

FOSTERING THE HEALTH AND PROTECTION FOR VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

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As part of the UN's global effort to tackle the health, social and economic consequences of the current COVID-19 crisis, IOM has been working with partners to ensure that migrants, regardless of their legal status, returnees and forcibly displaced persons across the world are included in local, national, regional and global preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

Further to its [Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#) launched in March, IOM is adapting the response through its intervention areas, namely: Health, Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Displacement Tracking, Protection. The eight activity pillars under Health are aligned with the WHO COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan.

Beyond health, the socio-economic impact during this pandemic is affecting migrants as well as host communities. As shown in the graphs IOM, through this project contributes to improving vulnerable and hard to reach migrants' health and wellbeing while addressing their needs mainly in terms of food, hygiene, psychosocial, shelter, support as well as emergency accomodation to the most vulnerable migrants. Every assistance provided was coupled with sensitization and awareness raising on prevention against COVID-19 and information on how to access healthcare services. Additionally, the project contributed to the knowledge enhancement of health workers in line with infection and prevention control.



“ When migrants and displaced communities are excluded from national response plans and services, particularly health care, everyone is at greater risk.”

IOM Director General, António Vitorino

IOM ACTIVE RESPONSE PER PILLAR PER COUNTRY*

Egypt	1	3	6	7	9	11	12	
Libya	1	2	3	4	6	8		
Morocco	1	3	4	8	9	11	12	
Tunisia	1	2	3	10	11	12		
Yemen	1	2	3	5	8	9	11	10

1- Coordination and Partnerships, 2- Tracking Mobility Impact, 3- Risk Communication and Community Engagement, 4- Disease Surveillance, 5- Logistics, Procurement and Supply Management, 6- Point of Entry, 7- National Laboratory System, 8- Infection Prevention Control, 9- Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services, 10- Camp Coordination and Camp Management, 11- Protection, 12- Adressing Socio-Economic Impact

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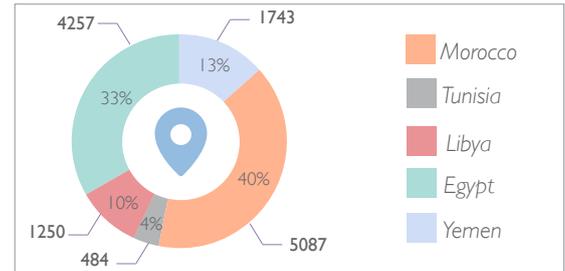
Direct assistance continues to be provided to vulnerable migrants (with contextual variation) in all five countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- In **Morocco**, IOM works with its partners to **disseminate the information developed by the Ministry of Health to migrant communities** for handwashing and barrier measures to prevent and combat COVID-19, using information and communication technologies.
- In **Libya**, IOM is conducting **disinfection and fumigation campaigns** in detention centres and disembarkation points, and delivering information campaigns to migrants.
- In **Yemen**, IOM is working with WHO to ensure public health response to migrants by **equipping and supporting migrant clinics and mobile medical teams**.



Sensitization session during humanitarian assistance in Rabat with ALCS

Number of migrants provided assistance through IOM interventions from 1 Jan- 31 Mar 2020.



PROVIDED ASSISTANCE



Medical



Psychosocial



Humanitarian



Sensitization



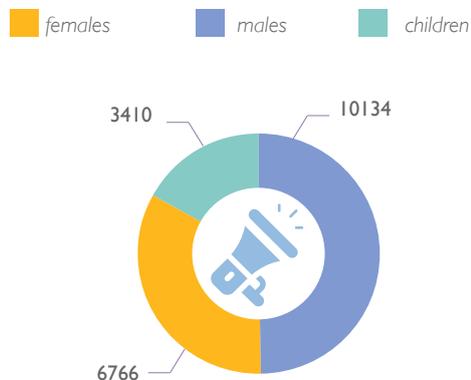
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sensitized during medical, humanitarian, psychosocial assistances and on other events on health promotion, rights and protection from 1 Jan - 31 Mar 2020.



- In **Libya**, IOM collaborates with the Disease Surveillance Directorate of the National Centre for Disease Control in training the Rapid Response Teams for **active case finding and contact tracing, and led a series of initiatives to deliver risk communication on infection prevention and control (IPC) to health-care providers, including fumigation, disinfection, cleaning and sterilization.**
- In **Yemen**, IOM in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and Population **supports health workers training on COVID-19 case definition, case management, risk communication and IPC.**



PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

- In **Morocco**, IOM is part of the UN taskforces on COVID19, coordinating with other UN agencies (WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF), the Wilayas which are representative structures of the Ministry of Interior on a regional level, and the Ministry of Health teams on **communication, translation and printing of COVID19 leaflets in Africans' dialect languages to amplify information among migrant communities.**
- In **Morocco and Tunisia**, IOM in collaboration with civil society and national institutions **implemented rapid needs assessments to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable migrants and provide inclusive assistance.**
- In **Egypt**, IOM joined forces with local start-up companies to create **a nation-wide campaign using influencers on several topics related to COVID-19 preparedness and response.**
- In **Tunisia**, IOM is advocating that **all migrants can access COVID-19 related services and continuity of care.**
- In **Yemen**, IOM is supporting inter-agency efforts in coordination with WHO to **develop national response plans, advocating to ensure that migrants and displaced populations are well represented.**