



International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
The UN Migration Agency

# IOM UK 2017 Highlights

## STRATEGIC AREAS



IOM UK facilitated the arrival of **8,463 people** in 2017, in close collaboration with IOM missions, under the various UK resettlement programmes, as follows:

- **Syria Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme:** 4,833
- **Vulnerable Children At Risk:** 539
- **Family reunification:** 2,104
- **Gateway Protection Programme:** 808
- **Mandate:** 28
- **Afghan Direct entry:** 122 | **Iraq Direct entry:** 5
- **Unaccompanied Children from France:** 6 / **from Greece:** 18



- Harmonised and enhanced SOPs, reporting and delivery of cultural orientation sessions
- Syria information sessions to local authorities and community sponsors: **41 sessions** delivered in **34 new locations**, covering **1,099 participants**
- Held first Sudan information session, interest in all sessions continues to expand
- Launch of the [Towards Integration](#) study in partnership with UNHCR and City University
- Launch of the **FromSkills2Work website** with a dedicated [UK page](#), as part in the [Skills2Work project](#), initiated partnership discussions with Deloitte on the Futures Hub
- Partnership with UNHCR to develop and publish a **Guide for Employers** on hiring refugees
- Several local authorities have shown interest for IOM UK to develop a **Labour Market pilot**
- **Global Mental Health Assessment Tool (GMHAT)** pilot completed, taking active part in the steering group and supporting the evaluation of the pilot



- Organised a [screening](#) of *Queens of Syria* in March 2017 for **International Women’s Day**
- Launched the [Building Tomorrow Together project](#), delivered the second edition of the [Portraits of Welcome project](#) and took part in the **“Singing our Lives” Choir concert**, as part of **Refugee Week** in June and July 2017
- Partnered with the Migration Collective to mark **International Migrants Day** with [film screenings](#) in November and December 2017, as part of the Global Migration Film Festival
- Supported **creative art workshops** empowering migrants and facilitated 44 Syrian refugees and their families to attend an **international friendly football game** at Wembley Stadium, in partnership with the English Football Association (F.A.), as part of **Community CHARMS (Cohesion & Harmony through ARTs, Music and Sports)**, an IOM UK internal initiative



Building Tomorrow Together project



Syria information session to community sponsors



“Singing Our Lives” Choir concert



HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AND MODERN SLAVERY

- Counter Trafficking: **14 training sessions** delivered covering **251 participants**
- **6 train-the-trainer sessions** on “Modern Slavery Awareness Raising Amongst Frontline Staff” with **potential to reach 10,000 overall**: training materials developed, including slides, a facilitator’s handbook and e-learning content, for the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS)
- **2 Shared Learning Knowledge Events (SLEs)** held in Albania and Vietnam with 30 participants each, sharing information about trafficking patterns in a multi-agency setting, as part of the research project in the framework of the Modern Slavery Innovation Fund (MSIF)
- A **Foster Carer Handbook** developed for those looking after Albanian and Vietnamese potentially trafficked children, **4 related training sessions** held and **2 foster carer forums**, as part of the [project](#) in the framework of the Child Trafficking Protection Fund (CTPF)
- [Panel discussion](#) organised in October 2017 on the trafficking and exploitation risks faced by children and youth on the move to mark **Anti-Slavery Day**, attended by 50 participants



DIASPORA AND  
DEVELOPMENT

- **Strengthening Sierra Leonean National Health Care Capacity through Diaspora Engagement**: outreach to 18 diaspora organisations and associations across the UK, 30 key individuals identified, including **18 health professionals**, from roadshows throughout the UK



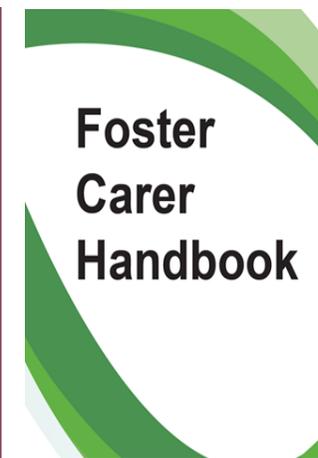
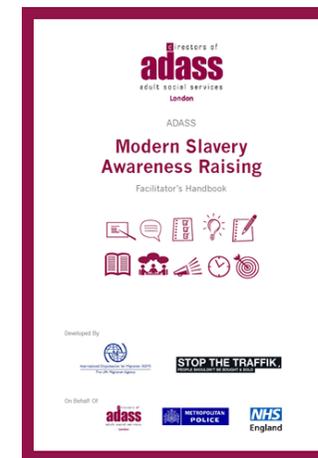
MIGRANT  
ASSISTANCE

- A **total of 5,114 people assisted** in 2017 by the IOM UK’s Heathrow Airport Team
- Provided **AVRR assistance to 4 victims of human trafficking (VoTs)**, including transit assistance at Heathrow Airport: 3 AVRR cases from the UK and 1 case of AVRR to the UK from Albania



MIGRATION POLICY  
AND RESEARCH

- Co-hosted the **Global Compact for Migration civil society organisations consultation** with the UK government, attended by 58 representatives from civil society organisations
- Submitted [written evidence](#) to the Human Trafficking Foundation inquiry into the situation of **separated and unaccompanied minors** in parts of Europe
- Organised the [launch event](#) of the **IOM GMDAC report** “Fatal Journeys Volume 3: Improving Data on Missing Migrants” in London in September 2017



ADASS training facilitator’s handbook and CTPF  
Foster Carer Handbook



Sierra Leone Diaspora Engagement project

## LIAISON, PARTNERSHIPS AND OTHER OUTCOMES

- **Successful completion** of the 2016 - 2017 Central Mediterranean Route programme involving GMDAC, MAD, DTM, and IOM offices in Libya, Sudan, Serbia and Macedonia
- Close engagement on the **new DFID Central Mediterranean Route business case**, with engagement across IOM on a route based multi-year proposal
- Successful negotiations and grant agreements signed for **2 EU-funded projects** led by IOM UK: the **FAB project** with IOM offices in Austria, Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg and Poland and NGO partners (CoramBAAF, Coram Children’s Legal Centre, Minor Ndako, Mentor Escale, Luxembourg Red Cross and Association for Legal Intervention) and the **Link-IT project** with IOM offices in Germany, Portugal and Romania and NGO partners (ICMC, British Refugee Council, Caritas Friedland, Portuguese Refugee Council and JRS Romania)
- Hosted a **Project Development training** in London in March 2017 which gathered 19 IOM staff from IOM offices across Europe and RO Brussels
- **Enhanced capacity in Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)** and working on the “**Children in Migration**” thematic as a **cross-cutting strategic area**
- Continued registration with the **Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC)**
- Media coverage with the publication of opinion pieces and articles mentioning IOM UK’s work in [The Guardian](#), [The Independent](#) and [Thomson Reuters Foundation News](#)