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AND IOM**

**Saving Lives  
and Building  
on Migration's  
Opportunities**



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# Saving Lives and Building on Migration's Opportunities: Sweden and IOM

Partnerships in Action



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# Taking stock of a fruitful partnership

The partnership between IOM and Sweden dates back to 1954. Since then, the relationship has grown from strength to strength. Today, IOM works closely with many Swedish government agencies and ministries, including the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Swedish Migration Agency, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as well as numerous County Councils.

The activities generated by the IOM/Sweden partnership cover almost all aspects of migration governance, including resettlement, family reunification, humanitarian assistance, migration and development, return and reintegration, and assistance to victims of trafficking. The partnership has led to a better understanding of global migration trends, improved perceptions of the contribution that migrants make to their home and host societies, and has fostered dialogue and global cooperation on migration and development.

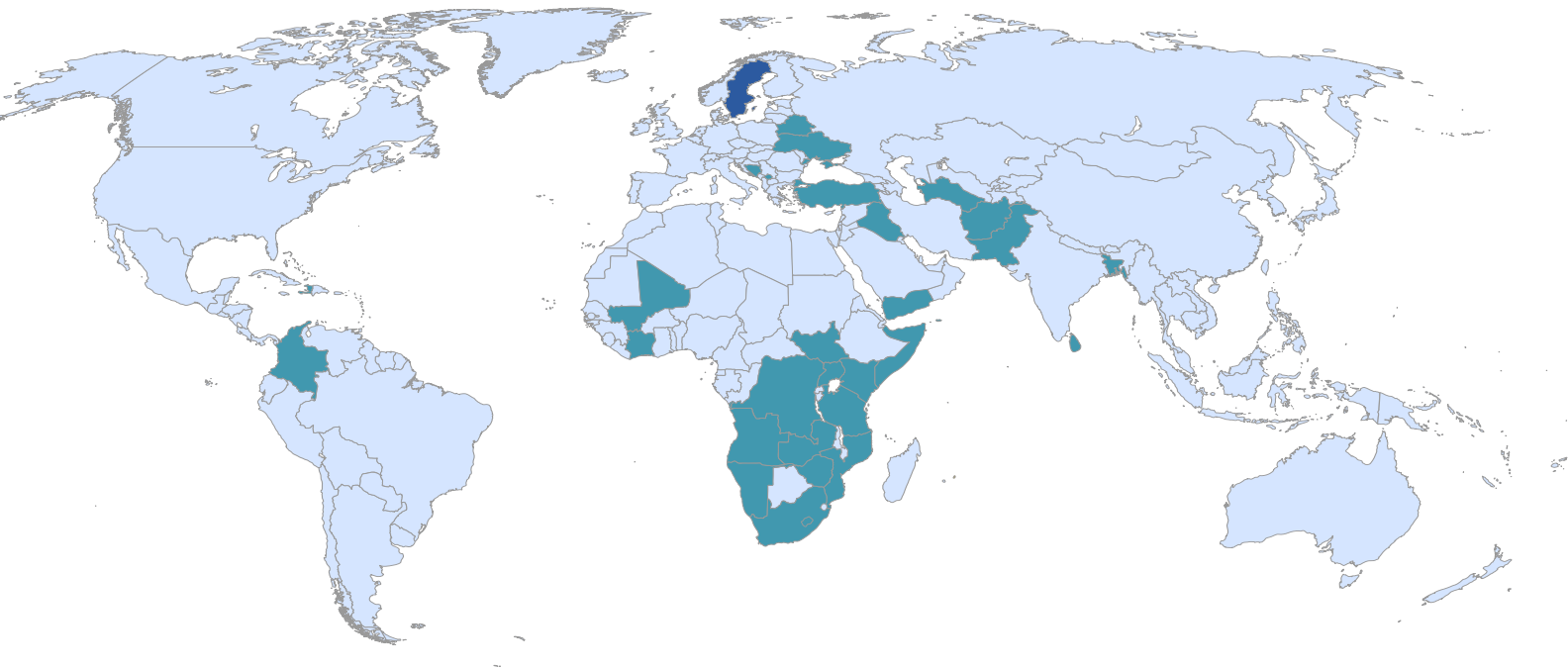
Sweden also supports IOM through the secondment of Swedish officials to IOM offices around the world. The recent deployment of experts from the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency to support early recovery in the aftermath of the recent Nepal Earthquakes is but one example of this excellent cooperation. These experiences are opportunities for mutual learning and facilitate the exchange of best practices. We are confident that the assignments equip the secondees with new skills and enhance their future employment prospects, whether in or outside of IOM.

In recent years, and especially since the Sida-commissioned evaluation of IOM's role in humanitarian emergencies in 2008, IOM and Sida have worked together to improve the ability of IOM to deliver on its humanitarian commitments. Sweden's investment in IOM's global humanitarian outreach through capacity building and institutional strengthening is particularly important and appreciated, as it enables IOM to better target and assist populations who are most in need.

We are pleased to share with you this special publication, which provides a snapshot of the work IOM and Sweden have been doing since 2008. We hope the publication will serve as a reminder of what has been achieved and will be an inspiration for further joint endeavours.

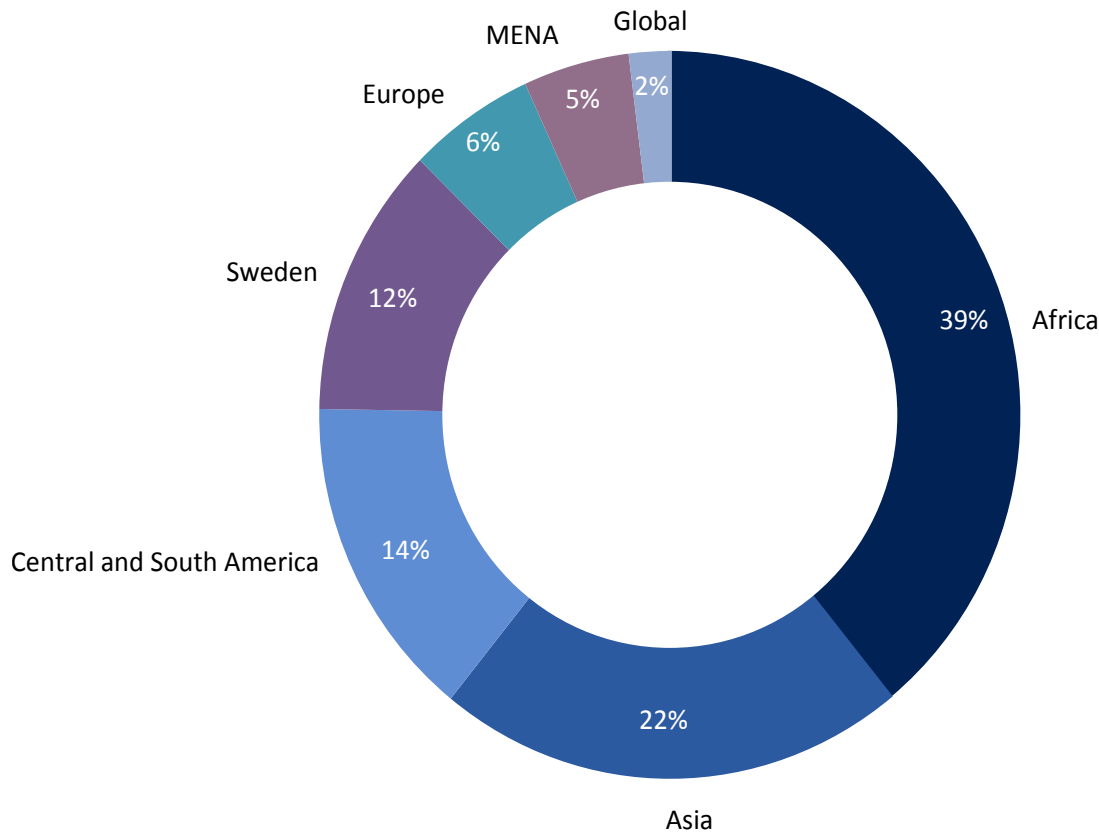
  
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# Swedish Funded IOM Projects 2008–2015



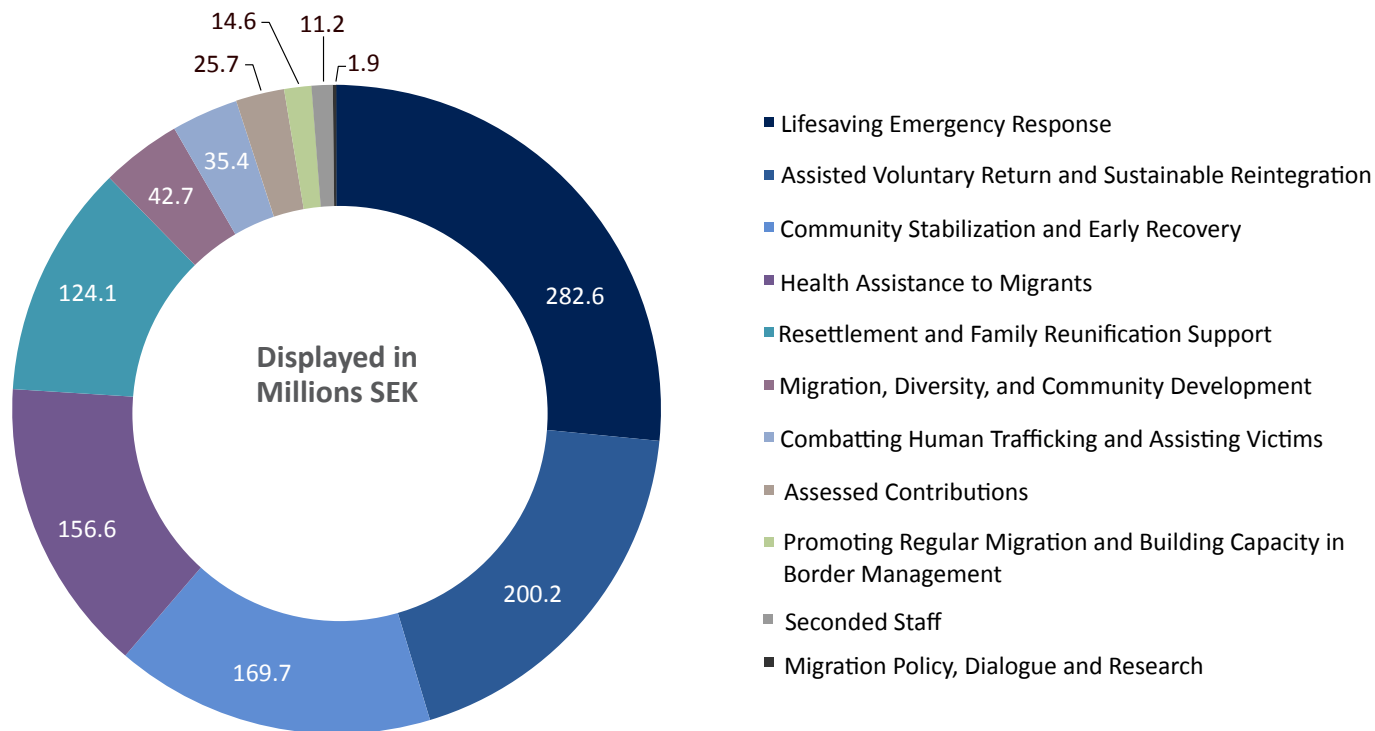
Global, resettlement and family reunification projects not reflected

# Geographic Breakdown



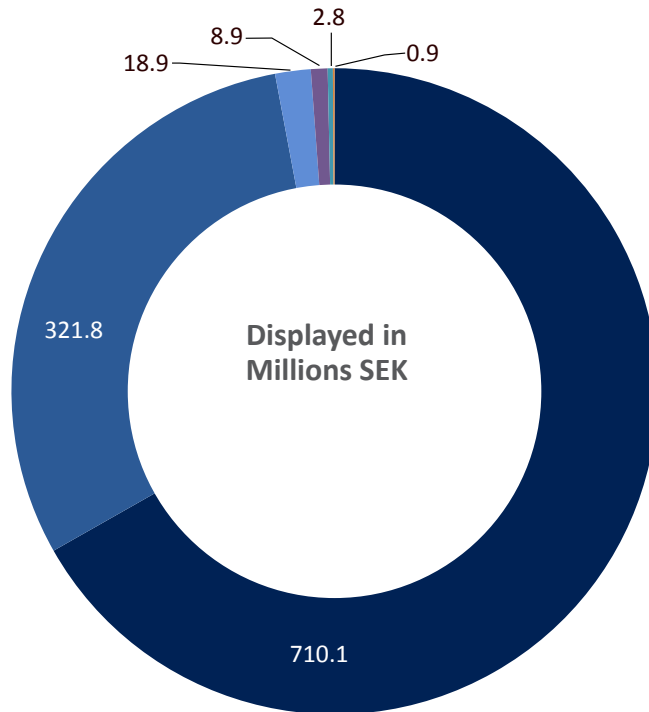
Swedish funded projects 2008–2015  
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“Sweden” includes all services related to resettlement and family reunification movements  
“Global” includes migration policy, dialogue and research, and multi-regional assisted voluntary return projects

# THEMATIC BREAKDOWN



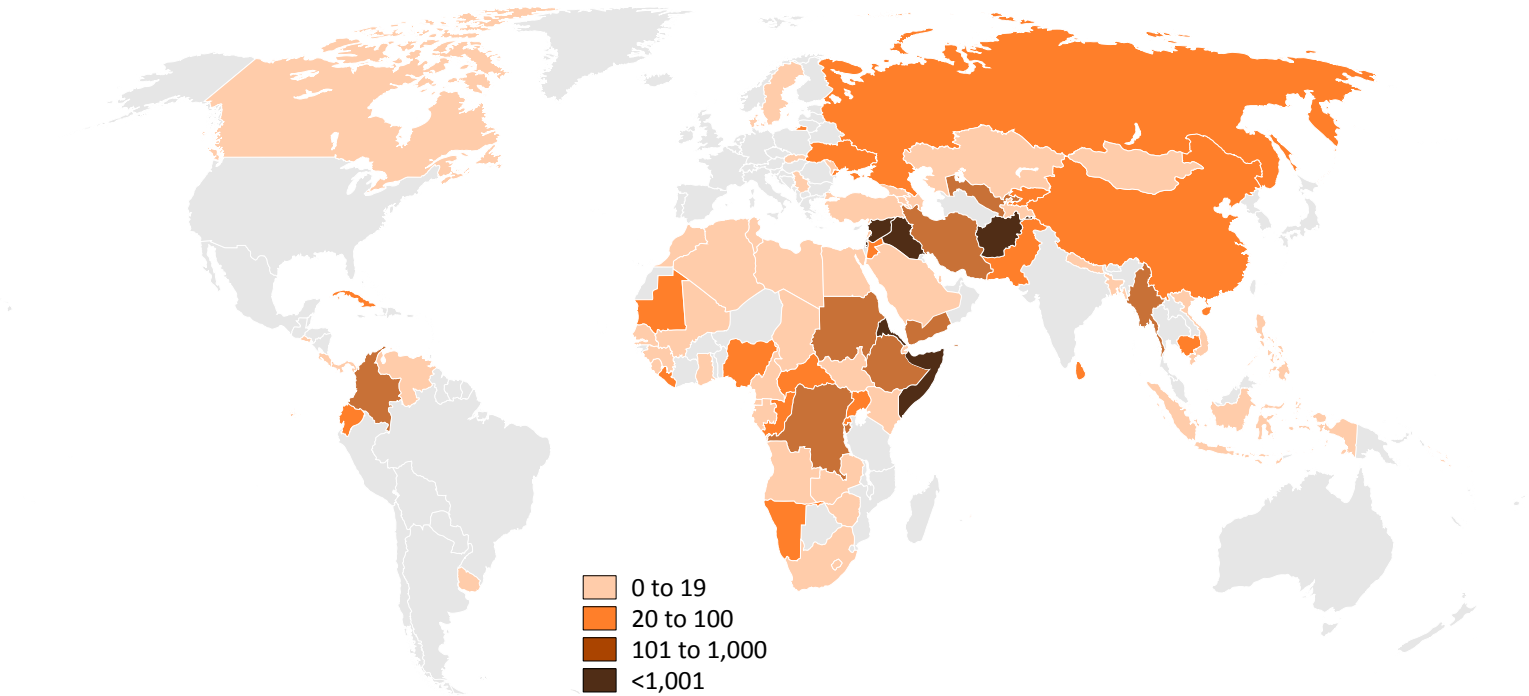
Swedish funded projects 2008–2015  
Average exchange rates used for multi-year funds  
UN exchange rates used for funds received in USD or EUR

# GOVERNMENT BREAKDOWN



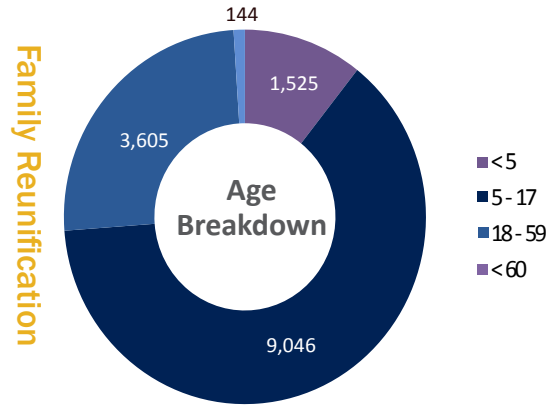
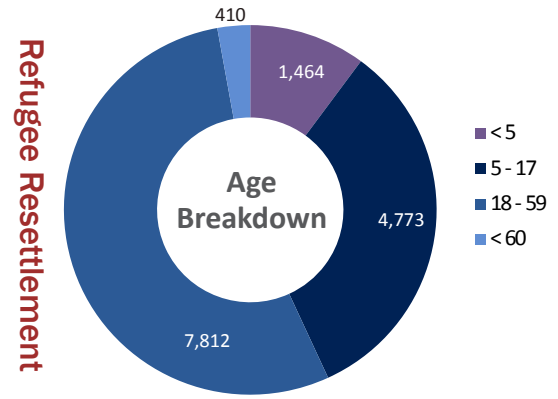
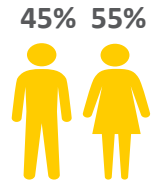
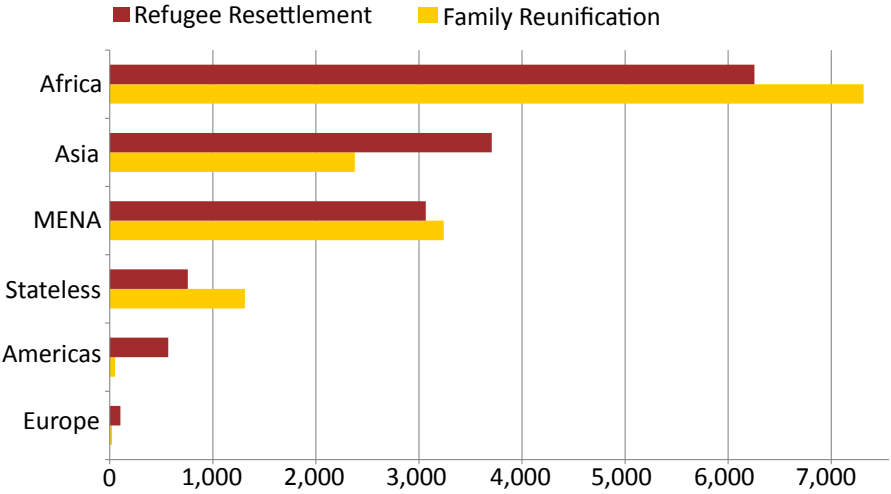
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Swedish Migration Agency
- County Councils
- Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Swedish Ministry of Justice
- Embassies and Consulates

# Refugee Resettlement and Family Reunification



IOM-facilitated movements for resettlement or family reunification cases to Sweden between 2008–2015  
More than 1,000 individuals who are stateless have been resettled, and do not appear on the map  
Countries highlighted indicate the nationality of individuals assisted

# Individuals Assisted with Movements to Sweden: 2008–2015



**When disaster strikes,  
what would you prioritize?**







In the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency deployed experts to IOM's emergency response team to support early recovery. Above, an elderly quake survivor sifts through the rubble of her home in Baluwa, Gorkha district. © IOM Nepal 2015



# Alleviating Suffering

IOM and Sida are strong partners in humanitarian response, and have been active in responding to natural disasters and complex crises across the world. From Haiti to Zimbabwe, South Sudan to Iraq, Kenya to Pakistan, IOM and Sida have worked together to alleviate the suffering of vulnerable populations. Our work has been multi-faceted in nature, ranging from the delivery of shelter and essential relief items, to the provision of health and psychosocial support, to improved protection mechanisms for sexual and gender-based violence victims. The vulnerabilities of migrant populations, including returnees and migrants caught in countries in crisis, are of particular concern to IOM. Sida is investing in IOM's response and preparedness capacity, and is equipping IOM to be a leading responder in today's increasingly complex humanitarian landscape.





Pakistan experienced unprecedented floods in 2010 affecting over 18 million people. Sida's support allowed IOM to jump start the emergency response in the most affected provinces of Punjab and Sindh. IOM subsequently reached over 45,000 households in need with shelter, relief items and health support. Above, women wash dishes after preparing a meal for their families. © IOM Pakistan 2010



During Hurricane Sandy, and with Sida support, IOM worked alongside the Haitian Government and Haitian Red Cross to provide shelters for communities and increase their resilience to future natural disasters. © IOM 2012 (Photo: Ilaria Lanzoni)

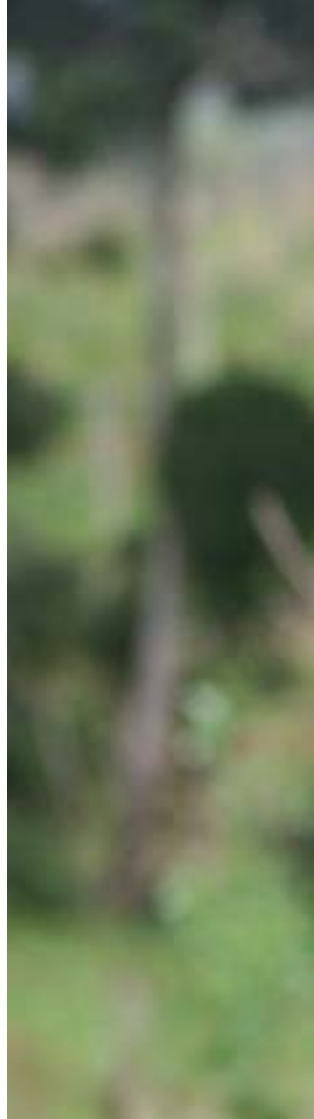


Yusuf Gholami, a returnee, received a reintegration grant upon his arrival back to Afghanistan. With business training from IOM, and support from the Swedish Migration Agency, he opened a shop in his local neighbourhood in Kabul. © IOM 2015



**If offered a new start,  
what business would you  
invest in?**

**How would you build  
back stronger?**







In the period leading up to and after South Sudan's independence, hundreds of thousands of people who had fled years of conflict returned to South Sudan. In communities that received many returnees, Sida supported IOM to rehabilitate schools and water facilities. These interventions supported the reintegration of returnees and their peaceful co-existence with host communities. © IOM South Sudan 2012



In partnership with the National Steering Committee on Peace Building and Conflict Management, IOM enhanced the capacity of community Peace Committees to address potential conflicts in Kenya. © IOM Kenya 2013



A doctor of IOM's mobile medical team in Punjab provides primary health care to a flood victim.  
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**Does moving affect your health?**

© IOM Kenya 2014



On average, 2,000–3,500 patients visit IOM Kenya's Eastleigh Community Wellness Centre every month, and over half these patients are migrants of Somali origin. The Sida-funded PHAMESA project has worked with migrant health care workers in the Centre to successfully improve child immunization rates for migrants who live in the neighbourhood.



© IOM Somalia 2012 (Photo: Mary-Sanyu Osire)

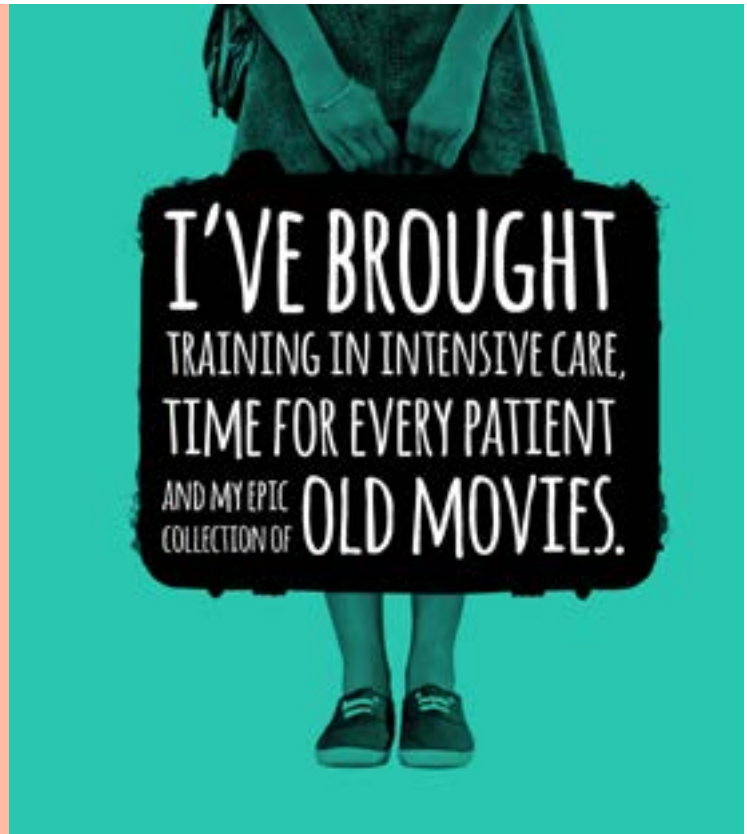
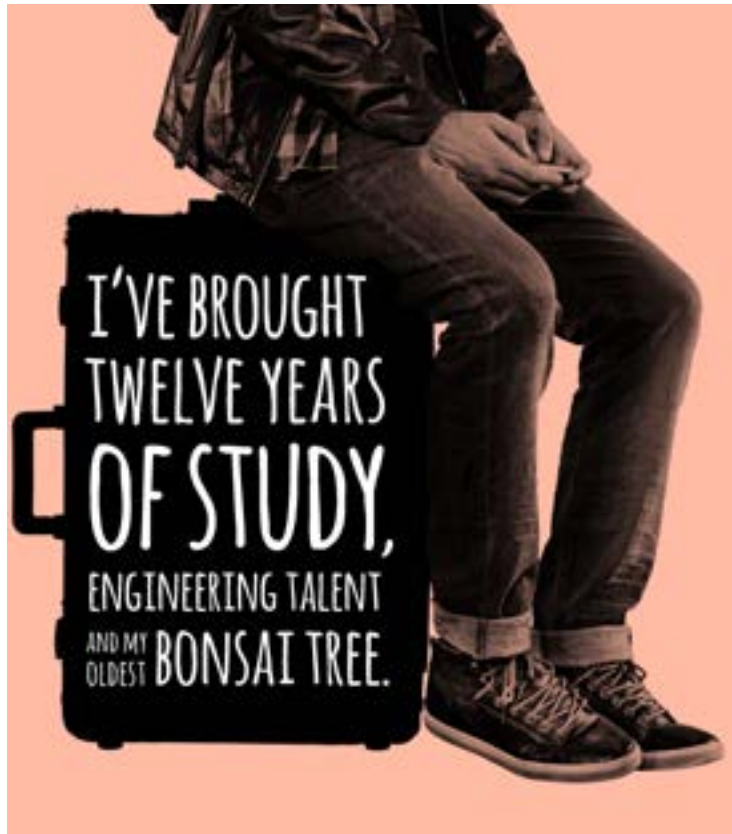
At times, displaced populations and migrants face serious challenges in accessing national health care in East and Southern Africa. “In several cases, PHAMESA has been instrumental in ensuring that migrants are recognized as a key population in regional and national responses to specific public health challenges, including HIV and AIDS, STIs and TB.”

PHAMESA Evaluation 2013



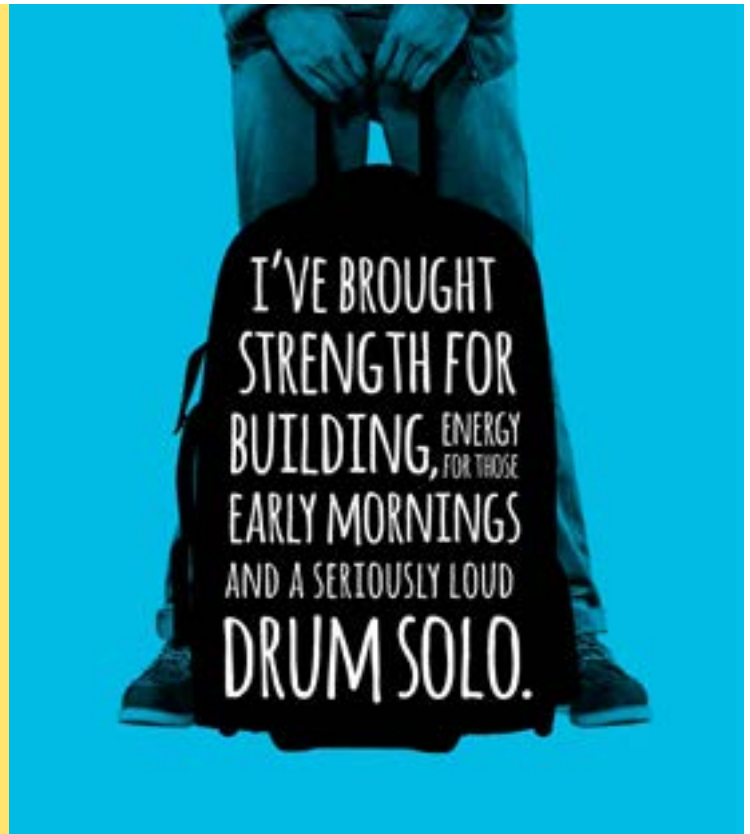
In the Cox's Bazar district of Bangladesh, IOM raises awareness on good health and hygiene practices for undocumented Myanmar nationals and host communities with Sida's support. © Bangladesh 2014

# What do you carry with you?





I'VE BROUGHT  
MULTI-TASKING SKILLS  
HEAPS OF TEAM SPIRIT  
AND ALL THE LATEST  
DANCE MOVES.



I'VE BROUGHT  
STRENGTH FOR  
BUILDING, ENERGY FOR THOSE  
EARLY MORNINGS  
AND A SERIOUSLY LOUD  
DRUM SOLO.

Sweden's Ministry of Justice contributed to IOM's global "Migrants Contribute" campaign that showcases the positive impact that migrants offer their communities.

# What would you give back?



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Ahmed Nur, a Sweden-based Public Finance Management expert, trains interns on accounts management in Somaliland.

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With Sida's support, IOM's programme on Migration for Development in Africa is providing an avenue for Somali diaspora to contribute their skills and knowledge to professionals and students in Somalia. IOM temporarily places diaspora experts within different government sectors, for example Public Financial Management, Justice and Rule of Law, and Public Health, in order to build the capacity of Somalia's institutions. A key aspect of the programme includes a traineeship for recent graduates from Somali universities who have the opportunity to work alongside diaspora mentors.

Osman Ali, a Sweden-based expert, conducts an induction training for two interns in the Puntland Office of the Attorney General.

# Do you know whose hands made your favourite shirt?

With support from across the Swedish Government, including from Sida, the Ministry of Justice, County Councils, and foreign consulates and embassies, IOM is taking strides to address human trafficking, a phenomenon that unfortunately affects disproportionate numbers of vulnerable migrants. IOM's approach is multifaceted, focusing on prevention through information campaigns, on direct assistance for victims including through reintegration packages, and on capacity building for civil society and governments to enhance legal frameworks and to be better able to identify and assist victims. Pictured on the right is IOM Turkey's "Buy Responsibly" campaign in 2013, which was funded through the Consulate General of Sweden in Istanbul.



WHAT'S BEHIND  
THE THINGS WE BUY?

[BUYRESPONSIBLY.ORG](http://BUYRESPONSIBLY.ORG)





# How can we shape the future of migration?

Sweden is playing a pivotal role in shaping the debates on migration and development and in fostering global cooperation on migration-related issues. Sweden's commitment to the Global Forum on Migration and Development is commendable, as is Sweden's participation in IOM-led fora and platforms that aim to ensure migration benefits all. IOM looks forward to continued partnership with Sweden on the opportunities and challenges migration will bring in the future.

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