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Better Migration Management
Horn of Africa



Better Migration Management (BMM) Programme in the Horn of Africa

General context

The countries in the Horn of Africa region are the main places of origin and transit but are also a destination for people on the move. According to the UN there are some 5.7 million of migrants in the region (2023). In addition, the number of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons (IDPs) rose to around 18 million. Most of the migrants move within the region.

Many migrants travel irregularly, that is, without a visa or valid papers, usually out of necessity. In addition, they often lack economic means and have no access to justice. This makes them particularly vulnerable to being trafficked, seeking offers from smugglers or falling into the hands of other criminal networks that exploit people for profit. Trafficking in human beings is an industry estimated to generate around 150 billion US dollars annually, making it one of the fastest-growing transnational criminal activities, according to IOM.

Migration is an age-old global phenomenon. The lack of migration-friendly policies, legislation, infrastructure, regional and cross-border coope-



Project name	Better Migration Management Programme
Partner Countries	Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda (Phase I and II: + Sudan)
Volume	EUR 122 mio. (EUR 105 mio. EU / EUR 17 mio. BMZ)
Duration	April 2016 to September 2025
Implementing Partners	British Council, CIVIPOL, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Expertise France and the Italian Department of Public Security were also implementing partners in phase I. GIZ heads the implementing partnership.

ration and knowledge hampers efforts to manage safe and legal migration, counter smuggling and trafficking and provide the necessary support and protection to victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants.

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BMM results (April 2016 - September 2023)



23,706 governmental and non-governmental actors supported to strengthen coordinated migration management, national migration policies, legislation and cross-border cooperation.



> 50,000 vulnerable migrants and victims of trafficking directly and indirectly protected and supported.



622 capacity building measures for **13,340** governmental and non-governmental actors implemented in investigation and prosecution of trafficking, integrated border management and the referral of migrants.



> 55 million individuals potentially reached through awareness-raising activities on trafficking in human beings and migrants rights.

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