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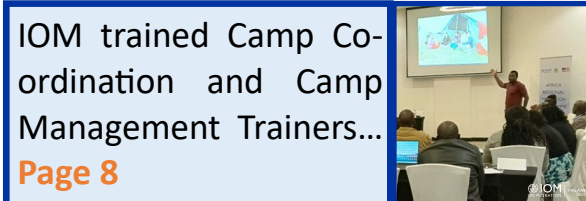
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ACHIEVEMENTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023



5,198 (2,793F; 2,405M) community members sensitized on combating Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants, including 206 IDPs (124F, 82M)



30,000 + Internally Displaced People (IDPs) supported with Emergency Shelter (ES) and Non-Food Items (NFIs)



2,473 (1,583F; 890M) IDPs supported with Communal Shelters



2,800 (1,652F; 1,148M) IDPs provided with access to safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



228 Disaster Management Stakeholders and **250** IDPs trained on Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Migrant Protection and Counter Trafficking in crisis situations



160,444 (99,874F; 60,570M) IDPs reached with CCCM via established Camp Management Structures



168 Displacement Profiles published in two rounds



93 Government officials from national and district level and from international organizations (including 43 government actors affected by internal displacement due to disasters) trained on mainstreaming Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC)



2 Flash Appeals by OCHA supported, consolidated in the Joint Malawi Flash Appeal on [Cholera and Floods](#)



6 Displacement Tracking Matrix — Flow Monitoring Reports published [here](#)



7,242 (4,626F; 2,616M) migrants, sex workers, young vulnerable persons reached with SRHR—HIV information



105 Community Health Care Workers and **66** Community Health Volunteers and **10** Trainers trained on Event Based Disease Surveillance



1,273 (704F; 569M) Tuberculosis health screenings



645 (80F; 66M) health assessments conducted for refugees



229 refugees resettled (134 adults (68F; 66M) 95 Children) to the United States of America, Canada and Australia



1 Malawi's Migration Governance Indicators Profile launched and available [here](#)



95 government actors trained on migration management and migration mainstreaming into national and local (development) policies



1 UN Network on Migration established with 10 resident UN partner agencies



1 new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2024-2028 in all four strategic pillars, including vision statement development, outcome and output and monitoring indicator formulation.

IOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI SIGN AGREEMENTS TO STRENGTHEN MIGRATION MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVE CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY AND TRADE



Officials from Malawi Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services and IOM pose for a group photo after the signing ceremony © IOM/2023

On 6 June 2023, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Malawi and the Government of Malawi through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services signed two agreements to strengthen migration management and facilitate cross-border mobility and trade.

IOM will support the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services to strengthen its migration information management system through the deployment of the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS) in Malawi. MIDAS is a border management information system that enables the electronic processing and clearing of travelers at POEs by Immigration officials while simultaneously collecting real time data on travelers to inform decision making.

Through the second agreement, IOM will implement a mobile border pass system along Mozambique/Malawi borders to facilitate cross-border mobility and small-scale cross-border trade. Many border communities rely on cross border trade for economic sustenance, but often do not have travel documents to enable them to undertake their business through legal channels. The mobile border pass will provide these communities the ability to move through regular channels and also take advantage of the trade incentives for small scale cross border traders. It further supports faster processing of travel requests and data capturing for evidence-based policy making.

According to IOM Chief of Mission, Ms. Nomagugu Ncube, ***the agreements will assist in promoting safe and***

orderly migration for people on the move including border communities and small-scale cross-border traders. In addition, MIDAS will help the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services to know who is in the country, where and for what purposes.

“The data which will be collected both through MIDAS and the mobile border pass can also be linked to other government interventions such as disease surveillance under the Ministry of Health. It will help in many ways including national planning and tracking resource flow. This will further facilitate trade and connectivity in the region”, said Ncube.

In his remarks after the signing ceremony, Head of Compliance at the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services Superintendent, Mr. Johnston Mtima, said these agreements had come at the right time to “support in easing mobility and impact positively on cross-border business as systems will fast track the day-to-day processes”.



Director General of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services and IOM Chief of Mission signing the MoUs © IOM/2023

MIGRATION GOVERNANCE INDICATOR (MGI) PROFILE FOR MALAWI LAUNCHED

The Government of Malawi in collaboration with International Organization for Migration launched the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) Profile for Malawi in April 2023. Developing the MGI for Malawi is an important step towards the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) that Malawi is a signatory to. The MGI is a tool that supports the Malawian government in taking stock of the comprehensiveness of their migration policies, as well as in identifying gaps and areas that could be strengthened.

Speaking during the launch, Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Homeland Security Mr. Oliver Kumbambe said



Principal Secretary for Ministry of Homeland Security, Mr. Kumbambe, delivering his remarks © IOM/2023

there is a lot that government and various institutions need to do to ensure that migration does not put anyone at a disadvantage in anyway.

“As a country we will undertake regular reviews against the indicators and recommendations coming out in the report. [...]

Migration is not about numbers, it is about human beings, their lives, their future, and the future of their descendants. It looks at the whole society and this is why as host communities we need to make sure that migration management is up to standard,” said Kumbambe.

In his remarks, IOM Regional Director for Southern Africa Mr. Ashraf El Nour emphasized the need to manage the complexities of migration to improve migration governance.

“Now that we have the MGI report, we can see changes in migration dynamics in Malawi as seen for example in the rise in irregular migration since the first Migration profile was launched. We need to align our support to Malawi as an [IOM] Member State accordingly. I would like to also reaffirm IOM’s commitment in supporting the Government of Malawi in it’s implementation of the ***Global Compact for Safe Ordely and Regular Migration (GCM)***.

The MGI report covers six key areas of migration governance namely migrants’ rights in terms of adherence to international standards as well as access to basic social services; whole of government approach; partnerships; well-being of migrants; mobility dimensions of crises; and countries’ approach to migration management in terms of border control and enforcement policies.

Under the migrants’ rights in terms of access to basic social services, the assessment found that all migrants, regardless of status, have the same access to free public health care as nationals in Malawi. However, when it comes to access to public education, migrants with regular status have the access but it is not explicitly outlined in the legislation for example the Education Act (2013) does not make any reference to migrants.

Stakeholders in attendance, who included representatives from Ministries of Homeland Security, Labour, Justice, Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare, Department for Disaster Management Affairs, Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services, Department for Refugees, Malawi Police; National Statistics Office, Malawi Prisons Services and Malawi Human Rights Commission agreed to develop a work plan to enhance the areas with potential for further development and hold periodic self-assessments on migration to improve migration governance in Malawi.



IOM Regional Director for Southern Africa addressing the stakeholders during the launch © IOM/2023

The profile is available at: [Migration Governance Indicators Profile 2022](#)

OVER 600 YOUNG WOMEN SENSITIZED ON COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS

- 23 Young Women Withdraw from frauded “International Jobs Arrangement” -

In collaboration with the Ministry of Homeland Security, IOM conducted three orientation sessions for a total of 639 young women from Lilongwe, Blantyre and Mangochi districts in May. The activity is part of the *Enhancing Knowledge to Inform Responses to Migrant Smuggling and Irregular Migration in Malawi* project, funded by the IOM Development Fund (IDF). The aim of the orientation sessions were to improve young women and girls understanding of Trafficking in Persons (TiP) and Smuggling of Migrants (SoM), improve their understanding of safe migration options available as established by the Government of Malawi.

The young women and girls aged between 13 and 19 were targeted following increasing reports of young women and girls of similar age group from Malawi ending up victims of human trafficking outside the country in search of employment opportunities.

During the opening session in Lilongwe, the guest of honour, Justice Ms. Fiona Mwale, Judge in Charge-Family and Probate Division of the High Court, said that this event was a rare opportunity of which the young women should take advantage of and spread the word.

“Let’s not allow money to replace our common sense when it comes to human trafficking. Let’s be informed and reach out whenever the need arises,” said Justice Mwale.

District Secretary and Adolescent Girls, Young Women Advocate, Ms. Michelle Thandiwe Makina commended IOM for organizing the session which she said will encourage the participants to share the information received with other young women.

“As young women, we are easily taken up by peer pressure. Sometimes due to what we are going through we rush into making some decisions just for us to have money without finding out more information, which has led some young women [to] end up being trafficked. This orientation will really help us and others, which we will be reaching out to, to be aware and able to recognize the tricks which human traffickers use as well as the reporting channels”, said Makina.

Following the sessions, 23 young women declared that they had decided not to travel to Dubai to start their employment abroad despite having already secured air tickets and others had received money to process medical and police clearance. Their decision came after officials cross-checked the processes and adverts which proved to be bogus and their enhanced awareness about the danger of exploitation and human trafficking.

The sensitizations were organized in coordination with the Department of Immigration, Malawi Police Service, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Malawi Girl Guides Association (MAGGA), Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM) and District Youth Offices.



Some of the young women IOM sensitized in Lilongwe posing for a group photo. © IOM/2023

IOM CONTINUES SUPPORTING CYCLONE FREDDY SURVIVORS

Tropical Cyclone Freddy made landfall in Malawi in March 2023 and affecting over 1.3 million people, displacing over 659,000 people and resulting in 679 fatalities, with more than 530 people reported missing. Rainfall, floods and landslides have left devastating destruction of critical infrastructures and livelihoods to people.

Since four months, IOM has been on the ground together with other United Nations (UN) agencies to support the Government of Malawi in responding to the needs of the survivors. As the **co-cluster lead on Shelter, Non-Food Items (NFIs), Camp Coordination and camp management (CCCM) cluster**, IOM is supporting the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD), the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) and other cluster partners in coordinating the emergency shelter, NFIs and CCCM response.

Since March 2023, IOM has provided **support to over 30,000 IDPs across three districts, offering shelter, NFIs, and cash for temporary housing**. IOM has built communal shelters and emergency latrines, ensuring safe living conditions for over 2,400 individuals in camps in cooperation with IOM's implementing partners Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS) and Habitat for Humanity Malawi. IOM trained 450 government actors and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in CCCM, empowering and assisting them to deliver better coordinated responses and ensure feedback mechanisms were established in camps settings. In this way, over 160,000 IDPs have been reached with CCCM.

IDPs have returned to their home villages, using IOM's emergency and return kits to reestablish their life and rebuild their homes and livelihoods. However, more than 50,000 people are still residing in 28 remaining displacement camps and are waiting for relocation as their areas of origin remain inhabitable and/or are too exposed and at high risks to future floods. IOM is currently in the process to work with local and national government authorities in **finding durable and safe solutions to end temporary displacement**, with an organized, informed and dignified process to orderly phase out of displacement sites. **IOM is aiming at piloting permanent relocation** for 300 people (59 households) in Chirazulu District.

IOM's Areas of Response:



Provision of Emergency Shelter/ Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Supporting IDPs to access immediate shelter solutions (blankets, ropes, tarpaulins, unconditional cash)



Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Building Government capacity to establish camp governance structure in all sites to support delivery of lifesaving services including protection



Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

Supporting Government-led Emergency Operations Centres with Information Management via 15 enumerators monitoring IDP site services. Aiming at rolling out DTM in all districts to monitor needs, gaps and mobility trends



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Supporting cluster to ensure access to safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities for affected populations in camps via site improvement



Return & Permanent Relocation Movements

Supporting IDPs in the process of safe, orderly and dignified return to their placed of origin, as well as supporting the government in finding durable and safe solutions to end temporary displacement via permanent relocation to new identified sites.



IOM via its implementing partner Habitat for Humanity is improving resilience of Beuty Kapito in Mwambo, Zomba District through the provision of shelter solutions © Habitat for Humanity 2023

When a tiny room is all you got to hide - The story of Lisi Mwendo

“13 March 2023 will go down the memory lane as the worst experience my family and I encountered”, said Lisi Mwendo as he accounted for what happened on the 13 of March 2023 when his house collapsed forcing his family of eight (6 males and 2 females) to be accommodated in a room of not more than two square meters in size.

On this day, his house collapsed after two days of continuous rainfall. ***“The whole roof descended on us, and we had to use a small space to run to safety”***, said Mwendo. Mwendo and his family were accommodated in a tiny room offered by their neighbours.

“The most painful thing was to sleep in the same tiny room with my children because that was all our neighbors could manage”, Mwendo said.

Upon receiving temporary shelter construction materials from IOM through Habitat for Humanity Malawi, Mwendo said that he was excited to renovate his house to be in a habitable state and move his family back to their home.



Lisi Mwendo smiling all the way home after receiving IOM support. © IOM/2023

I am glad you came to our rescue - The story of Mary Matebule

“We got caught up in the rainfall that poured continuously for three days and then in the odd hours of the third night we noticed that the walls of our house were soaked in water,” said Mary Matebule.

Matebule and her husband have a family of four and were living in Mwambo area in Zomba district. Matebule said that the most painful moment was when her family became homeless overnight.

She said as they were about to retire for bed, she saw the walls collapsing right in front of her and at that moment they had to run for their lives leaving everything behind as it was too late to save their property.

As a result of this tragedy, most of their household items including food, furniture and shelter got destroyed.

“It was hard to understand that within 24 hours we became homeless”, narrated Matebule.

Matebule and her family received emergency shelter materials and NFI from Habitat for Humanity through the support of IOM. “I am thankful for the support IOM and Habitat for Humanity are doing as they have been giving us humanitarian assistance”, she concluded.



Mary Matebule and her husband posing for a picture after receiving their Emergency Shelter Kit. © IOM/2023

IOM TRAINS TRAINERS ACROSS SECTORS IN CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

IOM supported the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) to conduct a three day workshop on Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Migrant Protection and Counter Trafficking in crisis situation for disaster management stakeholders in Blantyre from 21-23 June 2023.

Following the recent humanitarian needs caused by Tropical Cyclone Freddy, DoDMA issued the need to IOM to enhance capacities and knowing among stakeholders across environment, social welfare, and gender and protection government departments to be better positioned to adequately respond in a timely manner to disaster displacement situations now and in the future. "Unfortunately, large gaps in implementing CCCM at district level were observed during the recent Cyclone Freddy disaster. The knowledge on CCCM, as well as protection risks for displaced people, is limited and we need to improve so that we are better positioned to support those in need by combing all resources and efforts ." said a Resilience Officer representing DoDMA during the workshop.

IOM pulled experts and resources from several operations to serve this request from its *Migration, Environment and Climate Change, Migration Governance, Migration Protection and Humanitarian Response Programmes* to best address this nexus.



Group work during the workshop on the nexus of disaster, displacement and protection © IOM/2023

The workshop highlighted international standards on humanitarian response and delivery of aid, different processes and structures in CCCM, highlighting roles and responsibilities among each stakeholder and to discuss jointly mechanisms on how to best improving the living conditions of displaced populations during displacement

whilst adhering to human rights and protection standards.

"The workshop was an eye-opener on how we can better do humanitarian response and protection programming at district level." , said one of the Resilience Officers representing DoDMA .

Participants were also equipped with knowledge on migrant



Roleplay during the workshop on the roles and responsibilities during disaster response © IOM/2023

protection and trafficking in persons during disaster displacement so that officials are aware of the increased risks and challenges faced by forcibly displaced people and migrants and provide adequate services and resources. Reports have confirmed in Malawi, too, that in situations of displacement and distress, internally displaced people are experiencing not only heightened risks for human trafficking but also for labour exploitation and sexual exploitation. The challenging economic situation in the country further contributes to the vulnerabilities of affected populations.

Participants comprised 28 participants (18 Male and 10 Female) from DoDMA, district teams comprised of Relief and Rehabilitation Officers (RRO), Social Welfare, Ministry of Housing, Malawi Police Service from the Southern Region Districts of Zomba, Blantyre, Thyolo, Machinga, Chiradzulu and Balaka.

For further information please see IOM's publication on [Climate-change-human-trafficking-nexus](#).

IOM Uses Informal Border Crossing Data to Support Peacekeeping in Malawi

On 6 May 2023, IOM co-organized a high-level stakeholder meeting under the Joint-UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)-Accelerator Fund (AF) on conflict prevention and border security project in Mangochi where the Minister of Local Government, Unity and Culture, Mr Honourable Richard Chimwendo Banda, said:

“Most of our borders are porous. People cross on a daily basis in the shadow of the government’s eye. It is important for us to understand movement dynamics across our borders to inform our protection and peacebuilding programmes”.

Despite the high volume of migrants crossing Malawi’s borders on a regular basis, data on population movements are often unavailable, fragmented and not shared between countries. Knowing about population dynamics within Malawi and between countries is however crucial for border officials and relevant policymakers when designing and developing evidence-based policies and local initiatives, such as, for example, targeting congested roads with disease surveillance to stop the spread of communicable diseases such as Covid-19 or cholera or when ensuring right programming for peacebuilding and peacekeeping initiatives.

To work on this challenge, IOM developed the [*Displacement Tracking Matrix \(DTM\)*](#) to gather and analyze data on human mobility and displacement. In Malawi, IOM deploys the Flow Monitoring tool to capture information via direct observation and interviews at informal key transit points. This tool helps to paint an accurate picture of migration aces, trends, and migrant profiles and support border security officials with evidence to better programme responsive and preventative conflict peace building measures.



IOM enumerator using flow monitoring survey to collect data on cross-border mobility flows at Chiponde Border Crossing Point © IOM/2023

With these activities, IOM supports the Joint UN-project on conflict prevention and border security in Mangochi, in coordination with UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC and UN Women. Its objective is to enhance the peace architecture in Malawi by supporting Malawi Peace and Unity Commissions, national police, District Peace and Unity Committees (DPUCs), district local government officials, community leaders and structures in Mangochi and Machinga district.



Stakeholder visit at Flow Monitoring Points in Mangochi district to understand IOM DTM’s methodology in June 2023 © IOM/2023

Following the high-level stakeholder meeting, on 8 June 2023, IOM organized an exchange meeting with different stakeholders involved in peacekeeping and border management, including representatives from the Ministry of Homeland Security, local and regional police, National Defense Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Statistical Office, Department of Immigration officials of Mangochi and the official point of entries as well as traditional leaders. The objective of the first day was for the 35 participants to understand IOM’s approach on how to collect data on the ground and engage directly with its enumerators at border crossing points about challenges and areas of needed interventions. Ms Irene Nyag’wa, representing the Ministry of Homeland Security opened the discussion round on the second day and stated that “it is important that we all come together today to discuss strategies for conflict management in all its forms. Our offices have different mandates but land rights, smuggling and irregular migration can only be addressed jointly.”

The participants had the opportunity to critically discuss how to move forward with supporting Mangochi’s district officials and local leaders in solving land conflicts in border communities, help formulating strategies on how to deal with cross-border crimes such as the smuggling of goods and arms, detection and investigation of child trafficking cases and curbing irregular migrations. The stakeholders agreed

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on establishing a joint border committee to conduct community awareness sessions on boundary issues such as re-defining exact borders, and to jointly patrol borders in liaison with Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA), National intelligence Service (NIS), police, and the Department of Immigration to curb child trafficking, a trend that has seen a rise in recent months.

The session also provided recommendations to IOM to refine the Flow Monitoring questionnaire to enhance capturing of health and agricultural data, including wildlife smuggling and reasons for migration – such as mining. This is important feedback to IOM to tailor IOM’s activities to the needs of the government and provide data that can directly influence and inform policy making on the ground.

“The data from IOM is important to us as it shapes our understanding of who is coming to our district and why and for how long. If they intend to stay longer, we know we need to take action to ensure that everyone in Mangochi is able to stay in houses, have access services and live in peace.

We appreciate the cooperation with IOM and are looking forward to working together in the future to early act on changes that migration can bring forward.” said Ms Mayeso Kayama Mulawa, representing Mangochi District Council.

The SDG-AF peacebuilding and border security project enhances government and community actors’ capacities in conflict prevention and management, targeting early warning and early action systems, peacebuilding around electoral and political conflicts, interreligious violence, gender-based violence, cross-border issues including border disputes, child/human trafficking, and new threats to peace like violent extremism.

IOM is mainly involved in supporting evidence decision making by providing data that highlights early indications if social tensions are building up on either side of the border and risks of conflicts are increasing due to changes in mobility patterns and reasons of travel. Next to the systematic monitoring of human mobility (flows of people) across borders and in borderline corridors, **IOM provides technical and operational support for border officials on how to analyses data and identify and act early act on conflict issues.** These actors include government authorities at national and present at Points of Entry / Border Crossing Points (BCP) in Malawi and the local community leaders who are the direct and, in most cases, first responders to cross-border cases.

In the future, IOM plans to enhance coordination on identified conflict issues and include counterparts in Mozambique to these discussion rounds. The Joint UN-



Progress Meeting of the SDG-AF project with Minister of Local Government, Unity and Culture, Ambassadors of Iceland and Ireland with DPCs, police and local leaders in Mangochi district in May 2023 © IOM/2023

project under the SDG-AF funded by the governments of Iceland and Ireland is coming to an end in August 2023. However, Ireland’s Ambassador to Malawi, Hon. Séamus O’Grady, emphasized the importance of the Joint UN-project on conflict prevention and border security, during a high-level progress meeting on 6 May 2023 in Mangochi, and leaves IOM and its partner UN agencies UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC and UN Women hopeful for an extension.

“It is much harder to stop violence than to prevent it! We cannot take peace for granted but need to value it and work hard to keep it”

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High-Level Stakeholder exchange meeting to discuss coordination mechanisms on border security and peacekeeping in Mangochi in June 2023 © IOM/2023

“Diseases Know No Borders” – IOM Renovates a Wellness Centre at Mwanza Point of Entry



IOM launches the renovated Wellness Center for SRH-HIV services for migrants and host communities in Mwanza district in June 2023 © IOM/2023

On 22 June, IOM handed over a renovated Wellness Centre at Mwanza Point of Entry (PoE) in Mwanza District to the Government of Malawi through the Mwanza District Hospital. The Centre’s operations were disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as the site was used as a COVID-19 testing centre for migrants.

Chairperson for Mwanza District Council, Councillor Emmanuel Kapawe, expressed gratitude to IOM for the support, saying travelers will now have access to health services nearby.

“This Wellness Centre is a beacon of hope for those who pass through the border and sometimes find it difficult to access services especially Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) and HIV services at the hospital. **May this place serve as a sanctuary for health and wellbeing services in reaching the lives of those in our communities and travelers to and from Zambia and beyond. Together we will build a healthier and more inclusive future for everyone**”, said Councillor Kapawe.

In her remarks, IOM Chief of Mission Ms Nomagugu Ncube emphasized the need for everyone, including migrants, frequent travelers, government officials and the host community to be mindful to ensure that necessary measures are observed to control the spread of diseases.

“Diseases do not follow courtesy to enter or exit a country as we normally do. We need to ensure that health services are available and accessible to people on the move.”, said Ncube.

Ms Rose Nyirenda Director of HIV and AIDS Services in the Ministry of Health thanked IOM for the continuous support. She said Mwanza district has been a key area where data from the border demonstrates that there are a lot of health issues to be addressed.

“HIV and SRH services remain critical; particularly in places like borders where a lot happening is happening. They Host communities and migrants are at higher risks of contracting diseases, and it is very important that such services are established,” said Nyirenda.

According to District Medical Officer for Mwanza District Hospital Dr. Sam Simbi, there is an increase in number of Sexually Transmitted Infections in the district, specifically from communities along the border.

IOM handed materials and drugs over to the Wellness Center, including drugs, sterilizer drum, pedal bins, wheelchairs, stethoscopes, and Blood Pressure machines.

The Centre has been renovated and refurbished with funding from the IOM Development Fund and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and is expected to offer outpatient services including SRHR-HIV services to an average of 150 people per day of which 20 to 30 percent are expected to be cross-border migrants.

LAUNCHING THE UN NETWORK ON MIGRATION IN MALAWI



**United Nations
Network on Migration**
Working Better Together

IOM Malawi is proud to report the establishment of the United Nations Network on Migration at national UN level in Malawi in May 2023.

“The establishment of the UN migration network in Malawi serves as a platform to mainstream migration and find synergies within UN agencies, ensuring collaborative support to the Government of Malawi as it aims to meet GCM objectives.”, as Nomagugu Ncube, IOM Malawi Chief of Mission, emphasized during the launch.

The Network comprises 10 UN agencies with the objective to ensure effective, timely, coordinated UN support to the Government of Malawi (GoM) in the management of thematic areas of migration in country. The role of the Network is also to support the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, prioritizing the rights and

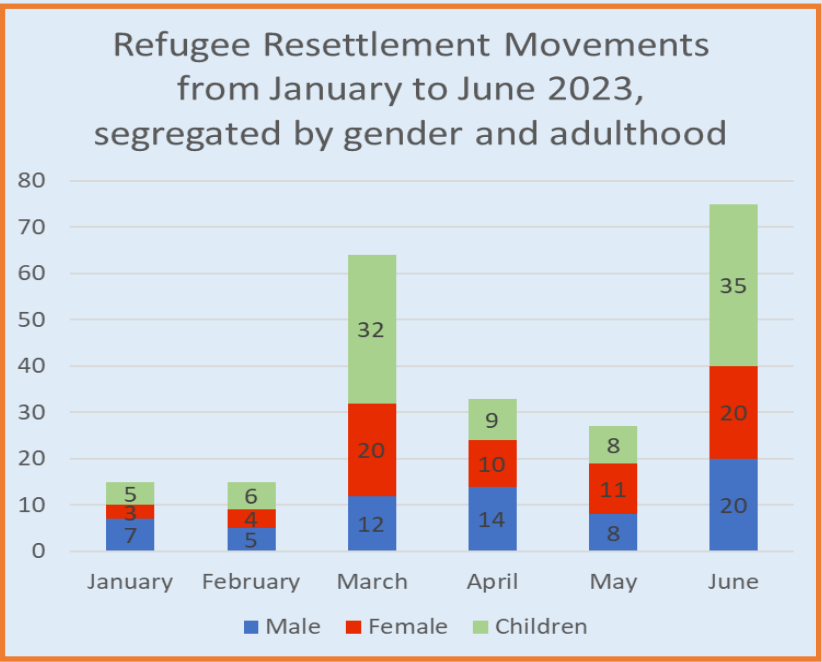
wellbeing of all migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit. The Network places emphasis on those issues where a common UN system approach would add value and from which results and impact can be readily gauged.

With IOM’s Chief of Mission leading as chair, meetings are held monthly and when needed. Members of the Network include the following: International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Labor Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), UN Women, and UN Resident Coordinator’s Office (RCO).

The Network is looking forward to coming together to commemorate the Global Day against Trafficking in Persons on the 30 July as the Network’s first opportunity to collaborate on a common UN approach in support of the GoM.



RESETTLEMENT DATA FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2023



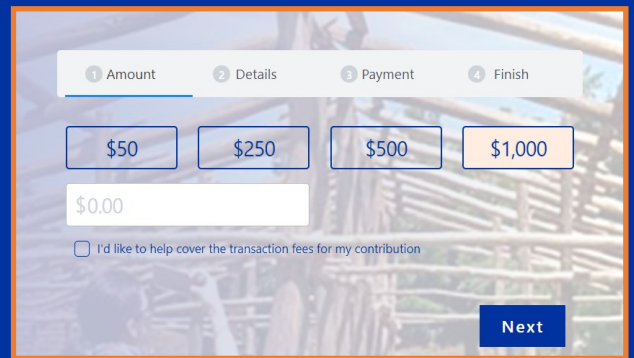
U.S. Government representatives and partners under the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) are meeting beneficiaries and stakeholders before departure with the aim of enhancing the resettlement program in March-April 2023.

With funding support from the U.S. Government, IOM conducts medical procedures and facilitates departures of refugees to resettle in the U.S.A. © IOM/2023

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This afternoon IOM has facilitated departure of 40 refugees from Malawi to the US under the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)

IOM works closely with govts., UNHCR & other partners to enable resettlement.

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International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Malawi and [Malawi Government](#) through the [Malawi Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services](#) have today Tuesday signed two agreements to strengthen migration management and facilitate cross-border mobility and trade.

The first agreement, IOM will be supporting the Government of Malawi in strengthening migration management through expansion of the Migration Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) in Malawi.

Whilst through the second agreement, IOM will implement a mobile border pass system along Mozambique/Malawi borders to facilitate cross border mobility and small-scale cross border trade.

Both initiatives are financed by the @World Bank under the Southern Africa Trade and Connectivity Project.



IOM THANKS THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI AND ITS PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN PROMOTING SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION IN MALAWI:



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