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The overall objective of the project “Improving Capacities and access to services for migrants and refugees entering Albania”, ensuring that migrants and refugees entering Albania have access to shelter, medical support and assistance, as well as services corresponding to their needs, has been achieved successfully.

The Registration and Temporary Accommodation Centre for irregular migrants was established in Gerhot, Gjirokastra, Albania and inaugurated on 20 June 2017.

The Centre is located within the premises of the Directorate for Border and Migration Police and provides additional capacities for the Border and Migration Police for processing irregular migrants detected while entering the country or in the territory.

Activities carried out under the project have also contributed to:

Increasing registration capacities of the Border and Migration Police in Kakavija, through the provision of six sets of computers, multifunction printers and passport readers;

Enhancing migrants’ information and communication with the authorities by designing and printing 4,000 leaflets in eight languages (English, Russian, French, Arabic, Pashtu, Dari, Farsi, Urdu) as well as 3,000 mini-dictionaries in 6 languages (English, Russian, French, Arabic, Farsi, Urdu);

Increasing capacities of border and migration officials and other stakeholders involved in migration crisis management, through two trainings organized. The first training, focusing on Humanitarian Border Management in mass influx flows situations, took place in Tirana on 15-16 May, with the participation of 39 representatives from different institutions. The second training, on Migration Crisis Management, was organized in Gjirokastra on 17-18 May 2017, with the participation of 18 representatives from different institutions operating at local level.

KEY PROGRAMME DATA

Project Type: Regulating Migration

Geographical Coverage: Gerhot, close to Kakavija Border Crossing Point, Albania

Executing Agency: IOM

Beneficiaries: Migrants, Refugees, Asylum seekers transiting or staying in Albania

Partners: General Directorate of Border and Migration Police, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Social Service, Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth.

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