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ABOUT IOM EGYPT COUNTRY OFFICE

Egypt has been an observer state to IOM since 1974 and became a full-fledged member in 1991 at which time IOM established its mission in Cairo. IOM Egypt is supporting the Government to implement a whole-of-government approach toward migration governance in line with the Migration Governance Framework adopted by IOM member states, including Egypt, in November 2015 which will inform the upcoming Global Compact on Safe and Orderly migration.

IOM Staff grew by 55 per cent in 2016 compared to 2015. The office currently has 174 staff members, of whom 91 per cent are Egyptians, and 9 per cent represent 10 different countries. Fifty three per cent of the staff are females while 47 per cent are males.
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This is the story of Barikisu; a woman who hails from the North West region of Ghana. She had initially set out to start a family, but after the father of her child refused to marry her, Barikisu found herself struggling to make ends meet. Her elder sister had returned from Egypt to Ghana for a holiday and encouraged her to issue a passport claiming that she had a medical condition requiring treatment. Facing economic pressures, Barikisu accepted this offer and decided to spend all her money in order to buy herself a way out of Ghana. She used her life savings to pay for the visa and plane ticket.

Upon arriving in Egypt, Barikisu was employed as a housekeeper and baby sitter, but her employers soon found out about the falsified illness listed on her passport and decided to lay her off. Once again, Barikisu found herself stranded in an unfamiliar country with absolutely no means of support. She struggled to find herself a stable job and whatever little income she made out of seasonal employment went into her sister’s pockets instead of her own. After three years of endless turmoil and oppression, Barikisu became determined on returning to Ghana. She was well aware of the dire financial situation which hindered her return, but had recently heard about IOM and decided to reach out for assistance.

IOM concluded that Barikisu qualified for assistance and immediately started arranging for her return to Ghana. Upon return, IOM also provided her with in-kind assistance in order to start her micro-business back home. With some experience in trade and some assistance from her siblings, Barikisu furnished her old store and used the IOM in-kind assistance to buy and transport groceries from Accra to her village. She is performing very well and already has plans for expansion. Barikisu has increased her level of stock and borrowed a loan from a local group in order to buy a deep freezer for more storage. Not only has she been able to break even, but she has also started making profit. As a result, Barikisu can now support her daughter’s education and give her siblings a helping hand. “My life has improved and the impact I have on my community is great. I serve them with a variety of groceries right at their doorstep,” she said.
Resettlement from Egypt in 2015 - 2016

Top Five Destination Countries Receiving Refugees from Egypt

- Canada: 1,251 (2016), 280 (2015)
- Australia: 1,263 (2016), 84 (2015)

Top Five Nationalities of Resettled Refugees

- Syrian
- Sudanese
- Eritrean
- Somali
- Iraqi

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration - Ex-Egypt

- Migrants who applied for IOM assistance
- Migrants who received return assistance
- Migrants who received return & reintegration assistance

- 38% Migrants who applied for IOM assistance
- 25% Migrants who received return assistance
- 15% Migrants who received return & reintegration assistance
- 2% Victims of Trafficking
- 58% Other
- 12.5% Irregular Migrants
- 6% Apprehended Migrants

Characteristics of Assisted Migrants

- Total: 1,083
- 38% Individual males
- 12% Individual females
- 50% Families

Types of Reintegration Assistance

- 79% Micro-business
- 12.5% Education Assistance
- 6% Agriculture Assistance
**SEA ARRIVALS TO ITALY**

### Seasonality of Egyptian Arrivals to Italy 2013 - 2016

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### Arrivals of Egyptians to Italy by Age Group

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**AVRR Assistance to Egyptian Returnees**

- Schooling/housing
- Micro-business
- Medical Assistance
- Airport Assistance

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**Remittances to Egypt**

### Employment and Employability Services offered to Egyptian Youth

- Employment Fairs
- Awareness Raising
- Technical Skills Training
- Employment
- Entrepreneurship Training
- Soft Skills Training
- Self Employment

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