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EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE

“Migration & Entrepreneuriat” Radio Show

Under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration funded by the European Union Trust Funds, a radio show on migration and entrepreneurship was hosted by Vibe Radio on Wednesday 16 June 2021. Participants included two migrants who are now entrepreneurs in the field of farming and trade, a facilitator, the reintegration officer as well as the coordinator of Agri Jeunes, an IOM partner.

The objective of this radio show was to showcase the achievements under EUTF projects, support provided to returnees, entrepreneurial capacities of migrants, synergies between the different projects and other opportunities to sustain return projects.

Returnees’ Success Stories: Reintegrated Returnees Become Successful Entrepreneurs

Under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration, returnees receive support to facilitate their economic reintegration. This support enables them to launch their micro-businesses and start income-generating activities. Elhadji Ndiaye is a young returnee of this new generation that believes in the potential of Senegalese agriculture. He has been engaged in market gardening for several years. As he started out using traditional methods, he quickly realised the inadequacies of these methods. Elhadji then decided to contact ANIDA, an agricultural training facility, where he opted for drip irrigation systems. He graduated from ANIDA as a qualified technician in irrigation system installation.
Holding a certificate in this field, he provides services in the “Niayes” area (Zone des Niayes) in Dakar, which is the most important market gardening area supplying fruit and vegetables to the majority of the Senegalese population. He offers his services in several public and private market gardening areas. In addition to his technical services, Elhadji remains one of the best farmers in his community. In fact, during his last campaign he made a profit of XOF 1,150,000 (equivalent to €1,700).

The young entrepreneur has created about twenty direct and indirect jobs, and addresses successfully his family’s and relatives’ needs. The young family father decides to stay on track, and is preparing his next harvest: 1 ha of onions.

Assane NDIAYE, another returnee, has just harvested 7.5 tonnes of potatoes from his field. This production will enable him to easily meet his needs and those of his family until the next rainy season. Upon his return to his native Kayar in Senegal in 2020, Assane set up his market garden with the support of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration. Assane's micro-business also allows him to create new jobs: he has hired his brother and two community members to assist him in working his field.

These activities were made possible thanks to the support of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration funded by the European Union and implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad through the Directorate General for Senegalese Abroad and the International Organization for Migration Country Office in Senegal.
PROTECTION

Assisted Voluntary Return and Family Reunification of 20 Guinean Children

IOM, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Advancement of Women and Children’s Affairs and Vulnerable Populations and the West Africa Network for the Protection of Children (RAO), assisted the voluntary return and family reunification of 20 children in the Republic of Guinea.

In Senegal, children referred to as “street children” are those who are victims of partial or total family breakdown, without plans to return for most of them. These are individuals leading a bohemian lifestyle in the streets which become their adoptive living space. Previously victims, often repeatedly, either of a chaotic socio-economic environment or exploitation by a third party, they often come into conflict with the law in their new living conditions.

Several factors contribute to this phenomenon and include poverty, family breakdown, uneven urbanisation, problems associated with begging…

In response to this situation, the Government of Senegal launched an emergency programme to save children from the street. The aim is to protect them against the COVID-19 pandemic by sending them into childcare facilities that address their psychosocial care while waiting for their return to their families. To this end, synergy and collaboration have been created between the Ministry of Family, Women, Gender and Child Protection, Ministry of Justice, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and RAO (West Africa Network for the Protection of Children) that coordinated the return and family reunification of 20 “talibé” children, nationals of the Republic of Guinea on 18–19 March 2021.

According to Seny Baldé, IOM Focal Point of the Regional Direct Assistance Fund (RDAF) for migrants in vulnerable situations, the objective of this project, funded by the France Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is to provide a flexible and timely tool to respond to urgent and unforeseen protection needs of migrants stranded in difficult circumstances for which support is not available from any known source or programme. He reiterated his organization’s commitment to support individuals in vulnerable situations, including migrants and trafficked children.

“IOM strives to ensure the humane and orderly management of migration, promote international cooperation on migration issues, help find practical solutions to migration problems and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need.”

In Senegal more than 100,000 “talibé” children have been recorded, according to Human Rights Watch. A number that continues to grow despite efforts made by many NGOs and international organizations in the country.
BORDER MANAGEMENT

JICA-IOM Partnership Agreement

Under the project “Survey on border management in the Sahel region amid COVID-19” funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a partnership agreement was signed on May 19, 2021.

The JICA-IOM project aims to gather the necessary information on the current border management status in the Sahel region. This information is used to determine how JICA can contribute to supporting governments in the Sahel for peace and stability in the region through its future interventions amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The objectives of this study project include:

> Understanding the challenges and support needs for border management in the Sahel region in the context of the COVID-19;
> Identifying effective interventions to strengthen police agent capacity about border management;
> Identifying effective interventions to build trust between communities and police agents and engage local communities in border management.
The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Interior of Senegal, Deputy Director of Air and Border Police (DAPAF), Ambassador of Japan and IOM Chief of Mission in Senegal.

Online articles in French:

- **Contrôle frontalier dans le Sahel : La JICA et l’OIM paraprent une convention sur un projet d’étude d’un budget de plus de 1 milliard F CFA** (dakaractu.com)
- **Crise migratoire sur les côtes espagnoles : L’OIM déplore et encourage le recours aux voies régulières de migration**. (dakaractu.com)

**BORDER MANAGEMENT: SENSEC-EU**

IOM Supports Training of ENA (national school for civil servants training) Heads of Division

IOM and ENA conducted a Crisis Management Capacity Building Workshop for DGAT Division Heads and ENA students from Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 May 2021 at Bruno Diatta Amphitheatre on ENA campus.

The seminar, facilitated by Dr. Leopold Wade and Dr. Mohamadou Mountaga Diallo, is part of the “Community Engagement in Border Management and Security” project, funded by US Government and implemented by IOM.

**MIGRATION MAINSTREAMING MM3**

Official Launch of “MM3/JAPPANDO 2” Project

As part of IOM-UNDP joint programme “Migration Mainstreaming, MM3” funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), “JAPPANDO2” project was launched on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at the Vocational Training Centre (CFP) of Diourbel.

The ceremony was chaired by Ms Kouate, Marieme Hann, Deputy Governor of the Diourbel Region, under the presence of Ms Falaschi Valeria, IOM Chief of Mission
in Senegal, Administrative and Territorial Authorities such as the Regional Development Agency (ARD) of Diourbel as a local implementing agency, the Direction Générale d’Appui aux Sénégalais de l’Extérieur (DGASE) as the Lead Directorate of the programme at national level, representatives of subnational authorities, representatives of women’s associations, young people, migrants and diaspora members.

The overall objective of the JAPPANDO project is to connect migrants, local authorities, investors and economic actors for local development with a focus on funding promising projects and mainstreaming migration into development plans and policies.

MATCH PROJECT

Participation in “Forum de Dakar”

On Wednesday 23 June 2021, IOM held a workshop during the second edition of the “Forum de Dakar” on skill mobility partnerships. This workshop demonstrated how these partnerships can create triple-win situations by addressing identified workforce needs, while enhancing employees’ expertise and skills and contributing to economic activity growth. The seminar also highlighted the need to mainstream Labour Mobility Initiatives into the local ecosystem, take into account business trade and investment strategies, and support the local ecosystem.

MATCH Project, as a circular labour migration initiative led by IOM, was presented as an illustration of these skill mobility partnerships. The workshop was also attended by experts from the National Agency for the Promotion of Youth Employment (ANPEJ), Embassy of Belgium, Adelia, non-profit association OVO, Employment Directorate, and Senegal Youth Consortium which, through their experiences and expertise on the theme, ensured fruitful exchanges with participants.

HEALTH

Building capacity of public health authorities to promote access to care among migrants and cross-border communities in Senegal

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) supports the Ministry of Health and Social Action (MSAS) through the project “Building the Capacity of the Authorities to Promote Access to Health Care for Migrants and Cross-border Communities in Senegal—Kédougou as a Pilot Region” whose main objective is to promote access to health care among migrants and vulnerable communities in gold mining sites in the Kédougou Region. Through this two-year project (October 2019–Sept 2021), a workshop on results of the survey on Risks, Vulnerabilities and Health Needs of Migrants and Communities in Gold Mining Villages in Kédougou was conducted on 2 June 2021.
The objective of this workshop is to present results of data collection on risks, vulnerabilities and health needs among migrants and communities in the five (5) gold mining sites targeted by the project: Bantaco, Tenkoto, Kharakhena, Sambranbougou, and Khossanto.

Participants in this activity included the MSAS represented by the Director of Epidemiological Surveillance and Response of the Prevention Directorate (DP), who is also the project focal point at the MSAS, Regional Chief Medical Officer who chaired the activity, two chief medical officers of Kédougou and Saraya Health Districts, representatives of the technical services, NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs) of the Kédougou Region.

This survey focused on 4 major issues: health risks, health issues faced by communities, perception of health risks and access to health care through focus groups and questionnaires that targeted all categories of individuals and occupations in gold mining sites.

Key results revolved around specific points related to:

i. importance of the survey for data availability,
ii. representativeness of sampling to the population at the sites estimated at 40,000 persons,
iii. issue of continuity of care,
iv. addressing the needs of vulnerable groups (sex workers, women, children, etc.) and
v. need to specify and categorise recommendations.

REGIONAL MIGRATION PROGRAMME

Workshop on Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling

Jointly organized by the national anti-trafficking unit (Cellule Nationale de Lutte contre la Traite des Personnes -CNLTP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a workshop on trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling was held from 9 to 11 June 2021 at “Hôtel Relais” in Kaolack. The aim was to provide
stakeholders with a framework for learning and exchange on challenges pertaining to combating trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling in the Kaolack Region, with a particular focus on protection of victims of trafficking.

During the various sessions, speakers reviewed terminological and conceptual issues as well as the national institutional and legal framework. The “combating trafficking in persons and similar practices Act 2005-06” (loi 2005-06 de lutte contre la traite des personnes et pratiques assimilées) was introduced and emphasis was placed on its contributions to the national corpus, but also on its limitations. A new draft law, providing legislation more in line with international conventions and more comprehensive, has been submitted to the relevant authorities.

The workshop also focused on investigative techniques to be used to gather evidence needed to put together trafficking in persons cases, and participants were encouraged to use existing international cooperation tools and international and regional platforms for judicial cooperation (mutual assistance and extradition). Issues related to the identification and management of victims were also widely discussed. It was pointed out that any victim of trafficking (child and adult) was exempt from prosecution for any offence related to their victim status.

At the end of the workshop, various recommendations were formulated by participants, in coordination with the CNLTP, including the need for synergistic work by all parties involved in the fight against trafficking on the basis of a referral mechanism.

Twenty-seven actors participated in this training including Police, Gendarmerie, Customs agents, Legal Actors, “Action Educative en Milieu Ouvert” (AEMO), Civil Society members, including 5 are women.

These activities were conducted under the Africa Regional Migration Programme (ARMP) funded by the US Government’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).

**Donation Activity and Introduction to “Systraite”**

On June 11, 2021, a donation of IT equipment, including two computers, was held at the High Court (Tribunal de Grande Instance) in Kaolack; two tablets, two connection kits and two inverters that were made available to the Kaolack Region to support them in recording trafficking cases in the “Systraite” database. An introductory session was also held to strengthen capacities of focal points responsible for this activity in the court. This donation follows similar IOM support to the courts of Dakar, Pikine-Guédiawaye, Thiès, Saint-Louis, Tambacounda, and Kédougou, which have also been equipped with the “Systraite” database since 2019. IOM plans to support all of Senegal’s regional courts to ensure national coverage of Systraite in the coming years. Five government actors, including one woman, participated in this event.
These activities were implemented through the ARMP (Africa Regional Migration Programme) project funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) of the Government of the United States of America and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

*Systraite: an online system for collecting data on survivors of trafficking (country and region of origin, age, sex, types of trafficking, etc.), perpetrators of trafficking (Profile) and legal proceedings.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Senegal and Côte d’Ivoire Final Evaluation

As part of the regional final evaluation of the Joint Initiative, the Senegal Country Office’s Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) team was tasked with conducting the final evaluations of Senegal and Côte d’Ivoire. The objectives of both evaluations are to:

• Review the project progress towards achieving its objectives and outcomes as articulated in its logical framework;
• Highlight the added value of activities implemented during the project;
• Identify lessons learned and make recommendations for future activities;
• Assess the effectiveness of project management systems and tools (M&E, procedures, frameworks, etc.).

The evaluations focus on some of the project’s components, including referral systems, psychosocial support, adaptation to the COVID-19 pandemic and outreach/awareness-raising activities. To this end, a mission was conducted in Côte d’Ivoire from 14 to 30 June 2021 by two members of the M&E team during which they conducted more than 35 interviews with beneficiaries, met with 05 implementing partners and visited more than 15 individual and collective projects in the Abidjan Region. A presentation on the evaluation preliminary results and discussion with project management in Côte d’Ivoire will be used to draft and enhance the evaluation report.

Another mission is under way in Senegal in the regions of Tambacounda, Kolda, and Saint-Louis, during which the country’s M&E team, joined by a colleague from the Côte d’Ivoire office, will conduct some 20 interviews with beneficiaries, meet with a dozen implementing partners and visit individual and collective projects.

The evaluation reports for both countries will be finalised in August 2021 and shared with relevant actors. The results of both evaluations will be used, in addition to evaluations of other countries in the sub-region, to consolidate the Joint Initiative final regional report.
CINEMARENA CAMPAIGN PHASE 2

The official launch of CinemArena Campaign took place on 11 June at IOM in the presence of Italian Cooperation in Senegal. The ceremony marked the start of the campaign, including the start of the mobile cinema caravan, which travels Senegal from one village to another, building on the magic of film show for information purpose. Since June 14, the caravan has been moving across Senegal’s coastal areas. From Mbour to Foundiougne to Pointe de Sarène to Toubakouta, CinemArena shares emotions and information by raising awareness of the risks associated with irregular migration, using different folk songs and tradition vibes from one community to another. Though Kankourang was the driving force behind social mobilisation in Toubacouta and surrounding areas, in Joal, Foundiougne and Pointe Sarène, the caravan was marked with vibes of traditional songs sung by mothers of families deeply affected by the multiple departures of their children, some of whom lost their lives.

The caravan aims to strike a balance between awareness and entertainment, so all evening sessions are of short educational films, debates with local community members, theatre (participatory)
performances, music and dance. Art becomes an information tool for conveying messages to a very varied audience reaching the most migration-prone communities, and informing both young people and families, who generally play a crucial role in migrants’ decision to leave.

The campaign will continue with outreach activities through the media, including radio programmes in partnership with Vibe radio and the “Union des radios communautaires” (URAC). These broadcasts are an opportunity to draw on returnees’ participation for sharing migration experiences and advice to youth, as well as entrepreneurs, trainers and experts in migration, youth associations, sharing opportunities that young people could benefit from in entrepreneurship and trade training. These participants are selected to raise awareness, inform about migration and encourage young people to get trained and launch businesses in their own countries.

In addition to these radio shows, CinemArena is rolling out on social media with an online quiz aimed at raising awareness of the project among its target, video broadcasting, live on Facebook and Instagram; in schools and neighbourhoods where film screenings and debates are organized to raise awareness among communities and young people in particular.

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Migrants as Messengers volunteers organized a school tour in irregular migration-prone areas of Dakar suburb. During these activities, students shared their experiences and information about this phenomenon. The aim was to convey the key message and objective of MaM project, “to raise awareness about the risks associated with irregular migration”. Since 2018, while the content about awareness-raising has remained the same, forms have always been plural and diverse. With screenings followed by discussions, sketches and shows, MaM volunteers kept raising awareness among their peers. During this phase, between 26 May and 2 June, the young audience was the main target, so three high schools were visited, including “C.E.M Joseph Correa de Guédiawaye”, “C.E.M 44 de Thiaroye”, and finally “Lycée de Yeumbeul”.

Volunteers Play a Key in MaM Activities
School Tour: MaM Volunteers Meet High School Students

MaM volunteers participated in a hands-on workshop where they practise their video interviewing skills and learn video-shoot techniques with smartphones. The four-day workshop was held in Tambacounda, Senegal, where 12 volunteers from Dakar, Tamba, and Kolda met. The aim of this training was to strengthen the capacity of trained volunteers to conduct peer-to-peer interviews and create good quality and attractive content, thus promoting the production of stories. Volunteers interviewed returnees, mothers of missing migrants and entrepreneurs. They also learned how to produce videos of stories collected with their smartphones, and a community screening was held on the last day to show stories created before an audience of about 80 people. The event was followed by discussions and ended with a mini concert.
Thanks to this training, volunteers were able to independently create publishable content, increasing quality (narrative and technical) but also the number of contents they produce as part of the project. These skills will enable returnee networks to design and implement peer-to-peer activities and authentic dialogue around migration.

STREET ART AS A YOUTH OUTREACH TOOL

IOM has partnered with artists under MaM project to create art. Art is an effective tool of expression that can influence young people’s decisions. This year two Street Art sessions were held in two neighbourhoods of Dakar. The project volunteers, in collaboration with painters and dyers, were able to produce beautiful street art. The first edition was held in Yarakh, an area in Dakar suburb, which is known to be an irregular migration-prone area. This event, organized in close collaboration with the Yarakh community and especially its youth, made it possible to produce beautiful street art works. It was attended by a number of social classes, including large numbers of fishermen. On the first day, artists and volunteers set the pattern, in which people were interested. Through this activity, passersby moved closer to the group for curiosity and asked multiple questions about it. On a busy street in this Dakar suburb area, young passersby joyfully contributed to making that day a success. The older ones, local authorities, and local influencers also participating in this performance. Members of the media were also present. Following the event, volunteers launched a tea break session (thé-débat) on migration issues.
This provided room for expressions and exchanges for a better understanding of migration and especially the risks associated with irregular migration. Returnees seized this opportunity to share their migration experience. They were interviewed by their returnee peers and MaM volunteers. The programme was also conducted in the Petit MBAO neighbourhood, also known as a high migration-prone area. Many young people from the area took part in this programme. It allowed them to start painting and dyeing. Some of them have been involved in these kinds of activities for the first time. Neighbourhood associations also joined the initiative. They made a considerable contribution, thus facilitating a good mobilisation and a large participation of the local population.

Environmental Awareness: Beach Cleanup by MaM Volunteers

Up to 13 million tonnes of this plastic waste are dumped into our oceans every year, threatening aquatic life, ecosystems and our health by impacting the water we use. In Senegal, fishing communities are among the hardest hit and are therefore often resorting to irregular migration. District councils of “Thiaroye-sur-mer” and “Baie de Hann” organized a major beach cleanup in collaboration with the MaM Project. Beach cleaning is part of preventing environmental degradation, which is one of the main reasons why fishing communities migrate irregularly.

TRAINING FOR JOURNALISTS IN KOLDA

IOM Senegal conducted a five-day training session for journalists and volunteers as part of Migrants as Messengers project. Participants met in Kolda for training on migration media coverage, mobile journalism and smartphone video editing.

During this session a mixed team of six (6) journalists and six (6) Migrants as Messengers volunteers was built. The team worked in pairs for five days to produce contents related to the MaM project and more broadly to migration issues in the region.

Providing journalists with the tools they need to cover migration in a professional and responsible manner is essential to ensuring proper processing of information and communication about the risks associated with migration.
A call for applications was previously launched; applications were received and journalists who appeared to be most motivated and interested in migration issues were selected. Contents produced during this session were disseminated by participants on their personal social media accounts and on MaM official platforms. After 5 days of training, team pairs went to meet communities to practise techniques learned in mobile journalism and video editing using smartphones.

Participants in this training included the most strategic media organizations, such as the daily newspaper “Le Soleil”, the first TV channel “RTS1”, “RFM” radio; as well as online news websites like Dakaractu.com, Africa Check.

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MaM Caravan

After several months of rehearsal, Migrants as Messengers volunteers started their theatre performance with professional artists, through a caravan that will travel around various areas of the country.

This is a 30-minute show combining dance and theatre, featuring a 9-person group made up of 5 volunteers and 4 professional artists under the supervision of a stage director.
Thus, a dozen scenes are created to depict, in a subtle, humorous and creative way, migration-related situations. Such a format captures the audience’s attention while showcasing volunteers’ talent and facilitates the debate and speech after the performance. Volunteers play a crucial role in this caravan, as being involved at every stage of the activity. With respect to the design, they were consulted on the caravan format and wrote the questions asked during the debates. They also participated in the development of the show in specific workshops, but also in its performance as actors. Moreover, they were present to facilitate discussions during the caravan and share their migration experience.

Awareness-Raising and Sport in Kolda

Migrants as Messenger (MaM) volunteers in the Kolda Region conducted a series of activities, including one at the Kolda Cultural Centre on 26 June pertaining to street art and stories of returnees, performances by artists and a football match final. These activities aimed to inspire local debate on migration and show that, through art and sport, the region is full of resources and opportunities that can also contribute to its youth development. Guests included FODDE NGO, presidents of sports and cultural associations, artists and local community leaders.
Tea Break Sessions in Tamba

Migrants as Messengers volunteers from the Tambacounda Region held a “Tea Break” session to ask questions to community members and especially enable young people to express themselves on the phenomenon of migration and more particularly on reasons why young people migrate. A first session was conducted in “Sinthian Sinthiou Nguidewol”: an awareness-raising on irregular migration with a variety of activities, including discussions, a football match, as well as a film screening on the same topic.

After that, two tea break sessions were held in Tamba Commune and Goudiry on awareness-raising about irregular immigration.

Following these activities, an Entrepreneurship Assistance and Counselling Day (Journée d'Aide et d'orientation pour l'entrepreneuriat) was organized in the region, which further contributes to informing youth about integration alternatives in a bid to address irregular migration and promote entrepreneurship.
All articles of Migrants as Messengers (MaM) project were drafted by volunteers.