



Deputy Minister for Interior, Hon. Riaw Gatlier Gai, opens the Migration Policy Development Consultative Workshop in Juba: “We saw the need for South Sudan to come up with a migration policy when we realized that there were some legal loopholes. We need to close these gaps,” said Riaw. IOM/Headon 2018

Border and Migration Management

IOM South Sudan Migration Management Unit (MMU) supports the Government of South Sudan in building capacities on border and migration management through enhancing skills, knowledge and infrastructure, as well as interagency cooperation among border agencies and regional integration and cooperation, particularly with other East African Community (EAC) and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) member states.

Strengthened Regional Integration and Cooperation

As a member state of the EAC, South Sudan has been accelerating its efforts to meet the regional requirements in border and migration management. In July 2018, a delegation of the South Sudan National Aliens Committee/National Coordination Mechanism (NAC/NCM), led by the Inspector General of Police (IGP), conducted a three-day benchmarking visit to Nairobi. The visit was hosted by the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration of the Government of Kenya. The visit was part of the joint efforts to promote cross-border and regional cooperation. The programme included a day trip to the one-stop-border-post (OSBP) located on the Namanga border between Kenya and Tanzania, and facilitated discussions on operations of NACs/NCMs, and various migration challenges, including human trafficking, and diaspora engagement.

From 20 to 24 August, IOM supported the Governments of South Sudan and Uganda to organize a joint training on cross-border collaboration focusing on EAC protocols, including free-movement of persons, common markets, and operations of OSBPs. The training took place at the Training Academy in Nakasongola, Uganda. Participants included 24 South Sudanese Immigration Officers from border agencies operating at the Nimule border between South Sudan and Uganda. Also in attendance were 10 Ugandan law enforcement officers operating at various border posts in Uganda. This constituted the first joint training for border officials from the two countries.

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT Q3 HIGHLIGHTS

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Integrated Border Management Committee coordination meeting in Nimule supported

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Motorbikes donated to the Nimule Border Post

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Expansion of the Immigration Office in Nimule completed

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Solar lights installed at the Nimule Border Post

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National Aliens Committee/ National Coordination Mechanism meeting supported

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT TRAININGS

29

New Immigration Officers trained on MIDAS

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Study trip to Uganda - Joint training with Government of Uganda on EAC protocols supported

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Study trip to Kenya - NAC/ NCM workshop supported

Capacity Building of Integrated Border Management Committee in South Sudan

Since its operationalization in May 2018, the Integrated Border Management Committee (IBMC) has been enhancing its capacity and strengthening coordination among its member border agencies. On 7 August, the first IBMC meeting was officially held in Nimule with logistical support provided by IOM. In total, 23 officers from 20 different agencies operating at the Nimule border were engaged in various discussions such as operations and management of IBMC. The meeting enabled the adoption of the terms of reference of the committee. The Nimule IBMC is the first of its kind in South Sudan and is setting the benchmark for interagency cooperation at ports of entry, especially land borders. The experience and lessons learnt from this IBMC will be used to roll out IBMCs at other land borders.

Migration Information and Data Analysis System Training

IOM provided training to 29 newly recruited Immigration Officers on immigration services at the Juba International Airport (JIA). Training was conducted from 31 July to 9 August at the Headquarters of the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI) in Juba, with a focus on the utilization of the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS). Before the commencement of the ongoing renovation of the new terminal at JIA, all immigration counters had been equipped by IOM with this system and Immigration Officers were managing the system for collecting travelers' information; registering entries and exits; and detecting and controlling immigration-related crimes. The system will be re-installed at the new terminal once the renovation is completed.

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