

### SUMMARY

In 2019, IOM UK continued to strengthen and expand our programme portfolio across our key strategic areas such as resettlement, integration, community cohesion, diaspora and development, migrant protection and assistance, and migration research. In conjunction with partners, we worked to ensure the rights and dignity of all vulnerable migrants are upheld and victims of modern day slavery and trafficking are protected. We have also continued to scale-up our resettlement and integration programmes, with more than 9,000 refugees restarting their lives in the United Kingdom in 2019 under various UK resettlement schemes.

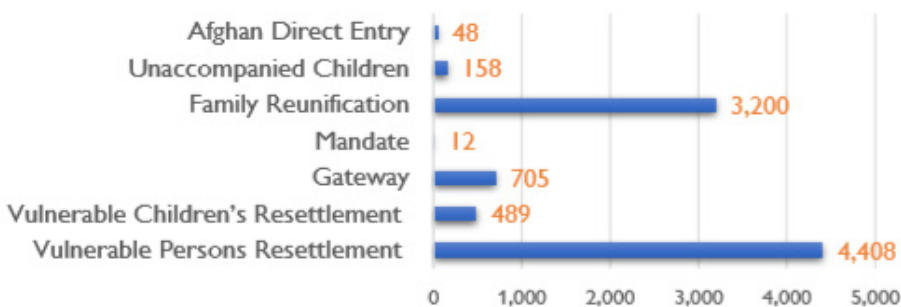
IOM in the UK has been working closely with the UK Government, local authorities, academia and civil society to honour the commitments of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to migrants across the globe and here in the UK.

### RESETTLEMENT

Our high-quality resettlement operations - which began in 2004 in partnership with the UK Home Office, local authorities and civil society actors - witnessed continued further scaling-up in the last few years. Some key highlights include:

- Record high in arrivals figures achieved - 3,200 under the [Family Reunification programme](#) in partnership with the British Red Cross, and more than 9,000 arrivals across all programmes.
- Built on the success of 2018 Mobility Conference by introducing a Mobility Form and organised Occupational Therapy training for IOM physicians in the MENA region to enhance knowledge and best practice for beneficiaries requiring specialised care.
- Extensive planning underway in preparation for the new [2020-2021 UK Resettlement Scheme](#) that aims to bring 5000 refugees to the UK with Mandate programme and Community Sponsorships arrivals in addition.

#### 2019 UK Refugee Resettlement



**+9000**  
people resettled to UK including the transfer of 158 migrant children from Greece, France and Italy

**3764**  
migrants and refugees assisted at Heathrow Airport

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. Established in 1951, IOM works with migrants, governments and other partners to provide humane responses to the growing migration challenges of today.

With nearly 400 offices around the world and 11,000 staff, IOM promotes international cooperation and dialogue on migration issues to assist in the search for practical solutions to key issues facing migrants and societies alike.



A family prepare for resettlement in Jordan ©IOM/2019 A Syrian refugee boards his flight to the UK ©IOM/2019

### INTEGRATION

Integration is a two-way process of mutual adaptation and in 2019 we expanded our support to refugees and host communities by promoting mutual understanding and cooperation.

- Embedded the pre-departure orientation programme for UK-bound refugee children, expanded the delivery of cultural orientation from in the MENA region and enhanced the curriculum with materials to serve the needs of the new UK Global Resettlement Scheme.
- Completed the EU-funded [LINK IT project](#): Developing a pre-departure skills profiling tool for Syrian refugees being resettled to the UK, Germany, Portugal and Romania and delivered a skills profiling pilot in collaboration with the UK Home Office and Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).
- Launched [Tapping Potential: Guidelines to Help British Businesses Employ Refugees](#) in collaboration with UNHCR, BITC, UK Home Office and DWP.
- IOM UK organized five Pilot Trainings on the UK Home Office's Indicators of Integration Framework across the UK as part of the [IOM Joint Global Initiative on Diversity, Inclusion and Social Cohesion \(DISC Initiative\)](#).

**+1531** People trained in **79** Refugee Information Sessions across all 4 countries of the United Kingdom



Sudanese, Iraqi, Kurdish, Eritrean, Somali and DRC trainings delivered as well as post-arrival, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and Link-IT sessions.



### MIGRANT SAFETY, SUPPORT AND SOLUTIONS

- IOM protects migrants along the extremely perilous Central Mediterranean route from harm by providing direct humanitarian assistance, life-saving search and rescue interventions in the desert, capacity building and filling critical evidence gaps.
- The [Safety, Support and Solutions programme](#) is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and runs across 10 countries. Since its inception in 2018 it has achieved the following:

**+90** evidence products generated **+37,700** migrants assisted **+1600** stakeholders trained

### TACKLING MODERN SLAVERY

In 2019, IOM UK continued to contribute knowledge and learning on human trafficking and modern slavery issues, and engage with key stakeholders in the sector.

- Published the report, [‘Between two Fires’](#) with the University of Bedfordshire on the dynamics and vulnerabilities to human trafficking as experienced by citizens of Albania, Viet Nam and Nigeria which was launched in Parliament.
- Published an evaluation of the pilot project [“Strengthening Responses to Child Trafficking and Modern Slavery”](#) with the London Borough of Croydon.
- Co-chaired the Modern Slavery Strategic Implementation International Sub-Group with Anti-Slavery International and key governmental and non-governmental actors.
- Launched the [ASPIRE \(Assessing Stigma for Prevention, Improved Response and Evidence base\) project](#) with IOM offices in Indonesia and Ethiopia which improves responses to trafficking and exploitation.
- Began a pilot project to provide job opportunities to survivors of trafficking who are ready to enter the UK labour market.

### SUPPORTING MIGRANT CHILDREN

One in every eight migrants worldwide is a child. Unaccompanied migrant children are disproportionately vulnerable to violence, abuse, exploitation, trafficking and detention. In 2019, IOM UK:

- Closed the EU-funded [Fostering Across Borders \(FAB\)](#) project to improve and expand the quality of family-based care for unaccompanied migrant children in Austria, Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg, Poland and the United Kingdom.
- Commissioned by the London Borough of Croydon to develop and deliver a training-of-trainers package on the care of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children for foster carers;
- Developed the Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking Children e-learning course for the West Midlands’ Children’s Services and Solihull Council.

**90+** experienced foster carers and Local Authority officials trained to provide specialised care and train new foster carers



### DIASPORA AND DEVELOPMENT

IOM UK’s work with diaspora communities in the UK has developed and diversified in 2019.

- Kick-started the study of the Gambian diaspora community in the UK in which +200 Gambian diaspora members participate, and completed the Rwandan Diaspora mapping which saw +300 diaspora members and organisations take part.
- Expanded our focus on [Diaspora and Humanitarianism](#) through an outreach that brought together the Sierra Leone diaspora, key agencies of the Government of Sierra Leone and key stakeholders.
- Launched the [Migration Seminar Series](#) with key partners such as London School of Economics (LSE) which saw +300 stakeholders and members of the public participate in migration events.

### DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

- The [DTM Analytical, Knowledge and Output Unit](#) continued to operationally support country missions, implement quality control mechanisms and disseminate data to better understand the needs of displaced and mobile populations;
- Led initiatives on forecasting human mobility in humanitarian crises in-conjunction with the German Federal Foreign Office;
- Published the [Global Urban Displacement Report](#) and led Data Science and Ethics Group discussions on the development of an ethical framework.

### MIGRANT ASSISTANCE

- IOM UK began leading a consortium with civil society organizations to ensure that vulnerable and marginalised EU citizens are provided with the support that they need to access [The EU Settlement Scheme](#).
- In 2019 we provide qualified immigration advice, outreach and assistance and one-to-one support to over 1,000 individuals from vulnerable populations such as homeless people, survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery, Roma communities, looked-after children, and people who are elderly or living with disabilities.
- IOM also successfully bid for the [UK National Support Fund \(UKNSF\) project](#) which will help UK nationals living in the EU to complete their residency applications.



### COMMUNITY COHESION

Community cohesion is vital to the success of two-way integration between migrants and receiving communities. In 2019 some of our activities included -

- Successfully organizing [3 Refugee Week events](#) - the Holding On Virtual Reality Exhibition at the iconic V&A Museum; a Community Inclusion event with the Mayor of Bristol and we united refugees, migrants and British choir members for the Singing Our Lives concert at the Southbank Centre in partnership with Together Productions.
- Hosted a sold out film screening and panel discussion at Somerset House highlighting the impact of climate change on migration patterns to mark [International Migrants Day 2019](#)
- Built upon relationship with English Football Association and facilitated over 50 UK refugees attend England games at Wembley stadium.