

SUMMARY

In 2018, IOM UK continued to grow our scope of work and presence as we partnered with central and local UK authorities, academia, civil society and other stakeholders to respond to a dynamic migration picture.

IOM also continued to build upon our global relationships in the UK. Cross government departments and IOM offices participated in the first-ever **UK-IOM High Level Strategic Dialogue** as a comprehensive approach to address migration's challenges and benefits. Additionally, IOM published the [UK-IOM Partnership Profile](#) to showcase IOM's diverse work with the UK across the world between 2013-2017.

MIGRANT SAFETY SUPPORT & SOLUTIONS

The Central Mediterranean is considered to be the deadliest migration route in the world, with over 1,300 deaths recorded in 2018. This year, IOM launched its project to contribute to safer and more orderly migration along the **Central Mediterranean Route (CMR)**, resulting in fewer deaths and less suffering for migrants during irregular journeys. The route-based, multi-year programme partners with several IOM Missions and other agencies across 10 countries in North, West and Central Africa.



+3900
migrants assisted by IOM in the first 8 months of the CMR programme

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (AKO)

In 2018, IOM established the **Analytical, Knowledge and Output (AKO)** unit in our London office as part of our **Global Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)** team. While the Global DTM team tracks and monitors displacement and population mobility, vulnerabilities and needs in large-scale mobility crises, London's AKO unit further strengthens analytical capacity, develops collaborations and merges the comparative advantages of IOM with academic institutions. Last year, the AKO created formal capacity within the Global DTM team to strengthen analysis across seven themes: urban displacement, environmental displacement, citizen assistance, returns, ethics, migration flows, and human trafficking.

About IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

Established in 1951, IOM works with migrants, governments and other partners to provide humane responses to the growing migration challenges of today.

With nearly 400 offices around the world and 11,000 staff, IOM promotes international cooperation and dialogue on migration issues to assist in the search for practical solutions to key issues facing migrants and societies alike.



As the 5th largest donor globally, UK funding contributes to IOM's shelter programmes in South Sudan. ©IOM/ R. Tupaz 2018

SUPPORTING MIGRANT CHILDREN

Children all alone on the migratory route may be particularly vulnerable. In 2018, IOM UK enlarged our scope of work to include greater considerations for unaccompanied migrant children:

- Launched the **Fostering Across Borders (FAB)** project to improve and expand the quality of family-based care for unaccompanied migrant children with dedicated foster carers;
- Completed a large-scale mapping of the training and needs gaps in unaccompanied child care in the UK. IOM published a subsequent report and cascaded to the sector;
- Trained nearly **50 foster carers** or local authority officials to provide specialized care to this unique group of children.



~150
people attended specialized IOM training on caring for unaccompanied migrant children

COMBATting MODERN SLAVERY

With more people than ever before living in slavery-like conditions, IOM UK actively worked to combat human trafficking in 2018.

- Published **3 reports** on vulnerability to trafficking from **Albania, Viet Nam and Nigeria** together with University of Bedfordshire;
- Marked Anti-Slavery Day by hosting a **panel event** presenting shared learning and findings from above fieldwork research;
- Distributed Welcome Leaflets to **266 unaccompanied children** to reduce risk of trafficking or going missing from foster care;
- Responded to **18 requests** for assistance or information for trafficking survivors, and provided support to **some modern slavery survivors** who wished to return home;
- Supported over **100 foster carers** looking after unaccompanied children at risk of human trafficking through IOM forums and training sessions.



When well-managed,

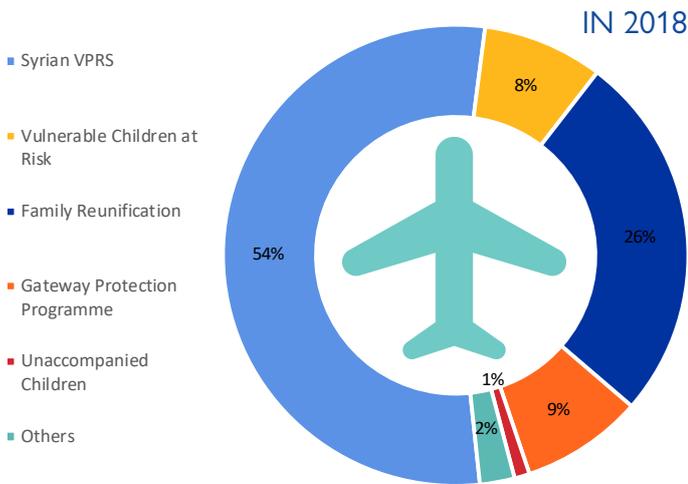
migration can fuel innovation, diversity

and growth in incomes and living standards.

RESETTLEMENT

Last year, IOM UK continued our high quality movement operations which began in 2004 and also worked to enhance our existing capacities.

- Hosted a **Mobility Conference** to share best practices of supporting refugees requiring specialized care;
- Increased information sharing with stakeholders to improve services from all involved in the resettlement process and provide more accurate information to post-arrival agencies.



+8200
people resettled to UK

~90
unaccompanied migrant children resettled

+2500
migrants and refugees assisted at Heathrow Airport

DIASPORA AND DEVELOPMENT

IOM continued to boost its engagement with the diaspora community in the UK in 2018.

- Completed a **Rwandan diaspora mapping exercise** in the UK;
- Led a project bringing diaspora health professionals from the UK and Europe to boost availability and quality of **health care in Sierra Leone**;
- Hosted an **Agribusiness Forum** in Sierra Leone bringing together diaspora and stakeholders from across the world to improve opportunities for investment.



+2000 patients by diaspora health professionals as part of an IOM project in Sierra Leone
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INTEGRATION

In 2018, IOM expanded our support to refugees and host communities by encouraging two-way integration to foster mutual understanding and to reduce vulnerabilities and risks of marginalization.

- Launched the **LINK IT** programme to provide resettled Syrian refugees with the building blocks to start their new life in Europe. In 2018, **360 refugees** generated a skills profile listing their education, experience, skills and ambitions;
- Developed a comprehensive **new information session curricula** for local authorities, the public sector and the private sector who support or employ resettling refugees;
- Delivered the first ever post-arrival information session to **28 Syrian refugees** in Leeds;
- Developed a bespoke **child-focused pre-departure orientation** for refugee children resettling to the UK.



+1300 people trained in **50** Refugee Information Sessions across the UK.

COMMUNITY COHESION

Our work is built around the belief that integration works best when both migrants and the host community learn from each other.

- In partnership with the **Football Association (FA)**, IOM accompanied over **60 refugees** from Syria, Iran, Ethiopia, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea to cheer on **England's national team**;
- Hosted a **sold-out film screening and panel discussion** at Somerset House highlighting the power of sport to bring people together and marking **International Migrants Day**;
- United refugees, migrants and British choir members in a Together Productions concert as the **Refugee Week finale** to celebrate the strength and resilience of migrants and refugees;
- Syrian refugee and British children shared their similarities and values during IOM's **Building Tomorrow Together** project.



Migrants and refugees cheer on England's Three Lions national team through IOM's partnership with the Football Association. ©IOM/2018

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