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Due to crises and natural disasters in and around the Horn of Africa, around 15 million people in the region have left their homes, 51 per cent of whom are traveling within the region (UN and IOM, 2019). The project aims to enable national authorities and institutions to facilitate safe, orderly, and regular migration and effectively address and reduce trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants within and from the Horn of Africa region by applying a human rights-based approach. This newsletter represents a short overview of its most recent achievements. The stories were originally published on the [EUTF website](#) or on the respective websites of BMM implementing partners. Find more general information about BMM and its initiatives at the end of this newsletter.

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Highlights

BMM increases the number of new experts on migration in the IGAD region

The third cohort of students started their postgraduate study course on migration at the Kenya Institute of Migration Studies (KIMS) in September 2021. The study course aims to improve and harmonise the migration management in the Horn of Africa region and is open to migration practitioners from all IGAD member states. The KIMS

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is the regional centre of excellence for migration studies, affiliated with the Department of Immigration Services and hosted by the University of Nairobi. The study course combines academic excellence with valuable practical skills to better equip regional practitioners to manage the many-faced challenges of migration. Both, the KIMS and the post-graduate diploma in migration studies, have been brought about with the support of BMM.

BMM improves migration management in the region

Apollo Masete worked as an immigration official for Uganda’s Department of Immigration Services and was based in Karamoja on the country’s north-eastern border with South Sudan. He was nominated by his boss to take part in the diploma course. Due to the pandemic he completed his studies virtually in December 2020. Thereafter he worked at the training committee at the Directorate of Immigration and contributes his new expertise into the development of training plans. [Read more](#) about Apollo Masete’s experience at the KIMS and how it changed his mind.

Sudan launched its National Action Plan to counter and prevent human trafficking



Opening speech of Siham Osman, Undersecretary Ministry of Justice and Head of NCCT committee, at the launch in Khartoum. © GIZ/Mazin Al-Raheed

On 30 August 2021, the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (NCCT) launched the National Action Plan for Combatting Human Trafficking 2021-2023 in Khartoum.

In the framework of the National Action Plan 2017-2019, Sudanese authorities increased the number of identified victims, of investigated and prosecuted cases of human trafficking as well as the number of operations together with Interpol such as in the beginning of July

2021 when 253 victims of human trafficking have been rescued and 32 suspects arrested. The new action plan aims to combat and prevent human trafficking and exploitative smuggling, especially trafficking of women and children. That includes measures such as increased livelihood options and shelters for migrants, and training for law enforcement officials. Find more details [here](#).



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Ethiopia & Sudan: Engaging communities in migration management

In September 2021, two events in Khartoum and Addis Ababa took place to introduce a further range of activities in the area of migration management. The aim is to strengthen local communities to contribute to migration management topics and policies. Civil society organisations (CSOs) in both countries will be enhanced to

BMM enables relevant actors to improve migration management

establish platforms comprising migrants, host community members and representatives of local migration management authorities. The CSOs will facilitate dialogues within the platform – an exploration of experiences, challenges and issues. To this end, BMM will support local communities in Ethiopia and Sudan in identifying and formulating their needs and priorities with regards to migration management, engage with policy-makers and feed the identified community priorities and needs into the policy-making process.

IGAD involved civil society organisations and Human Rights Institutions in the Regional Consultative Process on Migration

For the first time, the civil society organisations (CSOs) and Human Rights Institutions participated at the Intergovernmental Authority on Development’s (IGAD) Regional Consultative Process on Migration. BMM lobbied for and facilitated the participation of representatives from the partner countries with the objectives to support regional developments and cooperation on migration.



Asrar Ahmed Elsiddig Ahmed from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sudan. ©GIZ/Mulugeta Gebrekidane

In August 2021, the event took place in Addis Ababa and brought together experts from IGAD Member States spearheading the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) at the national level. Participants also include technical representatives from national ministries, the African Union, Regional Economic Communities representatives, UN agencies, private sector and development partners. During this two-day meeting, participants shared experiences and contributed to the regional review report that will feed into the International Migration Review Forum in 2022.



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Regional: Curriculum for training institutions on investigating trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants endorsed

In collaboration with the national law enforcement training institutions, curricula on investigating trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants were endorsed in Djibouti and Ethiopia. The curricula were piloted through training of trainers and validated in cooperation with representatives of the training institutions. The curricula will be included in the regular training programmes of the law enforcement agencies

BMM improves investigation and prosecution of human trafficking

in respective countries. The aim is to enhance investigation and court proceedings against perpetrators and criminal networks, including through financial investigations and through international police and judiciary cooperation, and implies enhanced capacity to identify and protect victims of human trafficking. Part of the curricula are standard operating procedures for investigating and prosecuting crimes of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in the partner countries.

Both the curricular and the procedures have a gender, child-sensitive, human rights-based approach, by which prosecution and protection are brought together. Both tools are practice-oriented and are aimed at systematic use in the field, also paving the way for enhanced international cooperation in the region. Currently, curricular and standard operational procedures are being developed in Uganda, Kenya and Sudan and will be endorsed until the end of the year.

In Short

Regional: Digital solutions to better support victims of trafficking

BMM supports civil society organisations in the Horn of Africa and provides them with trainings such as on data protection, human rights or quality of services. BMM also established the Victim Case Management System at nine CSOs. The online information and management system is deployed to record cases to follow up on the development. 'The system has advanced the way we work and helped to erase the past difficulties, we endured,' Phiona Namazzi from Rahab in Uganda says. Find more details [here](#).





Uganda: Operationalisation of the national referral mechanism has started

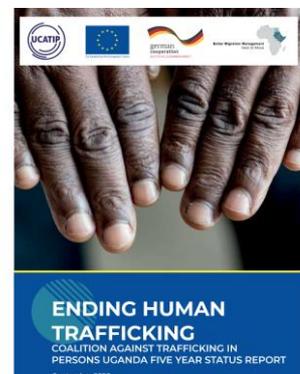
The Ministry of Internal Affairs has rolled out a series of training of trainers on the national referral guidelines for the management of victims of trafficking in Uganda in May 2021. It was the start of a process to operationalize the national referral mechanism for victims of trafficking, through the dissemination of approved guidelines and capacity development of relevant stakeholders at both national and sub-national levels. The training covers topics such as identification, interviewing, direct assistance and referral of victims of trafficking, and shelter management. The guidelines were developed with technical support from BMM. The guidelines will be used by all actors assisting victims of trafficking.

Regional: Inception Workshop on Integrated Border Management Training Manual in Tanzania

In September 2021, a two-day regional inception workshop on the development of an Integrated Border Management Training Manual took place at IOM's African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) in Moshi, Tanzania. The workshop aimed to gather contributions from immigration training departments and academies from BMM's national partner countries to training manual. The participants identified needs and expectations on the manual. It is envisaged that the manual will provide learners with the necessary tools to strengthen migration governance in East and Horn of Africa; deepen cooperation at all levels within and between States to address migration-related challenges; and effectively provide and assistance to vulnerable migrants and victims of trafficking at local, national, and regional level.

Uganda: Prevention, protection and prosecution to end human trafficking

The Uganda Coalition against Trafficking in Persons (UCATIP) has launched its report about their successful work to combat human trafficking over the last five years. The coalition was set up in 2012 and is a network of more than 40 civil society organisations with the mission to create a society free from human trafficking. UCATIP works with the Coordination Office for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons within the Ugandan Ministry of Internal Affairs. Together they seek to achieve strong and effective policies, legal frameworks and reforms to mitigate human trafficking in Uganda. Find the report [here](#).





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Djibouti: Agreements strengthens cooperation on protecting human rights

Since April 2021, the Djiboutian Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme (CNDH) signed several Memoranda of Understanding on cooperation in the field of human rights with the national police, the coastguard and three local civil society organisations (CSOs). This indicates an important step to strengthen human rights in Djibouti as it formalises joint actions in the field. Find more details [here](#).

Background and Conceptual Framework

The Better Migration Management (BMM) programme is a regional development cooperation project established under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) with the aim to counter the trafficking and smuggling of migrants within and from the region and strengthen the protection of migrant rights. BMM supports the countries of the Horn of Africa region in enhancing their cooperation and fostering common approaches to improve migration management. The project is designed to respond to the needs identified by the partner countries, taking their priorities as a basis for the activities that follow a human rights-based approach. Key to the project is the alignment with existing mechanisms and initiatives of the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

Based on the results of the programme's phase I, the second phase focuses on consolidating a regional, holistic approach to migration management and on ensuring its sustainability beyond the duration of the programme. Phase II is funded by the EUTF with 30 million Euro and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with 5 million Euro for a duration of 3 years (October 2019 to September 2022). Implementation is currently taking place in eight partner countries (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda). A more comprehensive overview can be found on the [GIZ website](#) and [EUTF website](#).

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