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“CASE”

Consolidate Protection Assistance Services to Vulnerable Migrants along Migratory Routes in Egypt

Executing agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Funding: European Union – Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Co-funding: Italy

Geographical Coverage: Egypt and Sudan

Partners: Egyptian authorities, national and international NGOs

Beneficiaries: Vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking; UMC; and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence

Duration: 24 months

Budget: € 2.000.000

CONTEXT

While Libya continues to be the primary departure point for irregular Mediterranean crossings, **Egypt's geographic position makes it an increasingly important departure point for irregular migrants.** In this context, the large movements of irregular migrants into Egypt have coincided with internal socio-economic and legislative challenges.

With minimal options to regularize their stay, migrants arriving in and transiting through Egypt are highly vulnerable to exploitation and abuse and experience barriers to protection.

The augmented humanitarian needs inside Egypt are reflected in IOM Egypt's direct assistance statistics, which demonstrate a **177% increase in applicants for localized assistance between 2014 and 2016.**

In addition, requests for returns to countries of origin have surged substantially, resulting in **IOM assisting 32% more migrants with AVRR services in 2016 compared to 2014.** Moreover, IOM identifies a pressing need to **strengthen the protection of irregular migrants in Egypt.**

In particular, the action proposed will benefit vulnerable migrants in Egypt, including victims of trafficking, UMC, and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence through diversity sensitive mechanisms aimed at creating a safe space.



OBJECTIVES

IOM action will respond to the protection needs of irregular migrants. For this purpose, IOM will establish **centralized multi-agency migrant assistance premises in Cairo as well as IOM facilities in Alexandria** dedicated to the provision of assistance services along Egypt's North Coast.

In parallel, **IOM will identify vulnerable and stranded migrants wanting to return to their countries of origin** (including, but not limited to, Sudan, Ethiopia, Guinea) to benefit from AVRR services with in-kind **reintegration assistance** being provided and monitored up to a period of 12 months. In Sudan, IOM will also conduct an assessment to develop context-specific pilot interventions in order to sustainably reintegrate returnees and at the same time stabilize local communities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Renovate and equip centralized **migrant assistance premises in Cairo** and establish operational procedures for multi-agency assistance;
- Renovate and equip **IOM facilities in Alexandria** dedicated to the provision of assistance services and establish procedures for the provision of assistance within the facilities;
- **Screen vulnerable migrants and deliver localized assistance** in coordination with service providers;
- Conduct **pre-departure screenings** (including fit-to-travel medical clearance with an escort where needed) and make **travel arrangements** including airport assistance at departure, in transit and upon arrival;
- Carry out **soft skills training for returnees**;
- Provide **individual socio-economic reintegration support** to returned migrants in complementarity with reintegration activities envisaged under the EUTF reintegration fund;
- Monitor **individual and community reintegration assistance** to identify best practices and revise interventions if necessary;
- **Train volunteers** and conduct outreach with migrant communities in Egypt to identify returnees, to distribute age and diversity-sensitive non-food item packages based on need, and present information on the risks of irregular migration;
- Conduct assessment of and subsequently implement **individual employment and community-oriented reintegration interventions for returnees from Egypt and their communities in Sudan**, including through community support group meetings and business skills trainings.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:



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