority falls within existing policies and laws governing migration; oversee the development and implementation of the relocation guidelines and SOPs on the relocation guidelines; and liaise with relevant Ministries to operationalize the SOP aimed at mobilizing trained personals to use the relocation guidelines.

Promoting Safe and Orderly Migration

IOM implements integrated border management training and the rollout of border management tools and systems. IOM contributes to durable solutions for migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries by providing assisted voluntary return and reintegration in line with international human rights principles.

Target 8

Protect migrant workers and their rights, counter forced labour and human trafficking.



Target 10

Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration to reduce inequalities within and among countries.



Target 16

Ensure displaced populations, migrant and communities are more resilient. Counter xenophobic rhetoric and racism.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Combatting Trafficking in Persons

IOM, in partnership with the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE), delivered a Training of Trainer (ToT) workshop on the Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons (TiP) to 18 members of the judiciary (nine men and nine women).

Held in Port Moresby in September 2020, the ToT workshop was part of a three-year IOM project to raise awareness on human trafficking; improve victim protection referral systems; and strengthen the criminal justice response. The IOM Training Curriculum on the Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons for the Judges and Prosecutors in Papua New Guinea was developed in coordination with PNGCJE with the objective of enhancing the capacity of the PNG Judiciary to successfully prosecute TiP cases in line with PNG anti-trafficking legislation. The training was welcomed by Acting Executive Director; Mr. Sam Kipu, who congratulated IOM and the PNGCJE for their collaboration on this valuable training opportunity, stating the Judiciary looks forward to rolling out similar trainings in future.

Trafficking in persons, often referred to as “modern day slavery”, is a serious

crime affecting millions of men, women, and children globally each year. Trafficking in persons involves the recruitment and harbouring of men, women, and/or children for purposes of exploitation including sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced begging, illegal adoption, domestic servitude and forced marriage. Human Trafficking is perpetrated by people who prey on those most vulnerable, and is a direct violation of fundamental human rights.

IOM works closely with various government agencies, international and non-governmental organizations to support direct assistance and protection to victims of trafficking in all provinces of PNG. This programme has been generously supported by the United States Department of State Office to Combat and Monitor Trafficking in Persons.



Workshop participants pose for a photo outside the training venue in Port Moresby. © Peter Murorera/ IOM 2020

“Civil society organisations will play a key role in supporting victims of trafficking in Fiji. This training will enable them to identify victims, ensure their rights are protected and that they receive the appropriate support,”

FIJI

Training on Countering Trafficking in Human Beings to Build Capacity of Civil Society Organisations

IOM, in partnership with Homes of Hope, facilitated a four-day training in November for 21 civil society organisations across Fiji, on countering trafficking in human beings.

Funded by the European Union, the four-day training covered concepts consistent with international standards and best practices - such as understanding trafficking in human beings, how to identify victims of trafficking, case management, building efficient referral pathways, and delivering trauma-informed care for victims of trafficking in Fiji.

“Civil society organisations will play a key role in supporting victims of trafficking in Fiji. This training will enable them to identify victims, ensure their rights are protected and that they receive the appropriate support”, said Chief of Mission for IOM Fiji Mr Solomon Kantha.

Homes of Hope is a locally based organization that provides long-term care, support, and holistic restoration for girls, young women and children who are victims of or vulnerable to forced sex.

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

IOM Delivers Community-Wide Awareness of COVID-19 Prevention Through Pre-Departure Orientation

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, international travel options are limited in the Marshall Islands. With arrivals to the country restricted, a once-per-month flight heads to Hawaii and Guam.

IOM regularly runs a booth at the Amata Kabua International Airport (AKIA) in Majuro to support outbound travelers. Travelers also come to the IOM office to

receive support filling out the necessary online forms. IOM provides children with COVID-19 worksheets to color and keep them engaged during this time. These worksheets become placemats which IOM distributes to local restaurants to spread messaging on COVID-19.

On July 23, after a 24-hour delay, United held its monthly flight departing from Majuro (RMI) for Hawaii. The IOM team at AKIA assisted approximately 35 outgoing

passengers and their families. The team ensured that passengers understood COVID-19 quarantine regulations in Hawaii, assisted with completion of forms, and provided medical masks for those in need. IOM provided similar support for the August and September flights, helping nearly 80 passengers each time. In October, RMI began two flights per month, and IOM supported approximately 40–50 passengers each month for the remainder of the year.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Advocacy and Awareness – Gender Based Violence and Trafficking in Persons

IOM Solomon Islands, in partnership with the Family support Centre, has recently launched GBV and Trafficking in Persons advocacy materials at the Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara. The messaging for the materials was established by five Family Support Committees in Western, Isabel, Renbell, Makira and Temotu Provinces, with final design and printing supported by IOM. The advocacy materials aim to encourage changes in policy, programming and legislation that will also enable and support communities, families and individuals to successfully report human trafficking cases to authorities through referral mechanisms; to seek justice, and to further create a supportive environment to advance work in communities located adjacent to logging camps. The materials promote equality, social justice, social inclusion and human rights; further empowering survivors of GBV and victims of Trafficking in Persons.

Subsequent to the advocacy launch, IOM Solomon Islands hosted a three-day

retreat under the EU Funded ‘Protecting the rights of women and children, particularly girls in migration-affected communities’ project with SafeNet members – to further consolidate arrangements for Trafficking in Person reported cases to be referred using the existing SafeNet referral system. The three-day retreat followed on from two meetings and workshops earlier in the year, where IOM capacitated SafeNet stakeholders through GBV and TIP workshops.

Retreat participants included members of IOM’s implementing partner; Family Support Centre, the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Sexual Assault unit, Domestic Family Violence Unit and Transnational Crime Unit, Ministry of Women Youth, Children and Family Affairs, Public Solicitors Office, World Vision, Social Welfare Division within the Ministry of Health and Medical services, and UN Women. The key outcomes of the retreat will lead to the finalisation of the referral arrangements in early 2021.



Safe Net & TIP awareness retreat. © Olotsara resort media 2020

IOM and Family Support Centre have conducted GBV and TIP community awareness training with the Marau Family Support Centre committee members. The aim is to raise community awareness around what human trafficking is and how to effectively report and manage TIP cases once identified. The awareness training has enhanced knowledge in the community, already identifying the key focal points to manage reported TIP cases.

IOM Migrant Assistance Service

IOM provides a number of migration services to humanitarian entrants, refugees and migrants:

Refugee Resettlement Program for Australian and New Zealand government-funded refugees and special humanitarian program entrants (SHP).

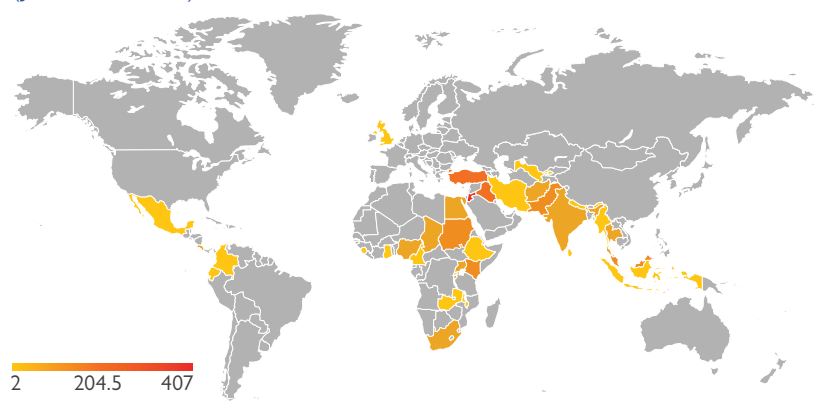
No-Interest Travel Loan Fund, availed by the Australian Government, can assist proposers meet the travel costs of SHP visa holders. The fund provides up to 75% of the travel costs, to be repaid after their arrival in Australia.

Migration Services to Australia, a fee-paying service, provides migration advice and visa application assistance to individuals and businesses through Registered Migration Agents.

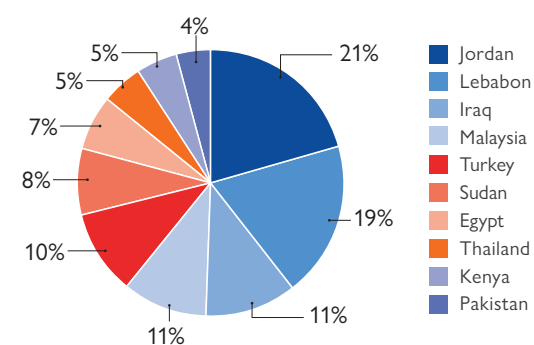
The Community Support Programme enables communities, businesses, families and individuals to collaborate in sponsoring persons to arrive in Australia, integrate and achieve financial independence.

Self-Payer Travel Assistance through which IOM can offer a range of discounted fares and concessional baggage allowance with carriers operating to Australia and New Zealand for migration as a humanitarian entrant, a family visa holder or skilled visa holder.

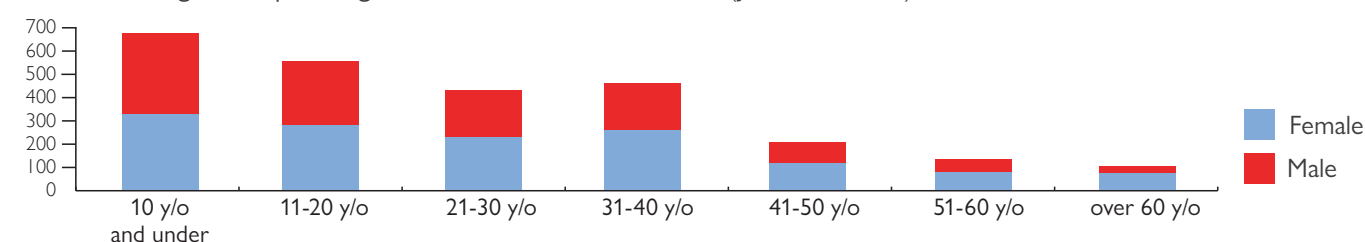
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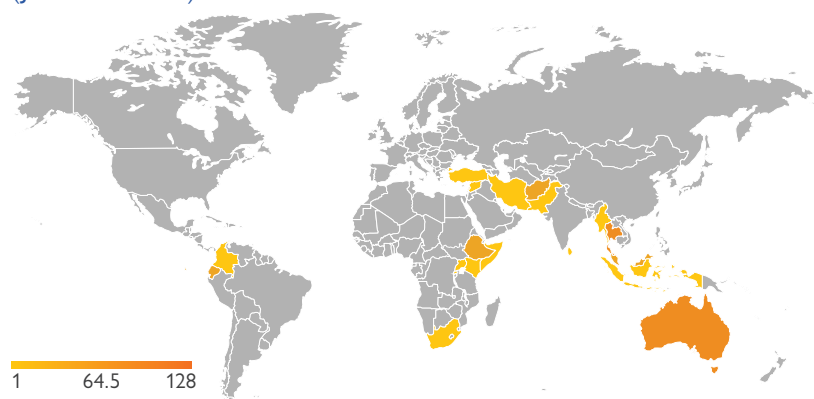
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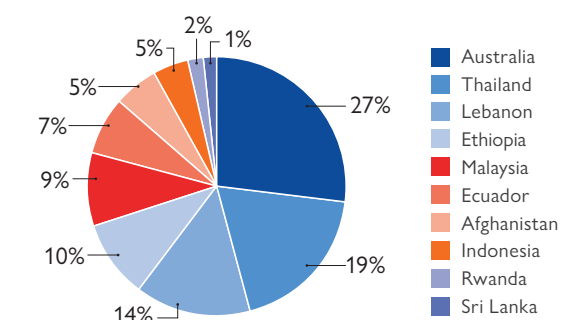
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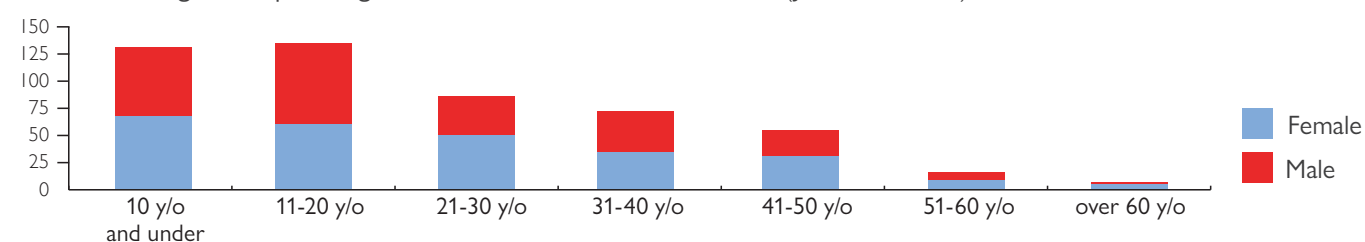
IOM Australia-managed migration movements to New Zealand (Jan–Dec 2020)



Top 10 Origin Countries – Migration to New Zealand (Jan–Dec 2020)



Gender and Age Group of Migrants who arrived in New Zealand (Jan–Dec 2020)



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