

IOM South Africa officially open the extended Migration Health Assessment Centre (MHAC)



©UNIC South Africa/2023: From Left to Right: (Ambassador Francis MOLOI - DIRCO, Mr. Nelson MUFFUH - UN Resident Coordinator in South Africa & Ms. Lily SANYA - IOM Chief of Mission in South Africa).

On 28 April 2023, The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in South Africa officially opened the newly extended Migration Health Assessment Centre (MHAC). To ensure provision of quality services and meet demand for migration health services, IOM established an annex with bigger seating capacity, more examination rooms, and more administrative offices.

“It is our hope that the additional space and x-ray unit will enable us to provide quality health services to meet the demand of migrants and refugees” said Ms. Lily SANYA – IOM Chief of Mission in South Africa.

In attendance, Ambassador Francis Moloi – Chief Director from Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs directorate at the Department of International Relations and Cooperations (DIRCO), appreciated the efforts by IOM in contributing to providing quality health assessments to ensure that no one is left behind.

The main purpose of the expansion of MHAC is to respond to the growing demand for migration health services in South Africa. In 2022, the MHAC performed over 13 000 medical assessments, an increase of 120% as compared to 2021. The services offered at the centre include medical examinations, chest x-rays, laboratory services, immunisations, Covid -19 testing and counselling.

At the request of migrant and refugee receiving states, IOM provides an evaluation of the physical and mental health status of migrants prior to their departure for the purpose of resettlement, international employment, enrolment in specific migrant assistance programmes or for obtaining a temporary or permanent visa.

“Today more people than ever, live in a country other than the one in which they were born. While many individuals migrate out of choice, many others migrate out of necessity” said Mr. Nelson MUFFUH – Resident Coordinator in South Africa.

IOM South Africa strengthen relations with KwaCele Tribal Authority



©KwaCele Tribal Authority/2023 - Left to right: (FAO Deputy Representative: Mr Lot MLATHI, IOM Chief of Mission: Ms. Lily SANYA, Chief MR Cele) and his entourage

23 –24 June 2023: The International Organisation for Migration through the invitation from KwaCele tribal authority to the coronation of Chief Cele in KwaZulu Natal province. The purpose of the visit was to forge relations with the traditional authorities in KwaZulu Natal province to get a buy to support migration related activities in the province as traditional leaders and also to inform the community of KwaCele about the work of IOM in South Africa.

Traditional leaders have a significant influence and reach within their communities and therefore they are important stakeholders for partnerships to raise awareness about migration related issues and also traditional leaders play an important role in maintaining social order and resolving conflicts within communities, therefore strengthening relations with them will assist in influencing stability and well-being of migrants in communities.



©KwaCele Tribal Authority: Young men singing songs of praise to the newly coronated Chief MR Cele



©IOM SA/2023 : A community member visiting IOM Stall to get information about the work of IOM in South Africa.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS AND RELATIONS

IOM South Africa joined Lesotho parliamentary oversight visit to different point of entries linking South Africa and Lesotho

IOM South Africa through the invitation of IOM in Lesotho jointly participated in the Lesotho Parliamentary oversight visits to several point of entries linking the two countries.

The purpose of the visit was to get an understanding on key migration challenges including trafficking in persons, irregular migration, labour migration and strengthen migration governance and management. The delegation also met with community structures to engage them on the challenges related to migration in the villages near the border gates.

IOM took part in the Official Opening of the Refugee Reception office in Epping, Cape Town

On 25 April 2023, IOM South Africa was invited by the Department of Home Affairs to deliver a message of support at the official opening of the Refugee Reception Centre in Epping, Cape Town.

The centre was opened by the Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi to ease the processing of applications for asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants in South Africa as part of managing migration.

UN IN SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATES AFRICA DAY



©IOM SA/2023 : The UN Resident Coordinator in South Africa (Mr Nelson MUFFUH) promoting Ubuntu through selfie messaging



©IOM SA/2023: Members of the public participating in the Social Cohesion Puzzle competition

27 May 2023: The international Organisation for Migration through the invitation of the UN in South Africa commemorated Africa Day. The aim of the commemoration was to celebrate African Diversity and highlight the cultural and economic opportunities in the continent. IOM South Africa and other UN agencies exhibited and disseminated information related to social cohesion with the aim to promote unity amongst the people from different parts of the continent.

The event brought together all African Diplomatic Missions, Embassies and High Commissions in Pretoria, as well as their Diasporas, local and national authorities and artists and the public in general. Different embassies exhibited and shared their traditional attire, food, and music to celebrate Africa Day. People visited different exhibition stall to get information on culture, tradition and food from different countries.


The United Nations in South Africa also exhibited and interacted with the public on services offered by different agencies in South Africa. People voluntarily participated in the social cohesion challenge word puzzle as part of awareness raising of social cohesion in communities.

Migration Multi - Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)



©IOM/2023: CPF members in Gauteng Province after completing the training

IOM South Africa, under the UN Joint Project for Social Cohesion and Migrant Integration, funded by the Migration Multi Partner Trust Fund, completed its second phase of training community policing forums (CPFs) in the Kwa Zulu Natal Province in South Africa in April 2023 following a successful training in Gauteng in early April. Training community policing forums on migration is essential to address xenophobia, which can lead to discrimination and violence against non-nationals.

By educating members of the CPFs on the experiences and contributions of migrants, positive relationships between migrant communities and law enforcement are enhanced thereby promoting greater trust and cooperation, leading to safer and more inclusive communities for all. Through such training programmes, IOM continues to support the Government of South Africa's efforts, in particular, the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and the South African Police Service (SAPS), in the implementation of the National Action Plan to Combat Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. 

Covid -19 Vaccination and Wellness Day in Atteridgeville

20 April 2023: IOM South Africa conducted a COVID 19 Vaccination Drive and Wellness Day in Pretoria, Gauteng in collaboration with the Department of Health (DoH), Pheli FM including Kalafong Hospital, The Aurum Institute, Zithande Health, Zanempilo Home based Care, RDL Health, Chapter 2, Gym Company, and Pheli Melodies.

The aim of the event was to promote inclusive COVID -19 vaccinations as well as encourage community members to take care of their health and wellbeing. Through community mobilization, 1125 individuals were reached with information on COVID 19 vaccination and 148 (53 males and 95 females) were vaccinated on the day.

(SRHR)-HIV Knows No Border Project hosts a Provincial Migration Health Forum in Mpumalanga

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The forum also provided an opportunity for stakeholder to discuss programmatic and policy changes related to migration and health. The forum was attended by thirty-four (34) stakeholders from different government departments including the Mpumalanga Office of the Premier (OTP), Department of Health (DoH), Department of Social Development (DSD), South African Police Services (SAPS), community-based organisations and political leaders.

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)



©IOM/2023: RMM unit after the PSEA training

Further, to ensure that all have the knowledge of prevention, mitigating the risk of, and respond to sexual misconduct. PSEA continues to raise awareness to refugees who pass through the migration health assessment centre for their medical assessment. Discussions include rights to assistance/services without subjection to SEA, the duty to report cases of SEA and where/how to report.



The PSEA unit provided training to the Movements and Operations Unit and the Migration Health Assessment Centre staff. The training was aimed at ensuring that PSEA is mainstreamed in IOM programming and promote good practices. The objective of the training was to enhance understanding of staff on PSEA and the code of conduct expected from staff members.



©IOM /2023: Staff members participating in group activities

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights HIV— Knows No Borders project

SRHR capacitated Health Operational Managers on migration health .

June 2023: The International Organization for Migration (IOM) South Africa through the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) HIV Knows No Borders conducted a Migration and Health training capacity building seventy-six (76) Health Operational Managers (OPMs) based in different health centres in Nkomazi and Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga province.

The training was conducted in partnership with the University of Pretoria (Centre for Human Rights), with the goal to improve their understanding of sexual and reproductive health concerns of vulnerable populations. Furthermore, to gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between migration and health.

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RESETTLEMENT AND MOVEMENT MANAGEMENT



Between 01 April - 30 June 2023, IOM South Africa facilitated 432  departures for resettlement and movement to different countries.

Country	No. of Beneficiaries
 Australia	59
 Canada	02
 Finland	07
 New Zealand	01
 UK	02
 USA	361
Total	432

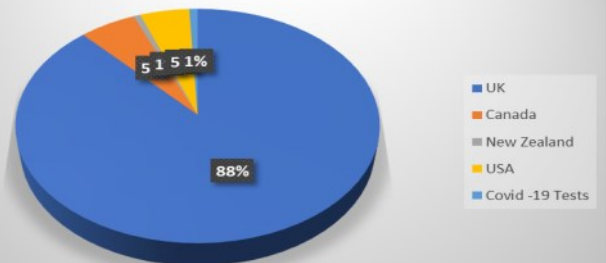
MIGRATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME



Between 01 April - 30 June 2023, MHAC conducted 5902 medical examinations and 48 covid-19 tests.

Country	Case load
Canada	329
New Zealand	41
UK	5247
USA	285
Covid -19 Tests	48
Total	5950

MHAC caseload (April - June 2023)



SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE ENGAGEMENTS

Platform	Facebook	Twitter	LinkedIn	Website
Impressions	30 116	60 350	1093	4132
Engagement	2285	198 382	332	12
New Followers	83	92	27	-

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My appointment was at 10:00 am. But I got there very early around 08:00. They served me instantly and by 10:00 I had already received my certificate. The staff were very friendly and the security guards go out of their way to show you around. I really loved the service I received. There is also small areas for children to play. They also have payment (card only facilities) on site. I would highly recommend this place to family and friends.

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Hi my name is Ayanda Tshilase and my partner is Yolanda Mpengula (**Mallume**) we believe in Ubuntu

We learn at Sithengile Senior Secondary School

I can define Ubuntu as 'Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu'. It is the sincerity act of a person to showcase his or her humanity that is within them.

Indeed last year, many groups of students came out from our school to clean up the river next to our school. We were there along with my friend and also our friends were there. We were proud of ourselves while doing this job. It not like we were doing a favour to our community cleaning the river but we were also helping ourselves because we are also the part of the community.

To showcase Ubuntu to our community, we are willing to campaign against Xenophobic attacks. Our fellow people live in fear because of the horrible deeds made by our society. Everyone has mistake, they might have done something wrong but as we are here, we are family and family solve problems and love each other again. We can also do that as South Africans.

We are also dedicating ourselves to help our fellow classmates in where they are struggling. Not like we know everything but helping someone what you know will help him or her. Helping them will benefit us all. Two minds can come with a better solution other than one mind.

#LivingUbuntu #NoToHate

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SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

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Migration and the 2030 Agenda

<p>1 NO POVERTY</p> <p>Migration can be an effective poverty reduction tool for migrants and their families and can make significant contributions to development efforts in both countries of origin and destination</p>	<p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p> <p>Food insecurity can be a driver of migration for individuals and their families</p>	<p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p> <p>Addressing the health and well-being of migrants is a precondition for social and economic development</p>	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Migration and the 2030 Agenda</h1>		<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p> <p>Education can facilitate migrant children's socio-economic integration and improve their livelihoods as adults</p>
<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p> <p>Migration can be a source of empowerment for women and girls, but they can also be especially vulnerable to violence, sexual abuse and exploitation</p>	<p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p> <p>Water scarcity and related issues may impact on living standards, food availability and health, which in turn can be drivers of migration</p>	<p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p> <p>Inexpensive and alternative energy solutions can benefit vulnerable or displaced communities with limited or no access to electricity</p>			<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p>Decent jobs and safe and secure work environments for migrants are essential if they are to become productive members of society and contribute to economic growth</p>
<p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Migrants can transfer valuable knowledge and skills to their countries of origin and destination, helping to support technology development, research and innovation</p>	<p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> <p>Effective migration governance is vital for safer, more orderly and regular migration</p>	<p>Migration governance will be a success factor for the achievement of all SDGs. Migration affects and is affected by all areas of governance and is therefore relevant to ALL SDGs. Migration is a global phenomenon affecting all countries worldwide and its effective governance needs global partnerships and both a 'whole-of government' and a 'whole-of-society' approach if we want to make the most of its benefits.</p>		<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Migrants help cities to thrive and become more vibrant, successful centres of economy and life</p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> <p>Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns can help to protect migrant workers from exploitation</p>
<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p> <p>Migration can be a potential climate change adaptation strategy and a way to build resilience</p>	<p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p> <p>Combating marine and coastal ecosystem degradation and diversifying the livelihoods of communities that are dependent on marine resources can help address forced displacement and migration</p>			<p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p> <p>Deforestation, land degradation, desertification and biodiversity loss can have profound impacts on communities whose livelihoods rely on natural resources and can be drivers of migration</p>	<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> <p>Stronger, more transparent and accountable institutions and improved access to justice can help to protect and promote migrants' rights</p>

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