

# IOM UK 2016 Highlights

## STRATEGIC AREAS



RESETTLEMENT

IOM UK facilitated the arrival of **8,303 people** in 2016 (as of 16 December), in close collaboration with IOM missions, under the various UK resettlement programmes, as follows:

- Syria Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme: 4,370
- Family reunification: 2,278
- Gateway Protection Programme: 810
- Afghan Direct entry: 415
- Vulnerable Children At Risk: 31
- Children from Calais: 399



INTEGRATION

- Enhanced pre-departure UK Cultural Orientation to Syrian refugees
- Development of Cultural Orientation for children
- Syria information sessions: 22 sessions delivered in 18 UK locations, covering **558 participants**
- Working on Community Sponsorship with UK Government
- Taking part in the [Skills2Work project](#), an EU-funded project focusing on labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection and organised a roundtable discussion in October 2016, hosted with PwC and multiple national stakeholders, as part of this project



COMMUNITY COHESION

- Participated in the Refugee Week events and launched the Portraits of Welcome project
- Partnered with the Centre for Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford, the Open University, the Migration Museum Project and ActReal in the '[Ethics and Politics of the Refugee Crisis](#)' project, a programme of knowledge exchange activities including an art exhibition, learning labs and school theatre projects and organised a panel discussion and showcase event in December 2016 to mark International Migrants Day



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY

- Counter Trafficking: 22 training sessions delivered covering **365 participants**
- Successful expression of interest by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) to pilot a multi-agency training in London called "Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery – Awareness Raising Amongst Frontline Staff"
- Two events organised in October 2016 to mark Anti-Slavery Day, in partnership with the British Red Cross and the South Eastern Strategic Partnership for Migration
- Submitted two bids to the Modern Slavery Innovation / Child Trafficking Protection Funds in coordination with IOM missions in Albania, Nigeria and Vietnam



Event to mark International Migrants Day in London, December 2016

### #PortraitsOfWelcome



Edwar, Syria/UK

When you get on a bus in the UK, there are people from everywhere on it. It's like you see the whole world - people of different races, colours, religions and cultures. It is truly welcoming when you see people from so many backgrounds; it is difficult to feel alone in such diversity!



- Organised a panel discussion in June 2016 entitled “Maximizing the development outcomes of remittances: the role of multi-stakeholder approaches”, to mark International Day of Family Remittances
- Shared a concept note with DFID to initiate discussions on Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) projects
- Facilitated a study visit by a delegation from the Moldovan Diaspora Relations Bureau of the Moldovan Government to the UK on best practices for diaspora support and engagement



- Transit Assistance at London Heathrow airport: overall increase of activity by 50% compared to 2015, with a **total of 7,235 people assisted** in 2016 (as of 16 December)
- Provided AVRR assistance to 14 victims of human trafficking (VoTs) for specific EU countries
- Successful bid to the Facilitated Return Scheme (FRS) tender



- Working on the Integration Monitoring survey with UNHCR and City University
- Submitted written evidence to two parliamentary inquiries on unaccompanied children in the EU and on the new experiences of refugees in the UK
- Supported the launch of the IOM GMDAC report ‘Assessing the risks of migration along the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes: Iraq and Nigeria as case study countries’ in London in November 2016 at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)



*Event to mark International Day of Family Remittances in London, June 2016*



*IOM Director General William Lacy Swing met with IOM UK staff in August 2016*

## LIAISON, PARTNERSHIPS AND OTHER OUTCOMES

- Organised two cross-governmental meetings with UK departments (DFID, FCO and Home Office) involving IOM colleagues from HQ, Regional and Country Offices
- Close relationship with DFID’s newly established Migration Department: IOM UK in coordination with DRD is monitoring the first MoU with DFID and secured a second MoU to fund various IOM activities related to the Mediterranean situation, the two MoUs with DFID totalling funding of GBP 14.2 million
- Led a project submission to the European Commission DG Justice call for proposals on supporting capacity building on rights of the child and child protection for professionals in asylum and migration, in coordination with RO Brussels and IOM missions in Austria, Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg and Poland
- Enhanced potential for resource mobilization and private sector engagement through the PRISM GIFT Fund (tax deduction for donations)
- Obtained the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) certification
- Obtained Continuing Professional Development (CPD) certification for the Syria information sessions
- Increased media coverage with the publication of thought leadership pieces and articles mentioning IOM UK’s work in the Guardian, the Independent, International Business Times and Thomson Reuters Foundation News