



# Annual Report of Achievements 2021

IOM Mission to the Arab Republic of Egypt

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## Acronyms:

APA	Africa Prosecutors Association
AVRR	Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration
AUC	American University in Cairo
CAPMAS	Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics
CBOs	Community-based organizations
SCIs	Social Care Institutions
CMRS	Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies
EU	European Union
GCM	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
GoE	Government of Egypt
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ILO	International Labour Organization
LMICs	Low- and middle-income countries
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MiGOF	Migration Governance Framework
MoM	Ministry of Manpower
MoHP	Ministry of Health and Population
MoSEEA	Ministry of State for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Migrant Protection and Assistance Unit
NCCPIM&TIP	The National Coordinating Committee for Preventing and Combatting Illegal Migration and Human Trafficking
NCJS	National Centre for Judicial Studies
NCW	National Council of Women
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
OECD	The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPG	Office of the Prosecutor General
RDPP	Regional Development and Protection Programme
RSC	Resettlement Support Centre
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-based Violence
SPHERE	Strengthening Protection for Victims of Trafficking and Vulnerable Migrants while Preventing Irregular Migration and Human Trafficking
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
USRAP	United States Refugee Admissions Programme
VoTs	Victims of Trafficking
VTC	Vocational Training Centre
WHO	World Health Organization

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# **ANNUAL REPORT OF ACHIEVEMENTS 2021**

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## Introduction:

Egypt is a leading player in migration in the region of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and beyond, experiencing significant and diverse migration patterns. Very positive efforts have been made to improve dialogue on migration, support regular pathways for safe and dignified migration and ensure that human rights are respected, protected and fulfilled. The fruitful collaboration with the Egyptian government in tackling irregular migration and providing assistance to vulnerable migrants who continue to face economic and social difficulties contribute to these efforts.

In the light of the health, economic and social repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no doubt that the world has been going through a challenging patch. Therefore, IOM responsibility to others, and especially to the most vulnerable, is to provide protection and socio-economic and medical assistance that promote individuals' and community growth.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant long-term socio-economic impacts and has exacerbated the vulnerabilities, poverty and marginalization of the most vulnerable people. IOM has stepped up its efforts to provide assistance and protection to the most vulnerable migrants, address human mobility in the context of socio-economic crisis and climate change, and has ensured that migrants are included in COVID-19 national vaccination programmes.

In 2021, IOM Egypt reached **9,115,929 migrants and host community members**, through the provision of tailored protection assistance, matching the social, economic and health needs of its beneficiaries. IOM assistance has strengthened the resilience of migrants and host communities in Egypt in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and facilitate professional mobility and skills building, particularly through youth and women empowerment.

Conflict, violence and climate change led to an increase in displacement in December 2021, with the global number now exceeding **82.4 million people worldwide**. In this regard, IOM Egypt has strengthened its efforts to build capacity and develop with multi-level stakeholders a roadmap for COP27 and continues implementing a comprehensive approach to migration, in line with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Such positive results would not have been possible without the commitment of all our local and international partners, in close coordination with the Government of Egypt and a successful partnership with the private sector, contributing to all actions aimed at strengthening the notion of "Leave No One Behind" of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Message of our Chief  
of Mission  
Laurent de Boeck**



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We assure that  
human mobility  
becomes a source of  
prosperity, innovation  
and sustainable  
development  
for all.

## Context:

The Arab Republic of Egypt became an Observer State to IOM in 1974 and a full-fledged Member in 1991, when IOM established its Mission in Cairo to assist foreign nationals who had been forcefully displaced by the Gulf War, to voluntarily repatriate or resettle in third countries. In addition to a dedicated office for Egypt with a team of 203 staff, Cairo hosts the IOM Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), which covers a total of 17 countries. IOM continuously expands its engagement in new fields of concern, encompassing a wide range of activities in programme areas such as labour mobility and human development; counter-trafficking and counter-smuggling; technical cooperation on migration management; migration health; emergency and post-crisis migration management; migrant protection and assistance; Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR); and resettlement.

IOM Egypt provides assistance and protection to migrants in vulnerable, regular and irregular situations. IOM and the Government of Egypt have continuously enlarged their cooperation in many programmatic areas, from the promotion of regular labour migration channels for Egyptians wishing to work abroad and to the enhancement of livelihood opportunities in communities at-risk of irregular migration through economic and labour market development programmes.

Moreover, IOM and the Government of Egypt have continued to support migrant health and protection, as well as collaborated on migration management, counter-trafficking and counter-smuggling activities, resettlement, emergency and post-crisis operations. In all IOM programmes, the Organization takes due consideration of the needs of both migrants and host communities and strives to address these in a comprehensive manner.

In consideration of this marked growth over the last 30 years, IOM Egypt continues to refine its response to emergent migration challenges and opportunities in respect to Egypt national priorities, legislation and policy frameworks. IOM remains committed to supporting the Government of Egypt in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) which was adopted on 10 December 2018. As the GCM is a major institutional priority for IOM, the Organization has been working to ensure that its Offices are well prepared to provide any required support to the Governments for the implementation of the GCM.



**Medical  
Assistance**



**Socio Economic  
Assistance**



**Mental Health and  
Psychological  
Assistance**



**Education  
Assistance**

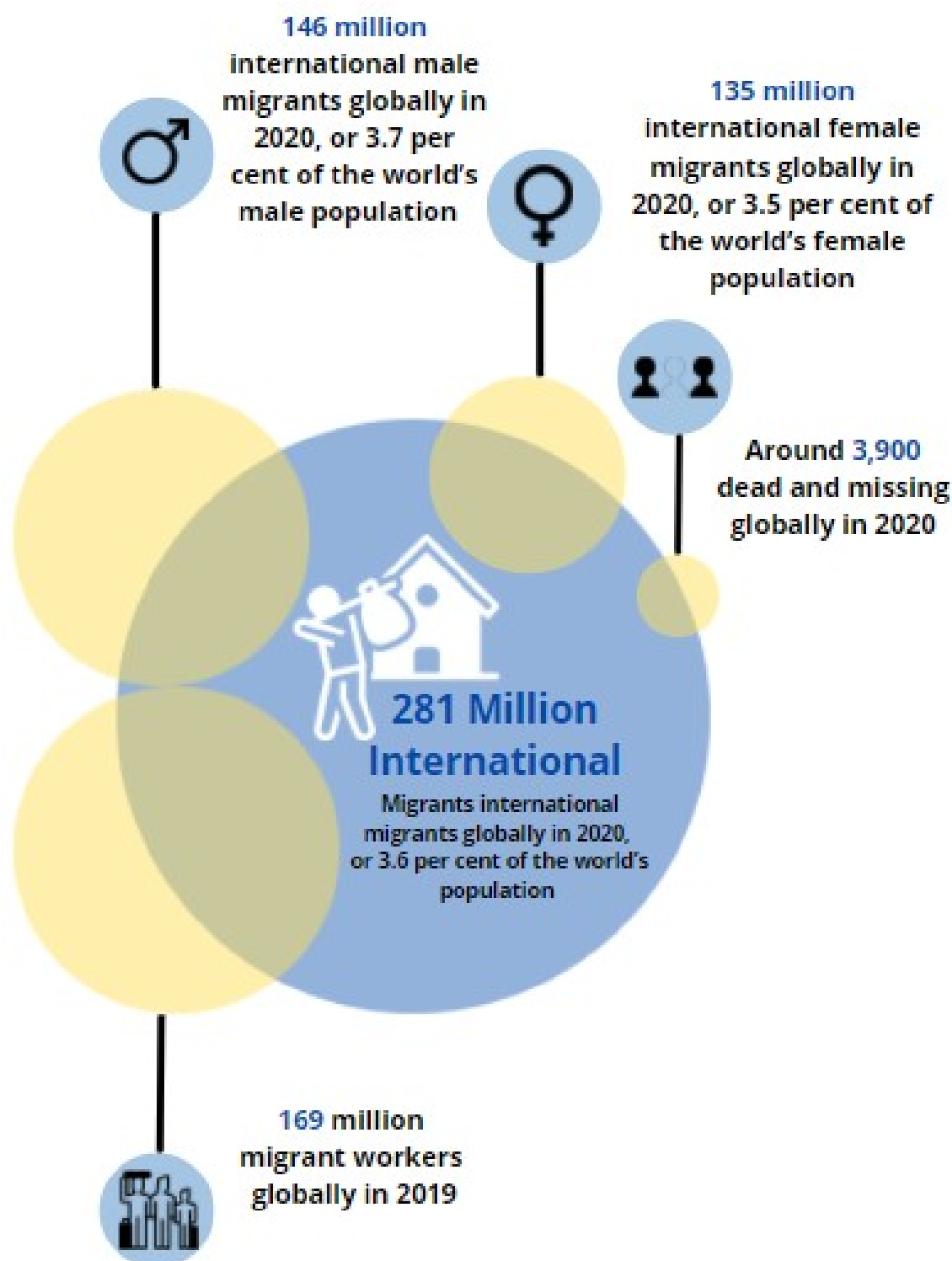


**In-kind  
Assistance**



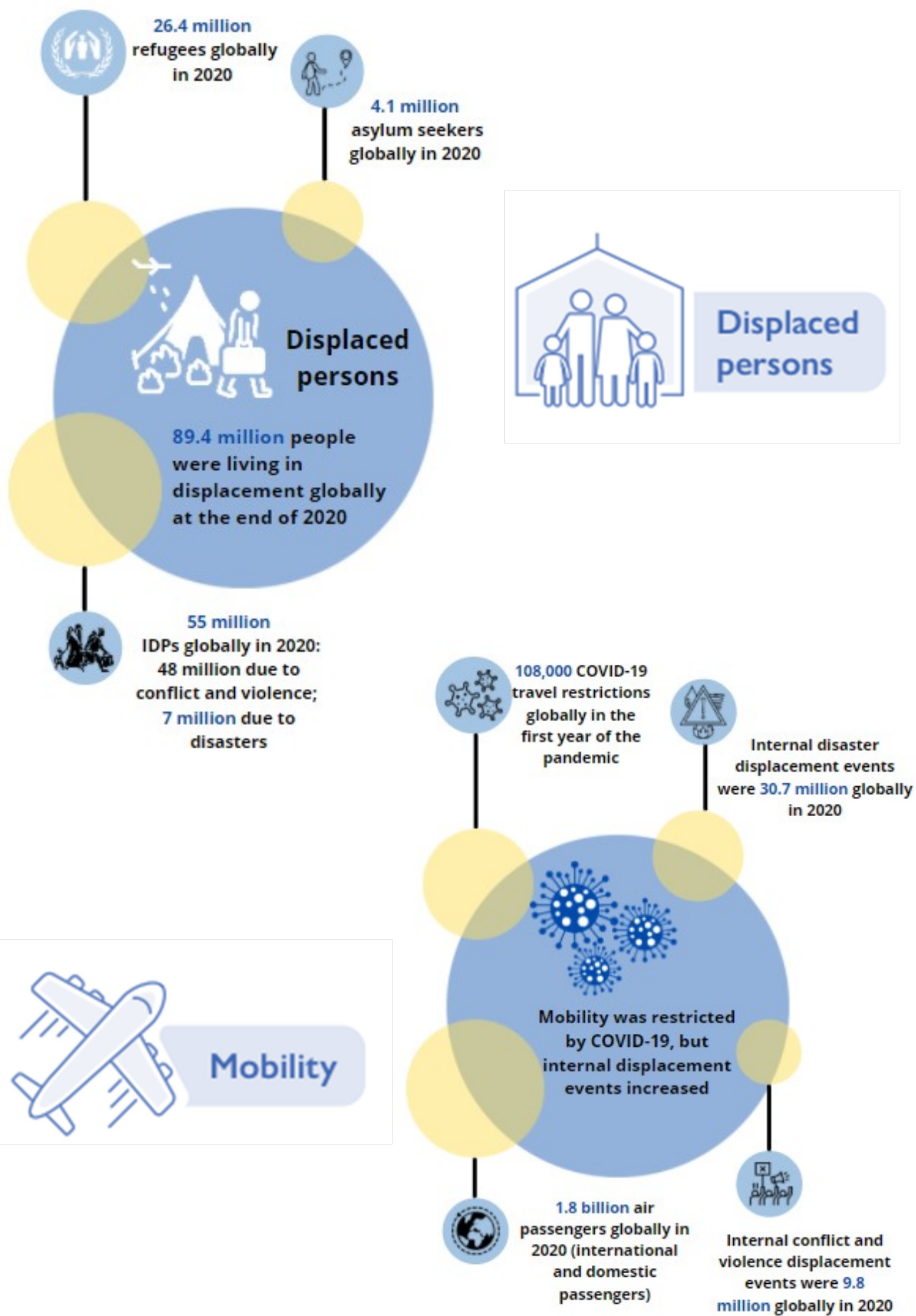
**Legal  
Assistance**

## Overview: International Migration Population



Source: WORLD MIGRATION REPORT





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## Snapshot on migration in Egypt:

The 2021 overall estimate of the number of migrants in Egypt is **6 million**. 80% of this population belongs to one of the three main countries of origin, Sudan, Libya and Syria. An estimated 3.5 million Sudanese nationals, 825,000 Libyans and 700,000 Syrians currently live in Egypt. More than 68 nationalities are represented in the remaining migrant communities, representing around 1,280,000 people.

**543,900 international migrants** were registered in Egypt in 2020, including 46% of women and 19% of youth. Most of them come from Syria (34%) and Palestine (27%). Sudanese (7%) and Somalian (4%) nationals constitute the third and fourth represented nationalities while the rest of them come from various origins.

Egypt counts **265,393 registered refugees**. Half (50%) come from Syria. The remaining main countries of origins are Sudan (19%), South Sudan (7%), Eritrea (7%), Ethiopia (6%), Yemen (3.5%), Iraq (2.6%) and Somalia (2.6%). Other nationalities represent less than 1%.

The current estimates of **foreign registered workers** in Egypt roughly reaches **14,000 individuals**. They come from India (11%), Bangladesh (11%), Palestine (9%), Syria (7%), Philippines (6%), China (5%), United Kingdom (5%), Italy (5%), Germany (5%) and United States of America (4%). Other nationalities count for one third of all registered foreign workers.

Egypt also counts around **6,000 foreign students** who came to Egypt to follow high education studies. More than half of these students came from Arab countries (54%). Non-Arab Asian countries (28%) and non-Arab African countries (15%) are respectively the second and third regions of origin. Finally, Europe (1%) and America (1%) sent a few students also.

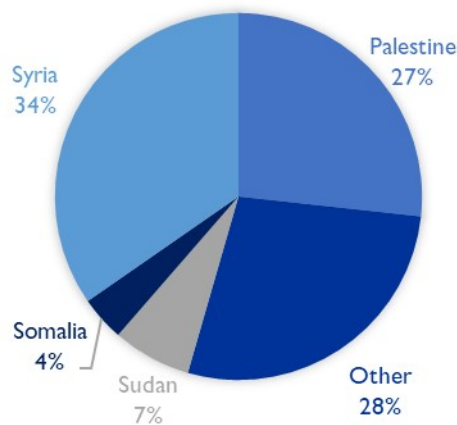


Figure 1: International registered migrants in Egypt, by nationality

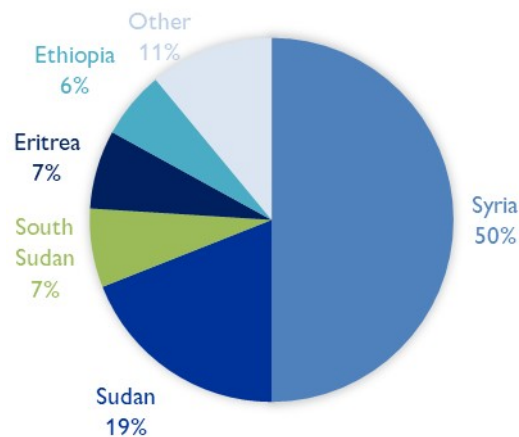


Figure 2: Refugees registered in Egypt, by nationality

<sup>1</sup> A Statement by H.E. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi before the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly

<sup>2</sup> Migration Data Portal, [International Data | Migration data portal](#)

<sup>3</sup> UNHCR, August 2021

<sup>4</sup> CAPMAS, 2019. Data for year 2017





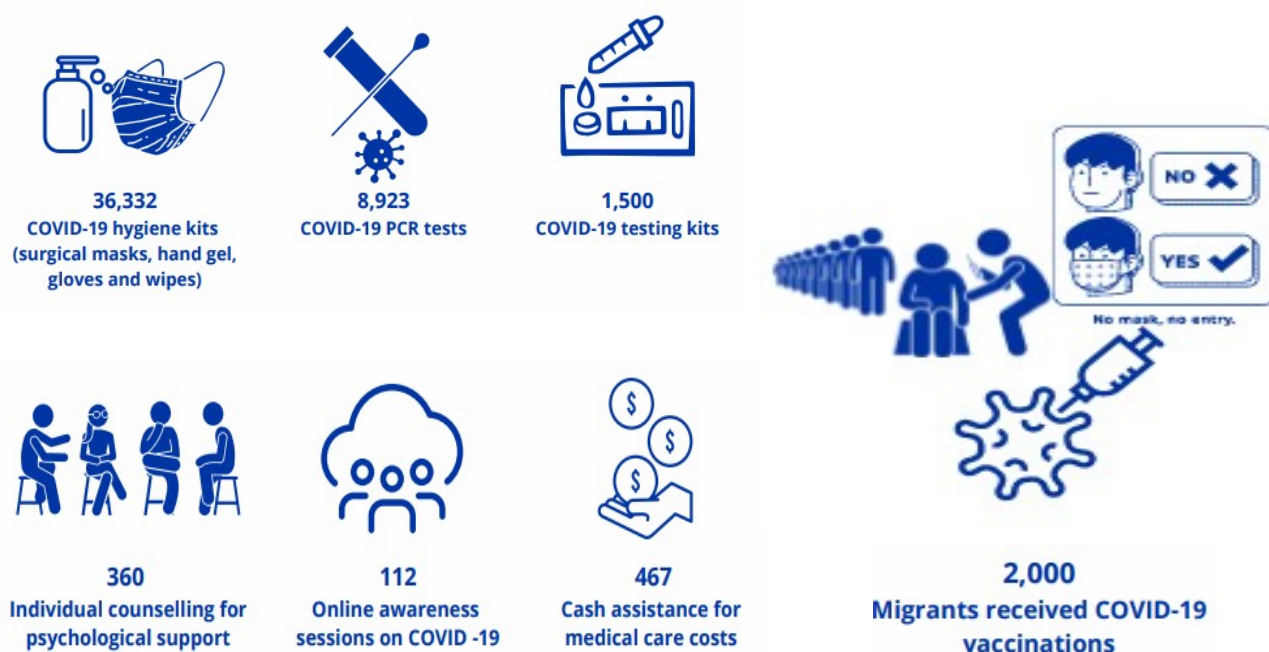


## COVID-19 and Migration:

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered an unprecedented global health, humanitarian, socioeconomic and human rights crisis. In March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 a pandemic following the spread of the virus in more than 196 countries. Since this date, The Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) in Egypt has recorded 495,373 cases, so far in total until March 2022, with 299,434 of these cases reported as recovered and 24,277 reported fatalities.

As of the start of the pandemic, 30.2 million persons have also been fully vaccinated as of March 2022, which is equivalent to 29% of the Egyptian population. 78.2 million persons also received at least one dose. Limited access to health and protection services constitutes a major challenge for vulnerable migrants and refugees, with limited access to information further compounding this challenge.

In a bid to address these challenges, IOM Egypt, through its National Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, supported collaborative actions and international COVID-19 preparedness and response activities in order to curb the transmission of COVID-19 and mitigate its health and socio-economic impacts. During this period, IOM provided technical expertise, financial and logistical support to medical services in areas housing the most vulnerable migrants and host communities. In 2021, IOM Egypt continued to broaden its scope of intervention to achieve better results with a more diversified impact by providing medical assistance to vulnerable families and improving the socio-economic status of migrants through different types of assistance and information.



# IOM Country Strategy 2021-2025

IOM Egypt works with its partners to strengthen measures that take a comprehensive view of the migration phenomenon. The aim of the IOM Strategy for Egypt 2021–2025 is to provide a framework for responding to migration challenges and identifying priorities for actions to guide IOM's response to the needs of the Government of Egypt, as well as migrants, migration-affected (host) communities and other relevant stakeholders.



# 1. Resilience

## 1.1 Migration protection and assistance to vulnerable migrants



### Direct assistance (DA)

Migrant Assistance Services aim at bolstering the well-being and protection of vulnerable migrants in Egypt through the provision of tailored assistance on a case-by-case basis. Migrants vulnerabilities have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an increased number of service users and an increased need for different forms of direct assistance. Migrant communities already at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder have suffered significantly from the economic impact of COVID-19 and are particularly susceptible to additional losses of income and livelihood prospects, especially migrants working in the informal economy with no or limited access to social protection measures and higher exposure to the risk of exploitation and trafficking.

Migrants in search of assistance can approach IOM Egypt for a screening appointment. Experienced case workers identify the main vulnerabilities and needs of migrant beneficiaries and develop a tailored care package, based on needs, which can include localized direct assistance and assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR).

Localized direct assistance includes food and non-food item (NFI) distributions, the provision of socio-economic and housing assistance, medical and psycho-social support, including medical and life-saving interventions, female, and maternal health care with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), counselling and mental health support, as well as medical aid to disabled migrants, education assistance and the allocation of education grants, and legal support and representation. This approach supports the complex and varied needs of migrants, catering support to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of individuals. IOM provides the necessary assistance in cooperation and complementarily with other active service providers and ensures COVID-19 prevention measures are followed throughout all stages of service provision.

In 2021, IOM has provided 23,534 individuals with direct assistance. 20,707 individuals of these instances of direct assistance were distributions of NFIs, with the majority of other instances being socio-economic (3,733) and housing (3,629) support.

**120** recipients of income generating trainings

**6** MHPSS trainings

**6** schools refurbished – supporting both migrant and Egyptian children

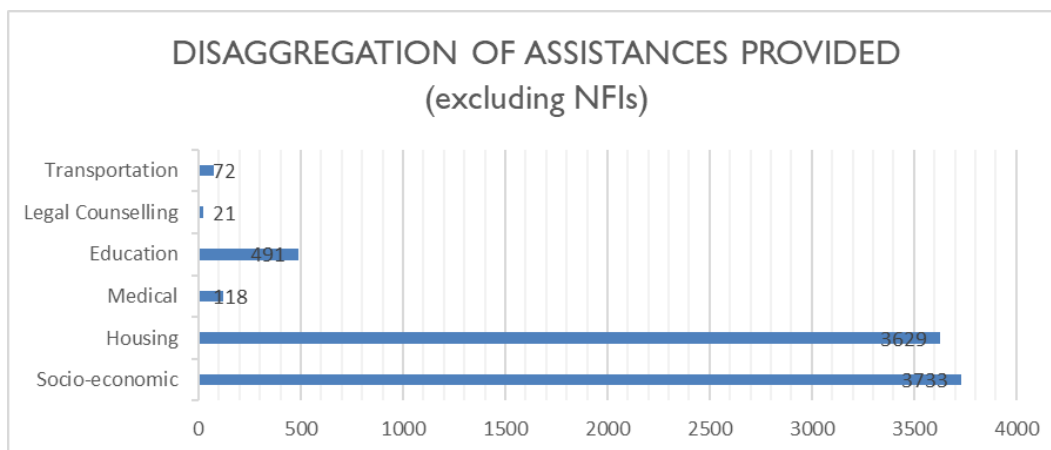
**1,800** NFI and FI assistance provided

**6** female empowerment and engagement sessions

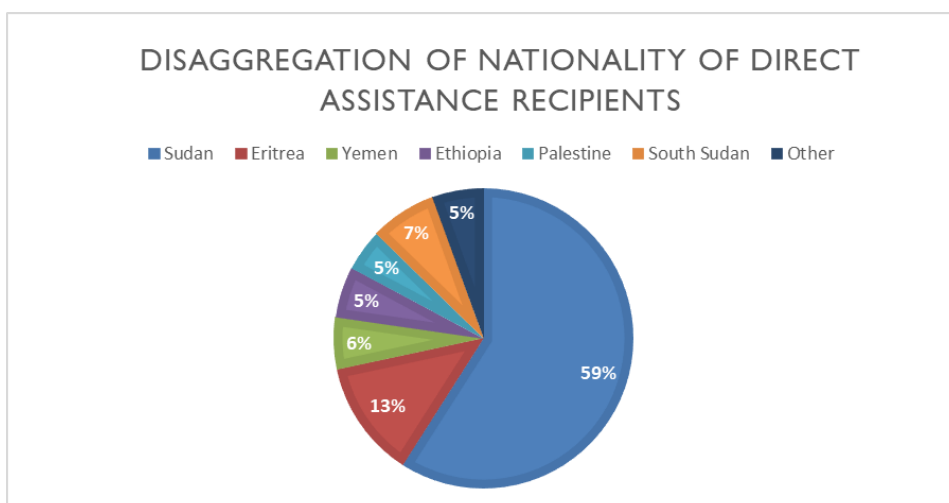


IOM Egypt 2021 – Distribution of equipment to a migrant community school in January 2021





Figures 3: Disaggregation of assistances provided



Figures 4: Disaggregation of nationality of direct assistance recipients



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## Child Protection

More than one in five migrants arriving in Europe is a child. Egypt has the highest percentage of unaccompanied migrant children (UMC) trying to reach Europe, while being a destination country for many migrant children. It is therefore necessary that the movement and living conditions of migrant children through Egypt be carefully considered, and that they should be provided with specialized and adequate protection.



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Through 2021, IOM has continued to enlarge its scope of work on youth-related activities through engaging and supporting migrant and Egyptian youth. IOM takes a comprehensive approach to child protection, including strengthening partnerships with other organizations and service providers to improve the services and support available to children; building the capacity of Governmental entities and NGOs; investing in improved infrastructure projects to protect and assist the most vulnerable migrant children; and hosting awareness raising events and campaigns to reduce the risk of exposure to migrant related crimes.

IOM Egypt works with all relevant stakeholders – including the youth themselves – in broad-based partnerships in order to facilitate social dialogue, exchange of good practices, and trainings to ensure better policy coherence that promotes youth empowerment and inclusion, decent work for young migrants and enhancing youth awareness of migration issues including risks of irregular migration.

1. **Six** trainings to law enforcement officers in Cairo and Alexandria, building the capacity of **115** police officers, border security and immigration centre staff.
2. **109** attendees at **five** trainings given to NGOs, Community-based organizations, community leaders and community members.
3. **1,000** attendees at **nine** community events, covering topics of improving mental health and the risks of smuggling and trafficking.
4. **10,000** individuals reached through awareness raising campaigns on Child Protection to reduce the risks of exposure to migration-related crimes.
5. **One** Infrastructure project completed to assist and protect the most vulnerable migrant children (including unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking, children in government custody, those with health issues and disabilities).



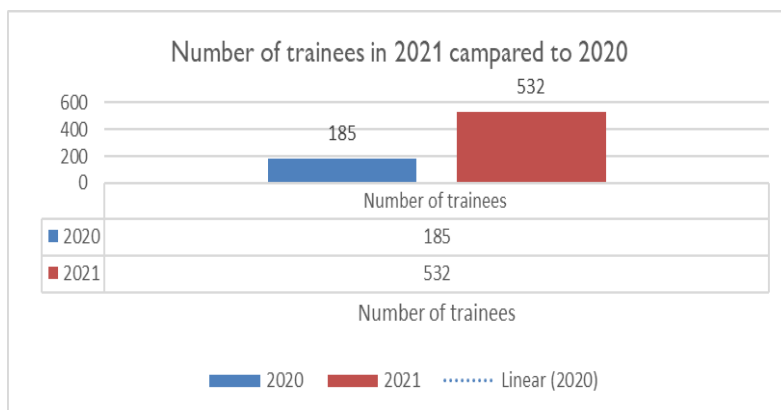
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## Counter-Trafficking and Counter-Smuggling

Egypt has a unique geo-political position in the MENA region, being a stable country of destination for migrants from neighboring countries, with a commonly used route for irregular migrants traveling to Europe. Migrants in Egypt often face difficulties in finding safe, reliable sources of revenue and suffer from limited access to social infrastructures, such as health, housing and education. Combined with unfamiliarity with the new environment and culture they are in, these challenges exacerbate the risk for this vulnerable population to be marginalized and trafficked, as well as being exposed to violence, including all the forms of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).

IOM contributed to the Government of Egypt efforts to reduce vulnerabilities of migrants and victims of trafficking, through enhanced migration management for fair and efficient practices that address the protection needs of migrants in Egypt and at the borders. Throughout 2021, IOM has prioritized the implementation of capacity building initiatives, awareness raising and cross-border cooperation to ensure that a) migrants are aware of and better protected against the risks of smuggling and trafficking, and b) law enforcement and members of the Egyptian Government have increased capacities to assist vulnerable migrants and prevent smuggling and trafficking. This approach was operated in line with the objectives of the Egypt National Strategy on Preventing and Combatting Human Trafficking 2016-2021.



Figures 16: Number of trainees in 2021 compared to 2020



### GCM OBJECTIVES



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1. IOM Egypt has held **14** training sessions on counter-trafficking with migrant community leaders, reaching a total of **242** community leaders.
2. **15** counter-trafficking capacity building training sessions were held for **290** individuals from law enforcement and the Egyptian Government.
3. **18** community events and community outreach sessions, reaching **787** community members and leaders.
4. **One** new shelter for VoTs operationalized.
5. **Three** specialist workshops held on the standard operating procedures for the protection and assistance of child-asylum seekers, refugees and victims of migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons.







## 1.2 Improving health and wellbeing of migrants

IOM Migration Health Division (MHD) work consists of assisting main countries of destination with the resettlement of migrants of different origins and the provision of medical assistance to vulnerable migrants in Egypt. MHD also conducts outreach activities in host and migrant communities, including awareness-raising sessions on nutrition, basic hygiene and infection prevention. The main priorities in 2021 have been:

- Adjust governance and coordination mechanisms to support timely healthcare to migrants;
- Prioritize essential health services and adapt to changing contexts and needs;
- Establish safe and effective patient flow at all levels; screening, triage and targeted referrals;
- Rapidly optimize health workforce capacity;
- Maintain availability of essential medication, equipment and supplies;
- Strengthen communication strategy to support optimum and essential health services.



With limited budgetary resources and fragile health systems, Egypt, like many countries, faces many challenges in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic. The health system is forced to provide inadequately resourced health services to Egyptian and migrant communities.

As COVID-19 had an unprecedented impact on the health, economy and well-being of people around the world, IOM reiterated the need for migrant-inclusive approaches to the overall COVID-19 response and called on countries to address the particular needs and vulnerabilities of migrants, regardless of their legal status, in the spirit of Universal Health Coverage.

Through its national Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, IOM Egypt supported collaborative actions and shared international objectives of the COVID-19 Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to curb further transmission of COVID-19 and mitigate health and social impacts of the outbreak. Interventions to assist the Government in controlling the outbreak were undertaken. This included the provision of technical expertise, as well as financial and logistical support to medical services in areas where more vulnerable groups of migrants and hosting communities live.

IOM Egypt continued to support the Egyptian government to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure the sustainability of essential health services provided by the primary health care sector.

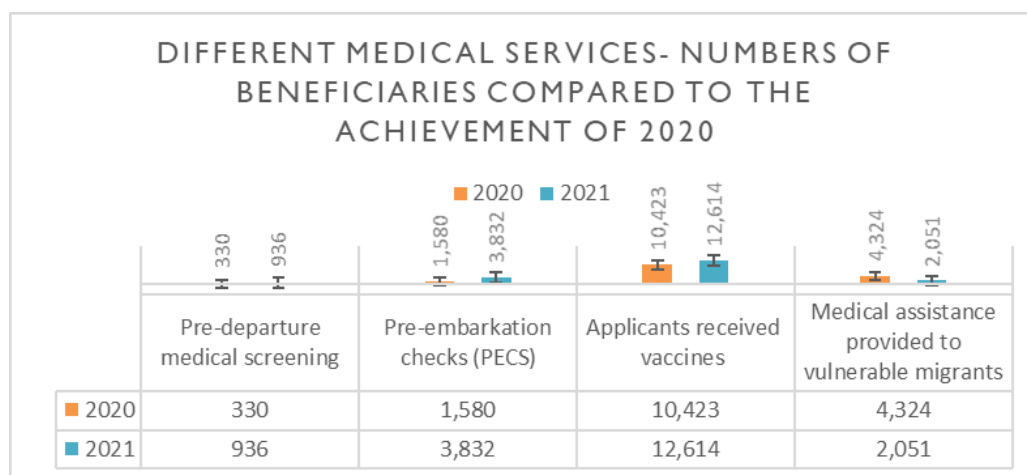
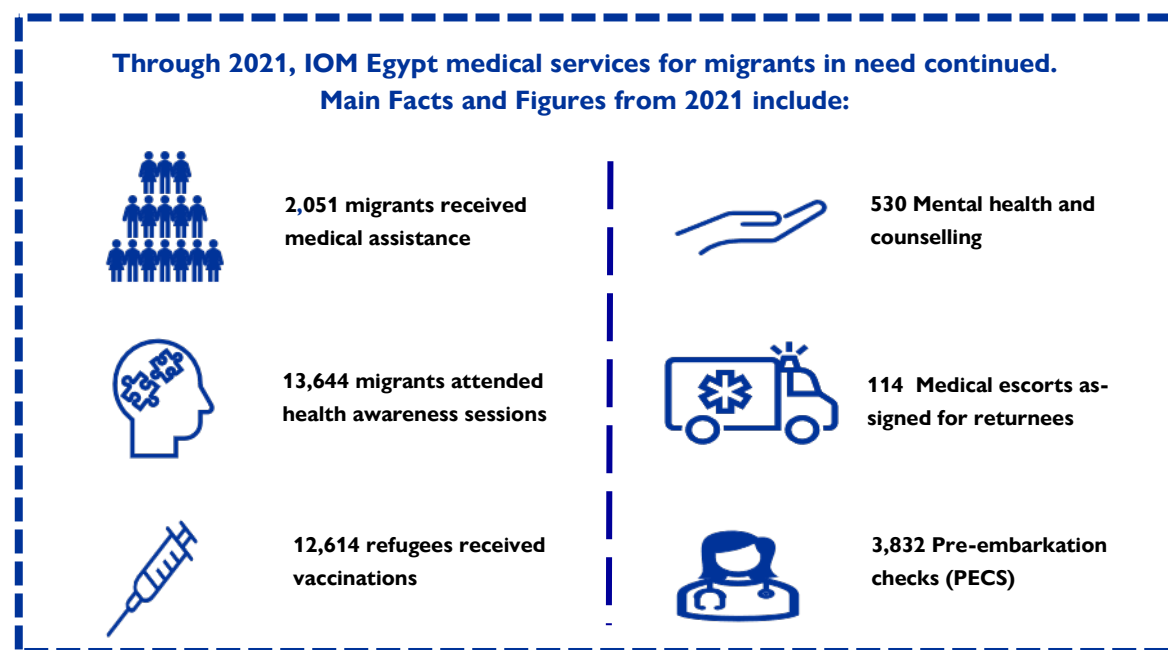
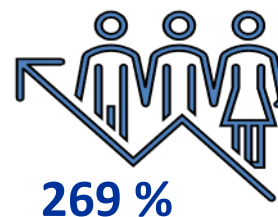
In continuation of cooperation between IOM Egypt and Giza Governorate and in line with the IOM Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to COVID-19, IOM Egypt donated medical equipment and medical aid in coordination with the Deputy Governor of Giza, Dr. Hind Abdel Halim. The distributions came in response to the needs of the Giza Governorate Health Directorate, which have been distributed to public hospitals in Giza. It included a ventilator, an oxygen concentrator, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines, ultrasound machines, more than 15,000 protective masks, 31,000 surgical masks, 500 COVID test kits and N95 masks.



© IOM Egypt 2021-Giza Governorate on 26 January and 23 March 2021.



In 2021, IOM achieved a positive outcome in reaching vulnerable migrants, as the spread of the virus continued. In less than three months, Omicron has spread around the world, causing a record spike in cases in many places. In this context, IOM has worked with many partners to ensure that migrants can access medical and counseling services. Compared to 2020 achievements, IOM Egypt achieved a 269% increase in the number of migrants and refugees receiving medical assistance in 2021.



Figures 10: Different medical services – number of beneficiaries

**In 2021, Tele-Health services provided services to beneficiaries through:**

- Providing low-risk urgent care for non-COVID-19 conditions, identifying those persons who may need additional medical consultation or assessment, and referring as appropriate;
- Monitoring clinical signs of certain chronic medical conditions (e.g., blood pressure, blood glucose, other remote assessments);
- Engaging in case management for patients who have difficulty accessing care (i.e. older adults, those with limited mobility);
- Following up with patients after hospitalization.

### Ten medical convoys in cooperation with the Egyptian Red Crescent

IOM Egypt, in cooperation with the Egyptian Red Crescent and in coordination with the Giza Governorate and the Ministry of Health and Population, provided **Ten** medical convoys in different areas in Greater Cairo, Giza and Alexandria to increase their access to health services and bridge the gap in the health system in this areas. This comes as part of the role played by the Egyptian Red Crescent in reaching the most vulnerable communities and providing community health services in different ways. IOM reached **8,631** beneficiaries through **four** medical convoys in Giza, **two** medical convoy in Greater Cairo and **four** medical convoys in Alexandria.



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### Convoy Outcomes:

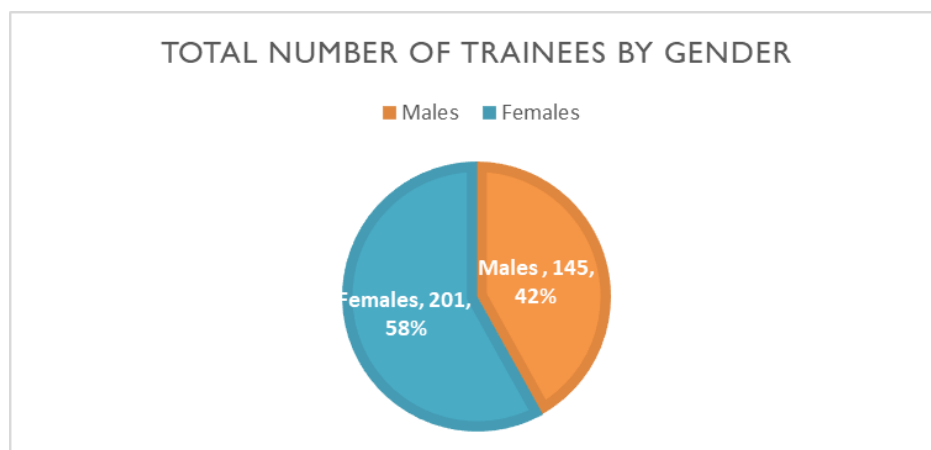
- The convoy provided free radiological and lab investigations for patients at the primary medical center, to ensure the provision of a high-quality medical service.
- ERC health educators performed awareness seminars about the COVID-19 preventative measures.
- The convoy provided free lab investigations for patients at the primary medical center, to ensure the provision of a high-quality medical service.



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### Trainings:

**346** trainees were trained through **five** training courses conducted by IOM Egypt, in line with the SDG 3, that focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being. IOM reached **201** women and **145** men through five training sessions focusing on several topics aligned with the National COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, provided training for migration health physicians on risk communication about COVID-19 vaccination for migrants, and organized training of trainers on Infectious Diseases and Migration Health for **30** medical students from different governorates.



Figures 11: Total number of trainees by gender

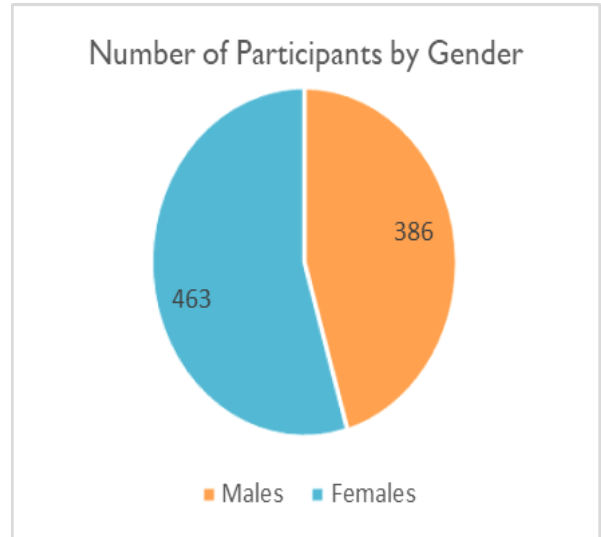
## Awareness raising online and offline sessions

849 participants were reached through 22 events in Great Cairo, Giza, Sharm El-Sheikh, and Alexandria. IOM Egypt conducted 10 sessions on health education, 10 sessions on community awareness, including COVID-19 updates, vaccination awareness, and mental health awareness sessions, one COVID-19 vaccination and nutrition session during the celebration of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, and one session in Sharm El Sheikh International Hospital on Basic Life support and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support.

In cooperation with *Operation Smile*, IOM Egypt launched a joint action from 3 to 9 December 2021, for facial deformities, such as cleft palates and lips. An integrated international medical team of Operation Smile Foundation Egypt performed free surgeries for the treatment of Egyptian children, children of Sudan, Libya and Syria, who suffered from cleft lip and cleft palate as a congenital defect, as well as patients with burn deformities. Safe surgeries were performed over a period of five days, which contributed to restoring the smile to more than 100 children, by performing flat and cleft roof surgeries, orthopedic implants, as well as dental surgeries and psychological rehabilitation.

IOM Egypt celebrated the International Women's Day by organizing awareness sessions on women's health in cooperation with Baheya Foundation and the Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS from 16 to 17 March 2021 in Cairo.

These sessions were attended by 107 migrants from Sudanese, Yemeni, South Sudanese and Eritrean communities, where IOM distributed health awareness materials and non-food items.



Figures 12: Number of participants by gender



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### 1.3 Community cohesion and migrant integration

#### Workshops

IOM organized two workshops outside Cairo under the theme of promoting community cohesion and migrant integration ElRehla. In alignment with SDG 17, the two events brought together different stakeholders such as NGOs, CSOs, Community Leaders, private sector, GoE and donors.

Building on the results of both workshops, a policy paper was developed to provide policy recommendations and enhance cohesion between migrants and host communities, while taking into account their differences in language, religion, culture and legal needs and entitlements.

In addition, a community map has also been developed to include all the important actors and stakeholders in the field.

326 trainees were trained through eight training courses, six trainings were delivered to individuals and two for institutions. The aim of the trainings was to strengthen youth agency in their local communities and to engage with

#### Refurbishments and Upgrades

##### Watan Medical Center

IOM has provided the financial and in-kind support to establish the Gynecology and Obstetrics wing run by Watan for Cultural and Social Development. This newly built wing offers delivery services (both natural birth and caesarean) and is additionally equipped with two rooms for post-delivery accommodation. Watan estimates that from the date of refurbishment to December 2021, the wing served 326 individuals.

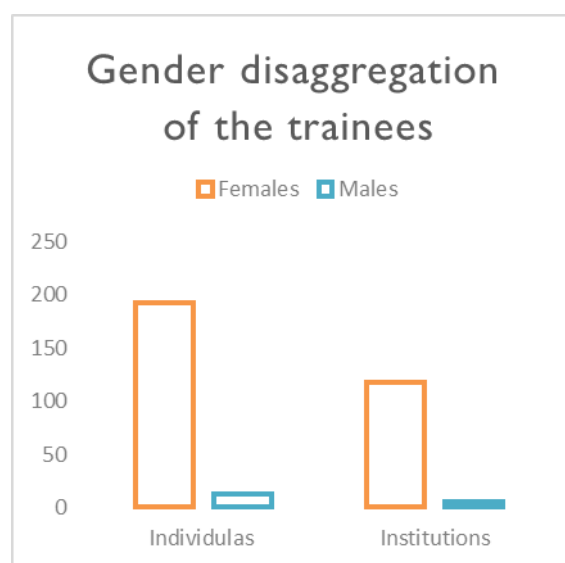


more isolated young members of the community, focusing on psychological and psychosocial issues that served as barriers for youth.

Also, a culinary skills training was organized for 30 participants from migrant and Egyptian host communities, in collaboration with Modern Culinary, a consultancy company that offers a variety of culinary services to entities and individuals in the food and beverages sector. A vocational training scheme for 126 participants from migrant and Egyptian host communities was conducted, focusing on vocational and on-the-job skills training in three factories in Cairo.



Figures 8: Gender dis segregation of the workshop participants



Figures 9: Gender dis segregation of the trainees





## 2. Mobility

### 2.1 Labour Mobility

IOM aims to contribute to a better understanding of the reciprocal effects of migration on development and of sectoral development policies on migration, and to encourage mainstreaming migration considerations into development policy and development considerations into migration policy. IOM strives to protect migrant workers and to optimize the benefits of labour migration for the countries of origin and destination, employers and private sector interests, as well as for migrants themselves. This includes working on three main pillars: Migration and Development, Community Cohesion, and Labour Migration and Mobility.

Throughout 2021, IOM Egypt continued its work to enhance multi-level policy dialogue on migration by engaging public governments, private sector and civil society. IOM mission aims to contribute to a better understanding and greater impact of the interplay of migration impacts on development and sectoral development policies on migration, and to encourage the integration of migration considerations in development policy.

IOM Egypt sought to highlight the importance of integrating migration issues and challenges into international and regional policies. In this context, IOM Egypt has dedicated efforts with several partners at the national and regional levels to focus on the development of migration policies by establishing a partnership with the Egyptian government, the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the German International Cooperation Agency (GIZ) to discuss a comprehensive programme of labour mobility, facilitating 12 internships in Italy and organizing a South-South Mobility roundtable.



#### Big Data Training

IOM facilitated the participation of four officials from CAPMAS and Ministry of Manpower (MoM) in the training on "Big Data for Labour Market Intelligence." The training was organized by the European Training Foundation on 8, 10 and 15 June 2021.



#### European skills and competences for occupations (ESCO) Webinar

IOM has organized a workshop introducing ESCO classification, its use and how it could benefit Egyptian stakeholders in facilitating the comparison, assessment and recognition of skills. The webinar was attended by representatives from the Government of Egypt.



#### IOM Global Initiatives on Ethical Recruitment

IOM trained 12 participants on International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS).



#### THAMM regional conference

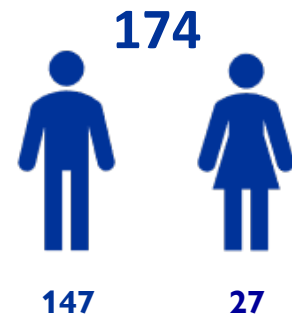
The Programme *Towards a Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility* (THAMM) held its first regional conference on labour migration responses to COVID-19 crisis in European and North African countries from 5 to 7 July 2021. A total of 130 participants from Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia took part in the conference.







174 young men and women were trained in Sohag governorate on different skills. The training was conducted on different specialization, such as plumbing, electrical installations and tailoring. At the end of the training, the beneficiaries received internationally accredited certificates on their graduation.

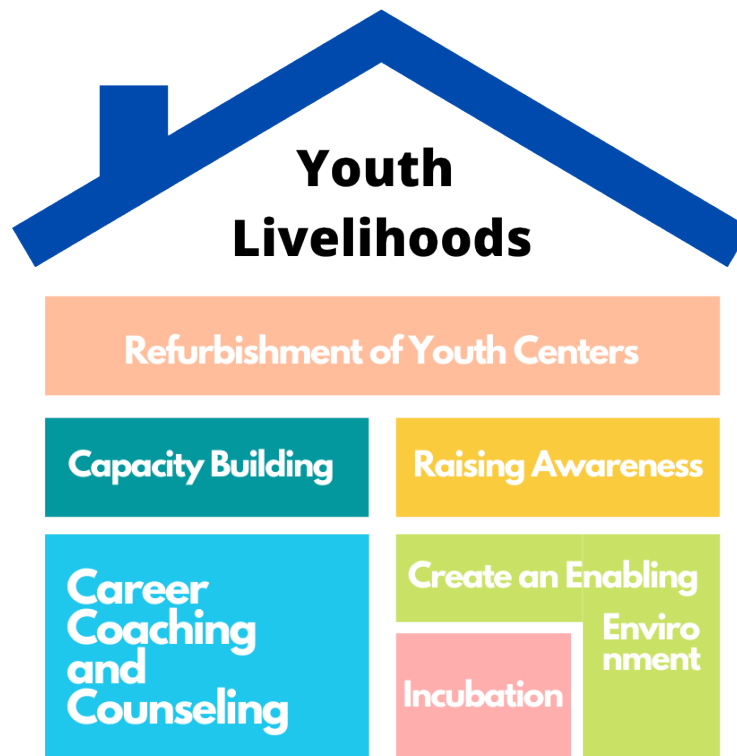


## 2.2 Youth empowerment

Young migrants make up more than 10 per cent of the overall 258 million international migrants, and, being the most mobile social group, young people constitute the bulk of annual migration movements. While international migration represents an opportunity for youth to provide a better life for themselves and their families, pursue educational aspirations, improve their professional skills and prospects, or satisfy a desire for personal development through the adventures and challenges that come with living abroad, the migration of young people takes place in the context of high youth unemployment and the lack of decent work creation at home. The unemployment rate among youth in almost all countries is at least twice that of the general unemployment rate, and an estimated 73 million young people are estimated to be unemployed, according to the latest ILO Global Employment Trends for Youth report. Unfortunately, as a result, many young migrants frequently get trapped in exploitative and abusive jobs, including forced labour. And too often, they – like other migrants – become scapegoats for the shortcomings of economic and social systems.

When young people migrate in conditions of freedom, dignity, equity and security, they can boost economic and social development both of countries of origin and destination. Therefore, IOM Egypt works with all relevant stakeholders – including the youth themselves – in broad-based partnerships in order to facilitate social dialogue, exchange of good practices, and training to ensure better policy coherence that promotes youth empowerment and inclusion, decent work for young migrants and enhancing youth awareness of migration issues including dangers of irregular migration.

Through 2021, IOM enlarged its scope of work on youth-related activities that included migrant and Egyptian youth.

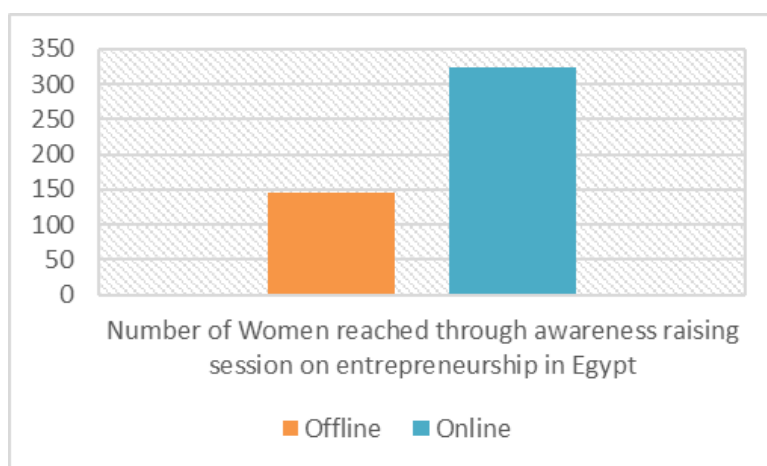
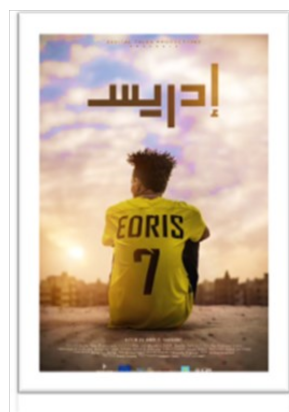


## Raising awareness

Through the Community Cohesion Pillar, IOM sought to promote the idea of accepting different cultures and diversity by delivering diverse activities between online and offline interventions, as well as a cultural intervention emphasizing the importance of diversity through sport, with an overarching message to the host communities about the importance of living together in harmony and peace to build more cohesive societies. This was carried out **in alignment with SDG 10**.

The Women's Empowerment Programme occupied a large share of the interventions, as IOM held an awareness session on entrepreneurship in Egypt for women, which reached **468** beneficiaries in Alexandria. The implementation of the activity varied between offline participation, which reached **145** women, and online participation, which successfully reached **323** women.

As art and culture could play a major role in spreading the spirit of tolerance and brotherhood. IOM produced one documentary movie “**Idris**” that aims to promote the idea of diversity and acceptance within the Egyptian society through football, in Partnership with Bassita.



Figures 7: Number of women reached through awareness raising sessions on entrepreneurship in Egypt



IOM goal was to reach out its beneficiaries with all range-age. IOM produced a **comic book** for children and youth on diversity in the field of football. **5** short videos conveyed a comprehensive message around the importance of tolerance and diversity.



## 2.3 Support to the Egyptian expatriates

**A high-level conference on mobilizing remittances towards investment and community development, attended by 100 participants from Ministers, academia and financial experts.**

The Ministry of State of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs (MoSEEA) and IOM organized a two-day conference on mobilizing remittances towards socio-economic and human development in Egypt, that tackled both aspects of remittances, local community development and trade and investment in relation to Egyptian Expatriates abroad.

The conference, that took place on 11 and 12 October 2021, was attended by more than 100 attendees, including the Minister of State of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs and the Minister of Planning and Economic Development.

Dr. Mahmoud Mohie El Din, the financial expert and Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, was present via videoconference and gave a presentation on how remittances can have a positive impact on socioeconomic growth and support the realization of the SDGs. A panel discussion was conducted where members of the Egyptian Post Office, Ministries' officials, and financial institutions and others, discussed the situation of expatriates' investment and the available opportunities for their support to Egypt development.

The second day of the conference discussed more technical aspects and the concrete way forward. The attendees were divided in breakout rooms to discuss in parallel the topics on a) mobilizing remittances towards investment, and b) mobilizing remittances towards local community and sustainable development. Egyptian expatriates were present in both sessions, both in person and via videoconference. The outcome of these sessions was a set of recommendations consolidated to tackle skills development and transfer, remittances transfers, investment and local community development. The

recommendations were shared by MoSEEA with the Prime Minister.

### **Launching the Expatriate Engagement Strategy**

On 21 November 2021, MoSEEA, in collaboration with IOM, launched the National Strategy on Expatriates Engagement and the Strategy on Outreach and Communication, in a high-level event. The launch event was attended by the Minister of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities and the Minister of Education, in addition to representatives from Ministries, governmental bodies, the Parliament, academia, civil society organizations, international organizations and representatives from Egyptian Expatriates in Italy via videoconference.

Dr. Martin Russell, IOM international consultant and diaspora expert, virtually presented the outlines of the strategy on expatriates' engagement and the outreach and communication strategy. The discussion was facilitated by the Minister, responding to inquiries from the audience on how the Ministry is going to operationalize the strategy towards more sustainable engagement with Egyptian communities abroad, and across the relevant ministries and governmental bodies.



### **IOM Egypt trained 15 Ministry staff members (Ministry of State of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs) on how to implement the strategy on expatriates engagement and its action plan.**

Following the launch of the strategy, IOM Egypt conducted a virtual intense three-day training for MoSEEA's officials, from 23 to 25 November 2021. This training was provided to MoSEEA's officials, in order to gain the substantial knowledge and understanding of the practical steps to implement the strategy and its action plan. A total average of twelve government officials attended the training conducted by Dr. Martin Russell, and Mr. Kingsley Aikins, CEO of the Networking Institute, and facilitated by an IOM national consultant.







### 3. Governance

#### 3.1 Environment Migration Nexus governance

IOM Egypt continued its work on enhancing environment friendly office environment via its Green Egypt Working Group. Environmental sustainability is an important part of IOM global programming and perspective and plays an important global role in forced migration caused by climate change or environmental unsustainability. In light of this and the importance of environmental sustainability in the Global Sustainable Development Goals, IOM Egypt internal working group worked on mainstreaming environmental sustainability at the strategic, programmatic, and facility levels. Throughout previous years, the Group has been working on:

- Reducing paper use by 50%;
- Reducing water usage;
- Reducing electricity usage;
- Introducing recycling of paper, plastic, glass and metal;

#### Greening Vehicle Fleet



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IOM purchased three bikes to replace using cars to join meetings wherever possible. The initiative has many advantages for our staff , in addition to decreasing pollution. This includes a chance for work out, having less stress and decreasing time allocated for parking.

#### 12 Start-ups launched in Alexandria

In 2021, IOM provided environmentally friendly livelihood opportunities to empower 38 women by offering technical skills training courses focusing on recycling palm waste into handicrafts and branding products to be eligible to work independently. 12 start-ups were launched by 22 trainees in Alexandria to produce and sell products from handcrafted palm waste.



#### Hydroponic farms

In collaboration with Al-Schaduf Company, IOM is working to install hydroponic farms on the rooftops of 35 selected beneficiaries in Greater Cairo. Selected beneficiaries received intensive trainings provided by Schaduf, aiming to allow them to farm in a self-sustaining and independent manner. The project also aimed at increasing market linkages and value chain integration by connecting beneficiaries with interested buyers where their produce will be collected, packaged, and sold online and in supermarkets, giving margins that can generate a good income.



## IOM Participation in the 4th Edition of the World Youth Forum by Highlighting the Role of Youth in Facing the Environmental and Climate challenges

IOM participated in the World Youth Forum, after a year of delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, under the slogan

"Back together"

IOM organized a workshop with Save the Children to highlight the role of youth in facing environmental and climate challenges.

Two case studies were conducted by IOM, 'Yasmin' and 'Tatenda' to shed light on the impact of climate change on people's lives, and displacement due to environmental risks.



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### The Role of the international institutions in boosting the recovery

IOM participated in a distinguished panel discussion with the participation of the Minister of International Cooperation, Her Excellency Mrs Rania Al-Mashat. In cooperation with many national and international representatives from United Nations agencies, they discussed challenges and the role of international institutions in promoting the economic and social recovery Post-COVID-19 Pandemic.



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### 3.2 Capacity-building and technical cooperation

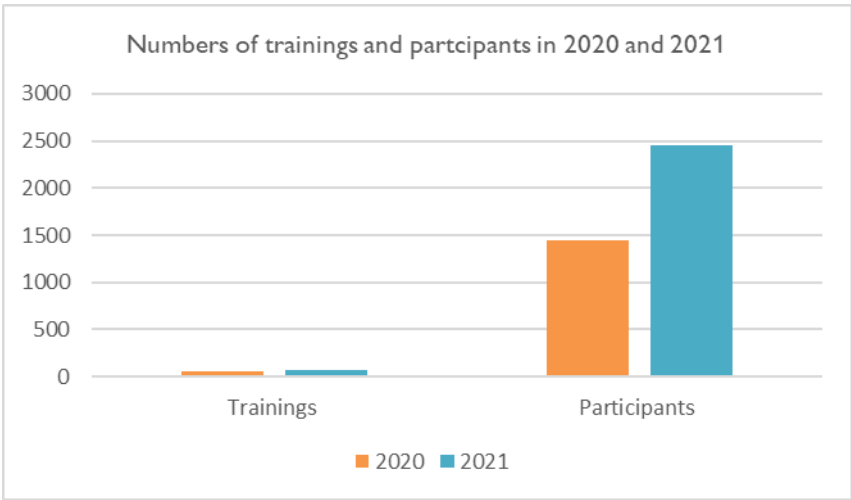
IOM Egypt has been supporting the endeavors of the Government of Egypt, mainly through strengthening the capacity of government officials on understanding the nexus of migration and development as well as collecting and reporting on migration. IOM capacity building activities were meant to support Egypt to report on migration related indicators, as part of the country commitment to reporting on progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In that vein, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), the Ministry of Manpower (MoM), and the Ministry of State for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs (MoSEEA), the National Council for Women, the National Council for Motherhood and Childhood, the National Council for Human Rights, the National Coordinating Committee for Combatting and Preventing Illegal Migration and Trafficking in Persons, the Egyptian Federation for Industries, the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Justice have been the main national counterparts of IOM Egypt.

Throughout 2021, IOM held 73 trainings for governmental institutions, migrants and hosting community in Egypt for more than 2,451 participants. Despite the pandemic context and the impossibility to organize face-to-face activities, IOM Egypt managed to maintain substantial capacity building activities, using online settings to keep the social distancing and safety of participants.



IOM conducted 22 trainings for institution for 453 beneficiaries and delivered capacity building trainings to 1,998 for individuals. The trainings included subjects like human rights, women's empowerment, child protection and health awareness.



Figures 15: Numbers of trainings and participants in 2021 and 2020

## Certificate in Migration Governance in 2021

**Local Certificate:** This course serves as an introductory module to migration and forced migration studies. It provides the basic background history, theoretical framework, terminologies and key terms of migration. It analyzes push factors and root causes of population movements and implications of such movements on origin and destination countries with an emphasis on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and taking into consideration a gender perspective. It presents the migration framework and international cooperation through looking at global and regional mechanisms to address migration. Within this context, the course will analyze the treatment of migration in the UN system, the role of IOM (including and not limited to IOM MiGOF), existing formal and informal cooperation processes and fora at regional and international levels. The course looks at the role of policies and practices of various stakeholders in shaping the experience and addressing the challenges faced by different categories of migrants and refugees. It finally sheds the light on protracted refugee situations with particular protection issues and the durable as well as alternative solutions and policies available to them.



**Regional Certificate:** The Regional Certificate in Migration Governance supports SDG 10.7 “facilitate orderly, safe, and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies” as well as SDG 17 “Partnerships for the Goals”.

The main goals of the certificate is to support participants from the region in becoming more aware of the multifaceted aspects of migration and the wide range of policy responses that can be considered in a comprehensive approach, to obtain analytical and practical capacities in dealing with migration, to enhance skills and knowledge in migration governance, to learn the latest insights and developments in strategic migration management, to network and share ideas with other participants, colleagues and stakeholders while obtaining an internationally recognized professional and academic qualification.

**Libyan Certificate:** It analyzes push factors and root causes of population movements and implications of such movements on origin and destination countries with an emphasis on the Libyan context and taking into consideration a gender perspective. It presents the migration framework and international cooperation through looking at global and regional mechanisms to address migration. Within this context, the course will analyze the treatment of migration in the UN system, the role of IOM (including and not limited to IOM MiGOF), existing formal and informal cooperation processes.

**Iraqi Certificate:** It analyzes push factors and root causes of population movements and implications of such movements on origin and destination countries with an emphasis on the Iraqi context and taking into consideration a gender perspective.



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In 2021, IOM Egypt conducted the fifth local edition of the Certificate in Migration Governance (CMG), delivered to 26 participants from various NGOs, UN Agencies and the Egyptian government. 22 participants from the Middle East and North Africa were trained in the third regional edition of the Certificate. 73 Libyan government officials were trained in migration governance certificate during three Libyan editions through a cooperation with IOM Libya and in partnership with the Centre for Migration and Refugees at the American University in Cairo. The course was designed to build the capacities of governmental and non-governmental agencies working on migration-related issues in Libya. 41 Iraqi government officials were trained on the first Iraqi edition.

### Forensic Medicine Authority, Ministry of Justice in 2021

In 2021, IOM Egypt conducted a training on passport examination to 52 participants for the Forensic Medicine Authority. Also, IOM conducted a training of trainees to 19 participants.



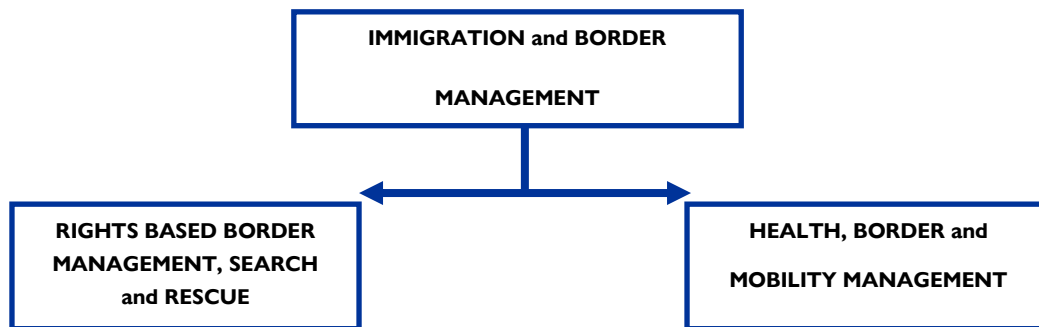
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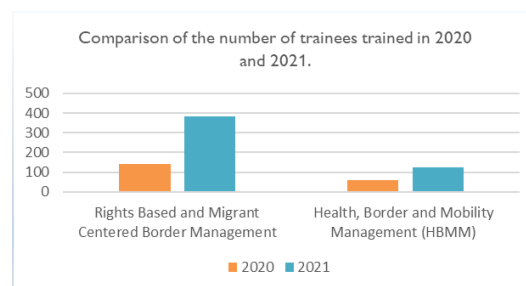
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### 3.3 Immigration and Border Management (IBM)

Effective border management helps States strengthening their national security. In 2021, Immigration and Border Management (IBM) delivered border management policies, focused on four areas: 1) Identity Management; 2) Border Management Information Systems (BMIS); 3) Integrated Border Management (IBM); and 4) Humanitarian Border Management (HBM).

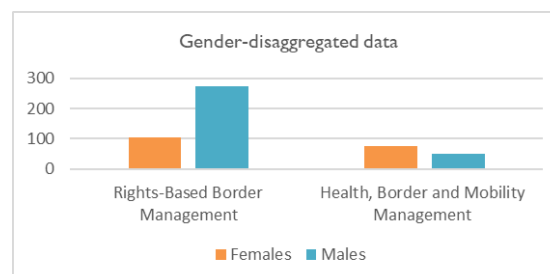


381 trainees were trained on Rights-Based Border Management through 18 trainings. 126 trainees were trained on Health, Border and Mobility Management (HBMM) in 2021. Compared to 2020, the number in 2021 increased from 141 trainees to 381 trainees on Rights-Based Border Management and from 61 trainees to 126 trainees on Health, Border and Mobility Management (HBMM).



Figures 13: Comparison of the number of trainees between 2020 and 2021

In parallel, the level of achieving gender equality has been rather satisfactory, as 60,3% of the total number of the trainees in Health, Border and Mobility Management (HBMM) were women and 33 % of the total number of the trainees in Rights-Based Border Management were women.



Figures 14: Gender-disaggregated data

In the framework of the Africa Regional Migration Program (ARMP) in North Africa, funded by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, IOM Egypt organized a regional consultation on Search and Rescue (SAR) Operations workshop on 25 and 26 September. 26 participants were attended this workshop from 8 different countries.

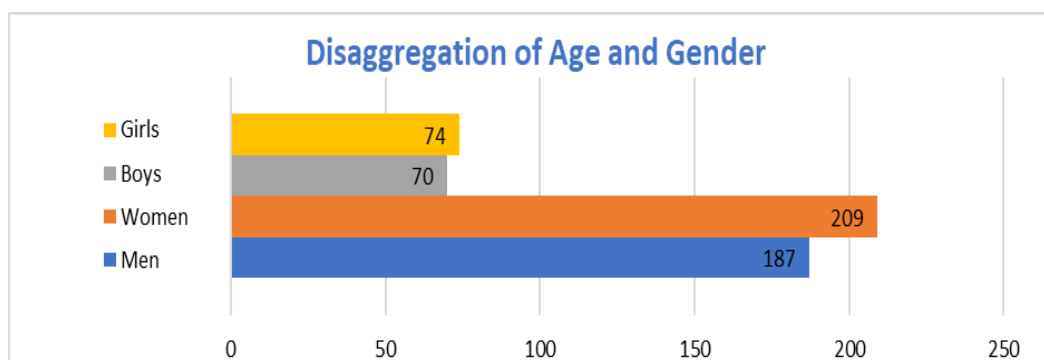
### 3.4 Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)

Through AVRR, IOM Egypt facilitates the safe, orderly, and humane return and reintegration of migrants who have become stranded and are unable or unwilling to remain in host or transit countries. This approach provides migrants with comprehensive pre-departure support, alongside extensive, sustainable reintegration assistance. IOM works closely with a broad range of actors, including migrants, civil society, host communities and the governments in both host and transit countries and countries of origin. The partnerships created by IOM and a diverse range of national and international stakeholders are essential to the effective implementation of AVRR.

National and international lockdowns, changing mobility restrictions, and travel bans due to the COVID-19 pandemic have limited IOM's capacity to implement AVRR services throughout 2020 and 2021. In 2019, IOM provided AVRR services to 905 migrants. In 2020, this number dropped to 497. As of December 2021, this figure sits at 540. IOM is working through a substantial backlog of AVRR cases, that continues to grow as more vulnerable migrants face loss of livelihoods and become stranded due to the socio-economic impact of the pandemic.



Figures 5: Migrants assisted to return to their home countries from Egypt



Figures 6: Disaggregation of migrants assisted to return to their homes countries from Egypt

IOM facilitated the voluntary return of **540** migrants to their home countries.

**602** persons were provided with pre-departure assistance. This included 158 cases of detention, 20 victims of trafficking, seven survivors of gender-based violence, four unaccompanied children, 18 homeless, 33 victims of exploitation, eight victims of community exclusion, 44 single women at risk, 25 single parents, two pregnant women, 14 people with physical or mental disorders and 44 people with permanent medical problems.

**864** instances of pre-departure assistance: 49 socio-economic supports, 64 housing, 69 medical services, five legal counselling, 451 PCR tests, 214 visa and documentation assistance and 12 transportations.



### 3.5 Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM)

Organizing safe, humane and orderly migration movements has been part of IOM core mandate for 70 years. In Egypt, a team of dedicated staff, and airport staff ensures that movements from Egypt are organized in a timely and efficient manner, making use of IOM global airline agreements, in-house movement management applications and protocols.



Services provided as part of movement operations usually involve the following activities:

- Assistance in obtaining travel documents and visa and exit permits;
- Travel briefings to inform migrants and refugees of flight arrangements, luggage allowances and airport assistance;
- International travel arrangements from Cairo to destination countries, with reduced airfares and preferential luggage allowances;
- Airport assistance at check-in, security checks and immigration formalities and boarding;
- Assistance at transit and arrival airports;

The main objectives of the Resettlement Support Centre (RSC) are to facilitate the processing and departure of USRAP cases and provide consultations (phone calls/walk-ins) and Cultural Orientation sessions for several resettlement countries.

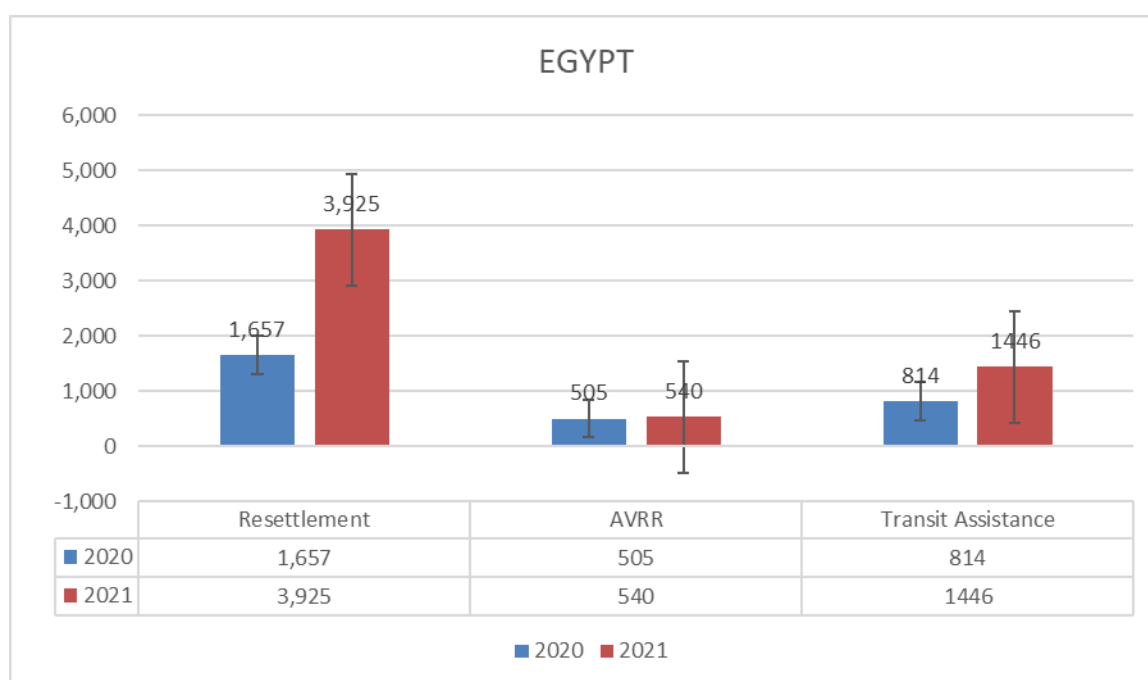
IOM operates the Resettlement Support Centre for the Middle East and North Africa (RSC MENA) which conducts resettlement processing for the United States Refugee Admissions Programme (USRAP) in 16 countries throughout the MENA region.

The Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM) Unit in IOM is responsible for the movements from Egypt to all resettlement countries, such as USA, Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, and European and Scandinavian countries. In addition, the Unit managed Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration movements (AVRR) from Gulf countries to all resettlement countries, except USA, as well as arranging AVRR movements. The Unit also provided transit and arrival assistance at the Cairo International Airport for IOM assisted passengers travelling through Cairo and assisted migrants to obtain exit visas from the Immigration Office.



In 2020, the international flights movement has been severely affected by the closure of borders due to the pandemic. In 2021, the international movement gradually reopened to travelers. The table below indicates the main destinations throughout 2021.

Country	Number
USA	1,327
Germany	730
Sweden	579
Canada	332
France	314
Switzerland	273
UK	219
Portugal	116



Figures 17: Resettlement, AVRR and Transit Assistance numbers in 2021 compared to 2020

## 4. Cross-cutting

Throughout all interventions, IOM ensures gender mainstreaming and adopts a gender inclusive approach that is responsive to target beneficiaries' needs. The specific outputs and activities to meet these outcomes in a coordinated and systematic manner are detailed in the Results and Resource Framework (Annex) and provide a roadmap for IOM Egypt and its partners to jointly plan interventions. This also includes a gender responsive budgeting and a gender-sensitive Monitoring and Evaluation system to support the implementation of IOM's commitments towards achieving gender equality. Activities are tailored to create a comprehensive and inclusive approach where needs of beneficiaries irrespective of their sex and gender identity are equally identified, understood, and met. Activities are gender-sensitive, and beneficiaries are equally assisted and protected regardless of their sex or gender identity.

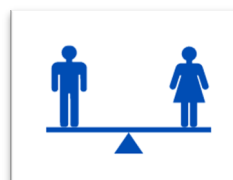
IOM is also committed to mainstreaming disabilities. The needs of the differently abled is identified and addressed while ensuring accessibility to IOM's services to beneficiaries, as well as making material accessible to the differently abled. During COVID-19, IOM Egypt provided Tele-health service for remote migrants with disabilities through counselling, monitoring and follow-up.

IOM is also committed to reducing its environmental footprint globally and in Egypt. As part of IOM's global efforts to mainstream environmental sustainability in its programming and offices, IOM Egypt has created a working group dedicated to environmental sustainability in processes and projects. Throughout its interventions, IOM considers sustainability in relation to the design of the intervention objectives and the ecological impact of the activities.

IOM youth strategic vision is to ensure that every young person in Egypt is empowered to achieve their full potential and that young people's capacities, resilience, and positive contributions as agents of change are fulfilled. IOM continued its work closely with the government of Egypt, donors, and private sector to enhance employability of Egyptian and migrant youth to provide positive alternatives to irregular migration. IOM worked closely with the government of Egypt to increase the awareness of youth in Egypt on the dangers of irregular migration. IOM continued its work on advancing the social wellbeing of youth in their societies, advancing social cohesion, and promoting youth as ambassadors of unity and change.

### 4.1 Migration and Gender

Risks, vulnerabilities and needs are shaped in large part by a person's gender and often vary greatly from group to group. It is therefore crucial to understand how gender interacts with migration and to respond accordingly. Addressing gendered migration trends can mean the difference between implementing a project that successfully addresses the specific needs and capacities of all IOM beneficiaries and one that fails and perpetuates inequalities. A gender perspective is integrated into all activities, and some activities focus specifically on gender issues. Given the gendered nature of migration, the following are central to IOM's work: advocating for equal rights under the law in employment and mobility; combat discriminatory migration practices; understand how gender affects the types of migration undertaken; respond to how gender influences access to social services, economic growth, capacities, risks and vulnerabilities; ensuring diversity and inclusion in consultations and participation in activities; and addressing how migration influences gender roles and relations.





One of the main focus areas of IOM Egypt is achieving gender equality in capacity building trainings, awareness raising sessions and direct assistance. During 2021, IOM Egypt provided 73 capacity building training to 2,451 trainees, including 1,061 women.

In 2020, IOM Egypt had established the Gender Working Group consisting of focal points from several Units. During 2021, the focal points held several sessions for 100 staff with the aim of promoting gender equality and developing a comprehensive action plan. In addition, 203 staff members participated in PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) Training.

### A time to inspire action to end violence against women and girls around the World !

IOM celebrated the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based violence GBV between 25 November and 10 December 2021, known as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.



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## 5. Partnerships

A fruitful and sustainable achievements would not have been achieved without strong partnerships. IOM Egypt has more than 155 partnerships with various governments, international organizations and the private sector.

IOM continued its work on strengthening partnerships with various stakeholders including government institutions, UN agencies in Egypt, NGOs, faith-based organization and the private sector. The year 2021 witnessed an expansion and diversification in the scope of partnerships and cooperation in a number of activities.

In 2021, IOM Egypt signed three new Memoranda of understanding with three different institutions:

### Médecins du Monde

IOM and Médecins du Monde Egypt signed a Memorandum of Understanding and a Project Implementation Agreement to start a long-term collaboration focusing on migration health, ensuring migrant access to quality health services and building the capacities of the national health system, with a focus on mental health and psychosocial support.

As a start, IOM Egypt and Médecins du Monde Mental Health Teams organized group activities about “MHPSS considerations for women” targeting 70 women from different migrant communities in Cairo.

The main purpose of the sessions was to create a safe space and facilitate discussions about COVID-19 and its impact on their psychological well-being, as well as to raise awareness on identifying mental health issues and vulnerabilities (including SGBV) and establishing referral pathways in case of needed support.

The parties organized five awareness sessions about "Precautions during Covid-19 Pandemic" and "Basics of Mental Health and psychological disorders".

The awareness sessions were conducted for 250 migrants of different communities, including Sudanese, South Sudanese, Ethiopian, Eritrean, Somali, Yemeni, Syrian communities in Cairo.

### Operation Smile

IOM signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Operation Smile in order to perform free surgeries for the treatment of Egyptian children and children of Sudan, Libya and Syria who suffer from cleft lip and cleft palate as a congenital defect, as well as patients with burn deformities.

### Mersal Foundation

IOM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Mersal Foundation to conduct awareness sessions about "Precautions during COVID-19 Pandemic" and "Basics of Mental Health and psychological disorders" for migrants.



## 6. Communication and Outreach:

IOM advocated for protecting migrant rights, raising awareness on the positive impact of regular migration and the risks of irregular migration and promoted safe, dignified and regular migration, as well as diversity and social cohesion. Through traditional and new media platforms, IOM communication activities have been directed to Egyptian and migrant communities in Egypt.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, communication had an indispensable role in dispelling fears, uncertainty, and unifying individuals worldwide in a collective fight against health threats. It was also an important informative tool to migrants and hosting communities on essential health precautions and credible sources to seek correct information. Through periodic monthly situation reports, IOM Egypt shed light on its activities related to health and protection in the context of the pandemic.

### Types of Communication Tools

**Campaigns:** Leaflets, posters, websites, social media, traditional media, press releases and media conferences.

**Media Engagement:** Sensitizing journalists to word connotations and global migration dynamics; promoting balanced coverage.

**Intercultural Activities:** Cultural events, art exhibitions, documentaries, films and sporting events (online and offline).

**Capacity Building Trainings for Officials:** Intercultural communication, awareness raising.

**Network Development:** Building connections between institutions working on migration, migrant organizations, and various stakeholders.



The IOM Egypt website was accessed **256,301** times



**194,293** users consulted  
IOM Egypt website

### Social Media Reachability

Social Media Platforms	Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
Reach	8.5 million	429,300	52,000
New followers	3,602	860	730

In 2021, IOM Egypt reached **9,056,439** persons through its Social Media pages. **8,575,136** persons were reached through IOM Facebook page and 118 posts were published. In Twitter, **429,300** persons were reached and 100 tweets were published. In Instagram, **52,000** persons were reached and 118 posts posted.



Two social media campaigns were conducted during 2021. In March 2021, IOM Egypt conducted a COVID-19 awareness campaign consisted of seven visual videos that focus on the COVID-19 precautionary measures. In December 2021, IOM conducted a social media campaign based on the testimonies of young people, who migrated irregularly and their advice to the youth on risks associated with unsafe and irregular migration. During 2021, IOM published two episodes in December 2021.





## IOM Egypt marked the World Day against Trafficking in Persons with community event on Ending Child Labour

IOM has organized a community event on 31 July 2021 with a focus on ending child labour. The event was attended by 165 participants, including migrants and scouts.

The aim of the event was to raise awareness of migrant communities on trafficking in persons, distributing booklets on relevant information on migrant rights, Egypt laws which protect victims, and access to national resources to seek assistance and mitigate exposure to and risk of exploitation.

Child labour is one of the most frequent forms of trafficking involving children. Other forms that mainly target children include forced begging, sexual exploitation and forced domestic work.

Through games and interactive sessions, the event included awareness raising on trafficking in persons, mental health and psychosocial support, nutrition and fitness. In addition, information sessions on positive parenting, and child protection was provided for parents. This included preventative measures to stay safe both online and offline for children. The 'National Council for Childhood and Motherhood' (NCCM) and 'Holol for Development and Consulting' presented their services and provided their brochures for further migrant assistance.



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## IOM Egypt celebrated the World Children's Day promoting their Right to Play

IOM Egypt and the Egyptian Red Crescent celebrated the World Children's Day in Alexandria and Cairo, respectively on 25 and 29 November 2021, with more than 150 migrant children from Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia and Syria.

IOM aimed at promoting children rights, including their right to play. The day included many games and activities for the children to help them enhance their nutrition habits while learning new skills and information about their health and safety.

The theme of the day reassured the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announcement that 2021 is the International Year of Food and Vegetables, which boosts children's immunity in line with COVID-19 precautions.

In this context, IOM conducted the event at Hazel Farm, where the children participated in a gardening course to learn about different food crops and how to plant the seeds by themselves. Throughout the day, many topics with diverse goals were presented to the parents in relation to the significance of the child's development, such as promoting food security, and raising awareness about the mental health of children through positive parenting sessions and childcare activities.

In light of health awareness, the day ended with an awareness session on COVID-19 vaccination provided by the medical team at IOM.

This event contributed to the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely Goal 15: 'Life on Land', Goal 3: 'Good health and well-being' and 'Goal 13: Climate Action', aiming to promote for the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation. In addition to encourage everyone to take care of the mental health and protect the planet.



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## IOM Egypt addressed Child Labour through the organization of an awareness raising event for migrant families

IOM Egypt combatted child labour through raising awareness of communities, providing alternatives and protection for vulnerable migrants at risk of exploitation, and building the capacity of national partners and stakeholders.

IOM Egypt has marked the World Day Against Child Labour by organizing a community event for more than 40 families from different migrant communities in Cairo, including 87 children. The event aimed at raising awareness on children rights while discussing possible means on preventing exploitation, ensuring our environmental sustainability, and advocating for the importance of mental health and well-being for both parents and children.

The event gave the participants a practical approach of what child exploitation is and how to report it. The children and their families were made aware of the risks of trafficking in persons and the importance of taking measures to mitigate such crimes. The interactive sessions have highlighted possible ideas on how to work with community leaders to prevent child exploitation.

Children around the world are routinely engaged in paid and unpaid forms of work that are not harmful to them. However, they are classified as child labourers when they are either too young to work or are involved in hazardous activities that may compromise their physical, mental, social or educational development. The latest estimates indicate that 152 million children (64 million girls and 88 million boys) are in child labour globally, accounting for almost one in ten of all children worldwide (ILO, 2018). The COVID-19 pandemic has only increased migrant children's vulnerability to child labour.

IOM works towards ending child labour which requires immediate and accelerated action and collaborative partnerships at all levels. Hence, IOM Egypt is committed to work with all relevant partners and stakeholders in implementing projects that aim at ending child labour, leaving no one behind.



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## IOM Egypt celebrated the International Migrants' Day

On 18 December 2021, IOM celebrated the International Migrants' Day in order to seize the opportunity to recognize the struggles of vulnerable migrants, who have left their homeland in search of a brighter future. The Migrants' Day is celebrated internationally all over the world to honour the human rights of migrants. The UN estimates that there are **281 million** international migrants worldwide. On that day, IOM gathered with the migrant communities to highlight the importance of cohesion, diversity and collective responsibility to create a safer and more resilient world.

IOM Egypt marked the International Migrants Day by organizing a community event in Cairo. Egyptians as well as migrants from the Yemeni, Sudanese, Eritrean, South Sudanese and other communities participated actively in the various initiatives conducted.

The day was celebrated with **233** individuals, adults and children, through learning and entertainment activities such as awareness raising campaign sessions, food and hygiene kits distribution, yoga class, face painting and kids games. Different talents were shown through theatre plays which were performed by several migrant communities and the activities/games tailored to diversely abled youth and children.

This initiative is in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely, Goal 3: 'Good health and wellbeing', Goal 10: 'Reduced inequalities' and Goal 17: 'Partnerships for the goals'.



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## IOM Egypt celebrated the World Mental Health Day

IOM Egypt celebrated the World Mental Health Day with over 170 migrants from different communities in Egypt, in cooperation with Egyptian Red Crescent and Save The Children.

The Organization partnered to provide migrants activities and sessions on diverse topics related to mental health tailored for adolescents (12-18 years old) as well as parents and children. Sessions included self-care and psychosocial support and physical activities through yoga practices helping them to increase their emotional awareness linked to the physical wellbeing.



This multilateral event was organized between IOM, Save the Children and the Egyptian Red Crescent. The aim of this partnership was to achieve the 2021 theme, “Mental Health Care for All: Making It a Reality” by raising awareness about mental health care.



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## Expressing Gratitude!

### IOM celebrated its 30th anniversary in Egypt

1- H.E. President Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

2- H.E. Mr. Hamada El Sawy, Prosecutor General

3- H.E. Mr Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs

4- H.E. Mrs. Neveen El-Gamea, Minister of Industry and Trade

5- H.E. Mrs. Neveen El Kabbaj, Minister of Social Solidarity

6- H.E. Ambassador Nabila Makram, Minister of State of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs



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7– H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayib, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar

8- His Holiness the Pope Tawadros II

9- H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Latif, Director-General, Cairo International Centre for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

10- H.E. General Khairat Barakat, President of CAPMAS

11- H.E. Ambassador Naela Gabr, Chairperson of NCCPIM & TiP

12- Major General Samer Kamel, Assistant Head of the Military Intelligence Authority for Liaison, in the Ministry of Defence

13- H.E. Ambassador Neveen El Hussein, Deputy Assistant Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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14- Mrs. Soha Bahgat, Adviser to H.E. the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities

15- H.E. Dr. Maya Morsy, President of the National Council for Women

16- H.E. Mrs. Sahar Al Sonbaty, Secretary General of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood

17- H.E. Ambassador Moshira Khattab, President of the National Council for Human Rights

18- H.E. Ms. Hend Abdel Halim, Deputy Governor of Giza

19- Dr. Ibrahim Awad, Director of the Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies, in the American University of Cairo



20- Dr. Adlaa Ragab, Director of the Center for Economic and Financial Research and Studies (CEFRS), at the Faculty of Economics & Political Science, in the Cairo University

21- Dr. Ramy El Nazer, CEO of Egyptian Red Crescent

22- Dr. Khaled Okasha, Director of Egyptian Centre for Strategic Studies

23- Mr. Elsayed Torky, Senior Adviser and Head of Labour Affairs Unit at the Federation of Egyptian Industries

24- Mr. Abdelmoneim El-Gamal, Senior Adviser and Head of Labour Affairs Unit at the Federation of Egyptian Industries

25- Dr. Sherif Abu El Naga, CEO of the Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt (57357)

26- Mr. Amr Hamdy, Regional Director of the Arab Scouts Organization

27- Mrs. Soraya Bahgat, Social Entrepreneur and Female Activist

28- Dr. Heba Fouad Rashed, Founder of Mersal

29- Mr. Abdelrahman Fahmy, Chairman and Executive Director, of Youth Think Green

30- Mr. Ali Ismail, Founder of Move



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