

## IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT (IBM)



Ambassador of Japan Kiya Masahiko visited the Juba International Airport on 11 September 2017

From July to September 2017, programmes of IOM South Sudan Migration Management Unit (MMU) mainly focused on:

- (1) Support for Government of South Sudan, particularly the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI), in enhancing their capacities of border and migration management to prevent transnational organized crimes and facilitate regular movement of people through providing trainings;
- (2) Assistance in facilitating transport for refugees to return to their country of origin, resettling in a third country or migrating for a family reunion.

The current Immigration and Border Management (IBM) project started in March 2017 with the financial support of the Government of Japan. It further contributed to the capacity building of the Government of South Sudan, and 58 DNPI officers were trained on border management, training facilitation and teaching methodologies, and development of an immigration training curriculum. On 11 September, the Ambassador of Japan Kiya Masahiko visited the Juba International Airport and discussed Japan's assistance, DNPI's commitment and future activities with the Director General (DG) of DNPI Lt. General Majak Akec Malok. During the tour at the airport, Ambassador Kiya visited the current departure and arrival counters at the airport that were donated by IOM through funding of the previous Japan funded project (2016-2017) and observed the work of immigration officers as they were clearing passengers.

- 41** trained on Border Management
- 15** trained on training facilitation and teaching methodologies
- 2** trained on development of Immigration training curricula through a study trip to Kenya School of Government (KSG) in Nairobi

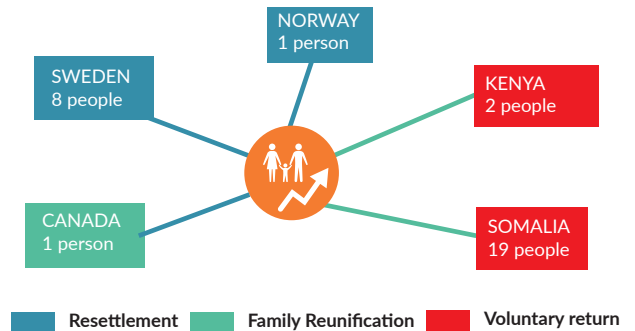
## ASSISTANCE OF RESETTLEMENT AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION IN 2017

# 31 people

assisted to resettle and reunite with their families

In close coordination with UNHCR, IOM country and field offices and receiving countries, MMU supported 10 people including nine refugees in South Sudan originally from Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia to migrate to the third country to resettle and reunite with their families by facilitating their exit clearance, fairness to travel testing and transport to Sweden, Norway and Canada.

In collaboration with IOM Somalia, Kenya and regional office of East Africa, the unit assisted a group of 19 Somali and two Kenyan migrants to return home voluntarily from South Sudan in September. They are among 35 migrants (25 males and 10 females) who were intercepted and held in Aweil while attempting to irregularly cross the border between South Sudan and Sudan in August 2017 in an attempt to travel to Italy via Libya. IOM coordinated with the Somali and Kenya embassies in Juba and Government of South Sudan, especially Immigration and National Security, for processing exit documentation and facilitating logistics for their return to Somalia and Kenya. The group crossed into South Sudan through the 'Western Route', which is one of four main migration routes out of the Horn of Africa region. The traffickers charge USD8,500 and USD11,000 per person for the journey from Somalia to Libya. The return and the reintegration of the migrants is funded by the European Union through the 'Facility on Sustainable and Dignified Return and Reintegration in support of the Khartoum Process.' The Reintegration Facility is a regional programme supporting the Khartoum process and facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration management through the development and implementation of sustainable return and reintegration policies and processes. The issues of trafficking and smuggling have been further emerging in the region. South Sudan has been being used as a transit point by a majority of international migrants in the region due to its limited capacity of border and migrant management in terms of infrastructure and soft component. Another group of 27 Somali migrants was also detained in South Sudan at the end of September in a similar situation and is currently in process for returning Somalia with support of IOM.



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