EDMA 2026 IN REVIEW

ON THE FRONTLINE OF HUMAN DIGNITY

Under the Distinguished Leadership of His Excellency
Senator Monday Okpebholo, the Executive Governor, Edo State

Strengthened Enforcement

Enhanced monitoring and coordinated operations

Victim Protection & Rescue

Safe shelter, counselling, and rapid response outreach expanded

Policy Research & Awareness

Data-driven policy briefs and community sensitization campaigns

1088
Rescued

18
LGA Desk Established



His Excellency Sen. Monday Okpebholo, Executive Governor, Edo State.

FOREWORD

The Director General, Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA)



Hon Chief Lucky Agazuma, The Director General, Edo State Migration Agency.

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Migration, when properly managed, can be a powerful instrument for human development, economic growth and social transformation. However, when driven by desperation, insecurity, misinformation, exploitation and the false promise of a better life abroad, it can expose our young people to human trafficking, abuse, forced labor and other forms of human rights violations. At the Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA), our responsibility is to ensure that every Edo citizen has the opportunity to make informed migration decisions, live in dignity and contribute meaningfully to the development of our dear State.

As we reflect on our achievements from January to October 2026, we remain guided by a clear philosophy: **to protect our people, empower returning migrants and optimize the resources within our reach for their greatest productivity.** This philosophy is captured in our strategic framework, the **EDO Model**.

The EDO Model represents **E – Empower Returned Migrants; D – Defend Them; and O – Optimize Resources Within Our Reach for Their Most Productivity.** It recognizes that returning migrants should not be defined by the difficulties they have experienced, but by the opportunities available to them to rebuild their lives, acquire relevant skills, establish sustainable livelihoods and become productive contributors to society. Our responsibility goes beyond receiving returnees; we must defend their dignity, support their recovery and help them transform their experiences into opportunities for a better future.

Complementing this framework is our **CRS Model**, which provides a people-centered approach to migration management and reintegration. The C component emphasizes **Care, Caution and Consolidation**, ensuring that vulnerable persons receive appropriate attention, that migration interventions are undertaken responsibly, and that our achievements are strengthened through sustained action. The R component focuses on **Readmission, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Back to Society**. Through this approach, we seek to ensure that returned migrants are not merely brought home, but are supported to recover, rebuild and reclaim their rightful place in their communities. The S component, **See it, Say it, Sorted** reinforces the need for a sustainable approach that preserves the gains of our interventions and promotes lasting social and economic inclusion.

Our commitment is equally clear when it comes to safe and regular migration. I have consistently maintained that **"Visas are processed, not purchased; just ask EDMA."** This message is central to our public enlightenment efforts. A visa is obtained through the appropriate application process, not through fraudulent agents, desperate payments or promises of guaranteed travel. We urge our citizens, particularly young people, to seek verified information from the appropriate authorities before making decisions that could jeopardize their lives, finances and future.

We must also address the conditions that push our young people towards irregular migration. Under the leadership of the Executive Governor of Edo State, His Excellency, Senator Monday Okpebholo, efforts to tackle cultism and insecurity have formed an important part of the broader drive to create a safer environment for our people. Where young people can live, learn, work and pursue their ambitions in safety, the pressure to leave home out of fear is reduced. Security, employment opportunities, skills development and social inclusion must therefore work together if we are to achieve lasting progress in migration management.

Another concern is the perception that life abroad is automatically better than life at home. During the Yuletide, many members of the Edo diaspora return to celebrate with their families and communities. Some have worked hard throughout the year and may spend a substantial portion of their earnings during a short visit home. While we welcome our diaspora community and celebrate their achievements, we must guard against the misleading impression that everyone abroad is living in prosperity or that success is guaranteed simply by leaving Nigeria.

The grass is not always greener on the other side. Behind the attractive stories and appearances may be years of sacrifice, difficult working conditions, isolation, debt and uncertainty. Traffickers and unscrupulous agents exploit these perceptions to lure unsuspecting people with false promises. Our duty is to equip citizens with accurate information, promote safe and regular migration pathways, and demonstrate that opportunities for growth and prosperity can also be built at home.

As this report demonstrates, EDMA continues to strengthen its work across enforcement, victim protection and rescue, policy research, public awareness and community engagement. These efforts are essential to protecting vulnerable persons, supporting survivors and returnees, strengthening institutional responses and ensuring that migration policies are informed by evidence and practical realities.

The progress recorded during this reporting period reflects the commitment of our staff, the support of the Edo State Government, and the collaboration of our security agencies, community leaders, civil society organizations, development partners and stakeholders. We recognize that migration management is a shared responsibility that requires coordination, compassion and sustained commitment.

Looking ahead, we will continue to deepen the implementation of the EDO and CRS models, strengthen partnerships, expand access to reliable migration information and promote the rehabilitation and reintegration of returned migrants. We will also continue to encourage our young people to pursue their aspirations through safe, lawful and informed choices, while contributing to the development of a State where opportunity, security and dignity are within reach.

I invite our stakeholders and the general public to engage with this Progress Report as a record of our work, a reflection of our responsibilities and a statement of our resolve to do more.

Together, we can transform migration challenges into opportunities for human development, strengthen the resilience of our communities and build a more secure, inclusive and prosperous Edo State.

Our vision is clear: safe migration, secure futures and a productive society where no Edo citizen is left behind.

Thank you.

HON. CHIEF LUCKY AGAZUMA
Director General
Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA)

FUNDAMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTCOMES OF THE EDO STATE MIGRATION AGENCY (EDMA) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY–OCTOBER 2026

Intelligence-Led Night Interventions and Public Protection

In furtherance of the mandate of the Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA), and in line with the directive of His Excellency, Senator Monday Okpebholo, Executive Governor of Edo State, to strengthen the protection of Edo State citizens, both at home and in the diaspora, the Agency intensified its efforts to combat irregular migration, human trafficking and the exploitation of vulnerable persons.

During the reporting period, **EDMA conducted 21 intelligence-led night interventions** at strategic hotspots identified through intelligence gathering and public alerts generated by the Agency's awareness and sensitization campaigns.

These operations resulted in the **rescue of 1,088 persons** encountered during the interventions. The exercise formed part of the Agency's broader efforts to identify individuals who may be vulnerable to trafficking, irregular migration and related forms of exploitation, while strengthening proactive responses to migration-related risks across the State.

The interventions also underscored the importance of public participation in migration management, as information received through community engagement and public awareness initiatives helped inform the identification of locations requiring targeted attention.

Demographic Distribution of Persons Arrested

To provide a clearer understanding of the outcomes of these operations, the table below presents the demographic distribution of the 1,088 persons arrested during the reporting period.

The data is intended to support evidence-based planning, improve the targeting of interventions and inform the development of appropriate protection, counseling, Rehabilitation and reintegration measures for persons identified as vulnerable.

Table 1: Demographic Distribution of Persons Arrested During EDMA Intelligence-Led Night Interventions, January–October 2026

Category	Numberof victims	Percentage%
Male	3	0.3
Female; <18years 18-35years >35years	3 496 326	0.3 60 39.4

B. State by State Distribution

Highest states

State	No of victims	%composition
Benue	207	25
Imo	166	20
Delta	116	14
Rivers	108	13
Akwa-ibom	99	12

C. Lowest states

State	No of victims	%composition
Edo	50	6
Adamawa	33	4
Ondo	17	2
Kano	8	1
Others	24	3

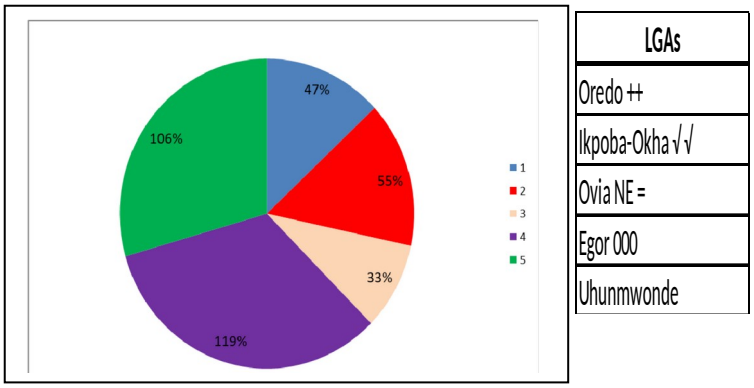
D. Hotspot Analysis

The period under consideration from very intelligent information gathering, certain locations had concentrations of commercial sex workers at very odd hours (2200hrs -

0300hrs) from 14 locations (hotspots) in 5 local government areas as shown in the table below.

LGAs	Victims	Sector size
Oredo	274	119
Ikpobaokha	244	106
Ovia NE	127	55
Egor	108	47
Uhunmwonde	75	33
	828	360

The above table can be represented graphically with a pie chart below for a more in-depth understanding.



OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND KEY OUTCOMES OF EDMA, JANUARY–OCTOBER 2026

- **Leadership, Staff Commitment and Operational Efficiency**

Under the leadership of the Director General, Hon. Chief Lucky Agazuma, the Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA) has continued to strengthen its operational effectiveness

through staff commitment, coordinated activities and a sustained focus on the Agency's statutory mandate. Staff members have remained dedicated to their respective responsibilities in pursuit of the Agency's mission and vision, as well as the broader development objectives of the Edo State Government.

During the period under review, the Agency recorded notable progress in rescue operations, victim support, the rehabilitation and reintegration of returned migrants, and law enforcement interventions against human trafficking and irregular migration.

- **Rescue Operations and Support for Vulnerable Migrants** A major component of the Agency's operational activities has been the timely identification, rescue and support of Edo State citizens exposed to trafficking, exploitation, xenophobic violence and other migration-related risks, both within Nigeria and beyond its borders.

EDMA has continued to facilitate rescue interventions in line with applicable protection standards and established operational procedures. Information concerning vulnerable migrants is often received through intelligence-led alerts and referrals from Nigerian embassies and other relevant diplomatic missions in countries where the affected persons are located. These interventions have been strengthened by the Agency's collaboration and sustained engagement with relevant embassies and international stakeholders.

- Key rescue and repatriation outcomes;

During the reporting period, the Agency recorded the following interventions:

January 2026: Four male minors were rescued from Burkina Faso.

April 2026: Three persons, comprising two females and one male, were rescued from Burkina Faso.

13 July 2026: Approximately 42 persons affected by xenophobic violence in South Africa were received by the relevant authorities in Edo State Goverment through the Edo State Migration Agency intervention and support.

These interventions demonstrate EDMA's commitment to protecting the lives, safety and dignity of Edo citizens, irrespective of their location, while strengthening international cooperation in migration management.

Support for Returned Migrants and Victims of Trafficking

Beyond rescue operations, EDMA has continued to prioritize the economic empowerment and sustainable reintegration of returned migrants and victims of trafficking. The Agency recognizes that effective reintegration requires access to employment, vocational training, livelihood opportunities and other forms of support that enable beneficiaries to rebuild their lives with dignity.

- Collaboration on employment opportunities

In January 2026, the Director General, Hon. Chief Lucky Agazuma, paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of the State Secondary Education Board (SSEB) to explore opportunities for collaboration and mutual support, particularly in facilitating possible job placements for eligible returned migrants.

This engagement formed part of the Agency's broader strategy to promote economic inclusion and reduce the vulnerability of returnees to further exploitation.

- Agricultural employment opportunities

As part of its efforts to promote livelihood support and economic reintegration, EDMA forwarded the names of 18 returned migrants to the Commissioner of the Ministry of Agriculture for consideration for driving cadre positions.

This initiative reflects the Agency's commitment to building institutional partnerships that connect returned migrants with potential employment opportunities and sustainable sources of income.

- 3.3. Skills development and enterprise support

The Agency also supported two beneficiaries who had acquired relevant skills by assisting them in establishing their own businesses. This intervention was aimed at promoting self-reliance, entrepreneurship and long-term economic stability among returned migrants.

- **Family Reunification, Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration**

Family reunification remains an important element of EDMA's rehabilitation and reintegration strategy. The Agency recognises that restoring family connections and community support can contribute significantly to the emotional well-being, recovery and social inclusion of returned migrants and other vulnerable persons.

During the period under review, EDMA facilitated the reunification of two persons with their respective family members, as follows:

4 February 2026: One male beneficiary was reunited with his family.

2 June 2026: One female beneficiary was reunited with her family.

These interventions reflect the Agency's commitment to ensuring that migration-related interventions extend beyond rescue and return to include the restoration of family relationships and the promotion of sustainable reintegration into society.

- **Law Enforcement and Anti-Trafficking Interventions**

Another significant area of EDMA's operational performance during the reporting period has been its continued engagement in law enforcement and the fight against human trafficking and related migration offences.

Through collaboration with relevant security agencies and other stakeholders, the Agency has sustained efforts to identify risks, support targeted interventions, promote public awareness and strengthen responses to trafficking and irregular migration.

These activities complement the Agency's rescue, protection and reintegration programmes by addressing the networks, practices and circumstances that expose vulnerable persons to exploitation.

The table below presents the key law enforcement and anti-trafficking activities undertaken by the Agency from January to October 2026.

Table 1: Summary of Law Enforcement and Anti-Trafficking Activities, January–October 2026

No	Activity	No of cases
2	Suspected/victims arrested	17 (16 females and 1 male)
3	Reunited victims with families	3
4	Referred to Women and Gender Affairs Ministry	2
5	Withdrawn cases	1
6	Ready for court	2
7	Cases closed and resolved	2
	No of cases handled	12

- **Prevention, Advocacy, Public Sensitisation and Safe Migration Promotion**

The Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA) has continued to intensify its efforts in migration prevention, advocacy, public sensitisation and the promotion of safe, regular and dignified migration among residents of Edo State. These interventions are designed to address the root causes of irregular migration, combat misinformation, discourage dangerous migration practices and ensure that intending migrants have access to reliable information about legitimate migration pathways.

In line with its mandate, the Agency has sustained engagements with embassies, relevant Federal Government institutions and international migration organisations to strengthen cooperation and explore reforms that could make safe migration pathways more accessible and affordable for intending migrants. Through these engagements, EDMA seeks to promote better access to verified migration information, improve institutional coordination and reduce the vulnerability of Edo citizens to fraudulent agents, trafficking networks and exploitative migration arrangements.

- School-Based Awareness and Public Enlightenment Campaigns
  Public awareness remains a critical component of EDMA's preventive strategy. Through its Advocacy Unit, the Agency has continued to educate members of the

public on the dangers of irregular migration, the risks associated with unverified travel arrangements and the importance of pursuing safe and lawful migration pathways.

During the period under review, EDMA, in collaboration with undergraduate interns, conducted approximately 21 awareness campaigns across schools and colleges within the Benin City metropolis.

These campaigns focused on educating students and young people about the risks of human trafficking, deceptive recruitment practices, exploitation abroad and the false promises often used to lure unsuspecting individuals into dangerous migration journeys.

The school-based engagements also provided an opportunity to encourage informed decision-making, promote personal safety and direct young people towards credible sources of migration information. By engaging students at an early stage, the Agency aims to strengthen awareness, build resilience against trafficking and reduce the appeal of unsafe migration options.

- International Cooperation and Institutional Partnerships

  EDMA recognises that effective migration management requires strong institutional partnerships and coordinated action among government agencies, international organisations, development partners and civil society stakeholders.

  During the reporting period, the Agency continued to strengthen its engagement with international migration organisations, including the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Return and Reintegration Assistance Alliance (IRARA) and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), alongside other relevant partners.

  These partnerships support the Agency's broader objectives of promoting safe migration, strengthening institutional capacity, facilitating the rehabilitation and reintegration of returned migrants, and expanding access to skills development, youth empowerment and employment opportunities.

  Through sustained collaboration, EDMA seeks to build practical support systems that enable returning migrants and other vulnerable persons to recover, acquire relevant skills, establish sustainable livelihoods and participate meaningfully in the socioeconomic development of Edo State.

- Human Capital Development and Capacity BuildingA notable capacity-building intervention during the reporting period was the two-day intensive human capital

development workshop organised by GIZ from 15 to 16 June 2026, which focused on safe migration.

- The workshop represented an important opportunity to strengthen knowledge, improve professional capacity and reinforce the understanding of safe migration principles among participants. Such capacity-building initiatives are essential to improving the quality of migration-related interventions, strengthening institutional responses and equipping relevant personnel with the knowledge and practical skills required to address the complex challenges associated with irregular migration, human trafficking and migrant reintegration.

  EDMA values these collaborative learning opportunities as part of its continuing commitment to institutional strengthening and improved service delivery.

- Humanitarian Assistance and Support for Returnees from South AfricaIn response to the humanitarian needs of persons affected by xenophobic violence in South Africa, EDMA also benefited from the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which provided food items to assist the returned migrants received in Edo State.

  The food assistance contributed to meeting the immediate welfare needs of the affected persons during a vulnerable period following their return.

  This intervention highlights the importance of cooperation between government institutions and international humanitarian partners in responding to emergencies involving migrants. It also reinforces EDMA's commitment to ensuring that migration management encompasses not only prevention and enforcement, but also humanitarian support, protection and the restoration of dignity.

  The Agency remains committed to strengthening such partnerships to improve assistance for returning migrants and facilitate their recovery and reintegration into their communities.

- Alignment with the Policy Thrust of the Edo State Government

  The achievements recorded by EDMA since its inception, and the progress made during the January–October 2026 reporting period, are closely aligned with the policy direction of the administration of His Excellency, Senator Monday Okpebholo, Executive Governor of Edo State.

  The State Government's emphasis on the protection of citizens, improved security, human dignity and socioeconomic development provides an important foundation

for the EDMA's work in preventing irregular migration, combating human trafficking and supporting returned migrants.

By strengthening public awareness, facilitating rescue interventions, promoting rehabilitation and reintegration, and developing partnerships that expand opportunities for vulnerable persons, EDMA contributes to the broader objective of creating a safer and more prosperous Edo State.

The administration's focus on addressing insecurity and creating a more enabling environment for young people is also relevant to migration prevention. When citizens can pursue education, employment, entrepreneurship and personal development in a secure environment, the pressures that may drive them towards dangerous migration routes can be reduced.

Accordingly, EDMA will continue to align its programmes with the State Government's priorities while working with national and international partners to promote safe migration, protect vulnerable populations and create sustainable opportunities for Edo citizens at home and abroad.

The Agency's guiding commitment remains clear:

"No Edo person should lose their life or dignity in the pursuit of migration."

This commitment captures the essence of EDMA's mandate and reinforces the need for sustained collaboration among government, communities, development partners, the private sector and the diaspora to ensure that migration becomes a safe, informed and beneficial choice rather than a journey marked by desperation, exploitation or avoidable loss.

Consolidating Progress Through Partnership and Prevention

The prevention, advocacy, public sensitisation and partnership initiatives undertaken during the reporting period demonstrate EDMA's commitment to a comprehensive approach to migration management. By combining public education with international cooperation, institutional capacity building, humanitarian assistance and reintegration support, the Agency continues to address migration challenges from both preventive and protective perspectives.

Under the leadership of Hon. Chief Lucky Agazuma, EDMA will continue to strengthen its partnerships, expand outreach programmes, improve access to reliable migration information and support initiatives that promote skills development, employment and sustainable reintegration.

As the Agency builds on the achievements recorded in 2026, its ultimate objective remains to safeguard the lives and dignity of Edo citizens, protect them from trafficking

and exploitation, and ensure that those who return home are supported to rebuild their lives productively.

Through sustained collaboration and a shared commitment to human dignity, EDMA will continue to contribute to the vision of a safer, stronger and more prosperous Edo State, where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 21 intelligent-led night interventions were carried out.
- 1088 commercial sex workers were arrested interviewed and made to go through the global standard procedures.
- Benue state was the highest in the number of arrested victims with 25% and Edo state citizens among the lowest (6%).
- Hotspot concentrated victims were arrested in Oredo LGA (Country home, MTN Mast, Adesuwa, Airport road, GRA with about 119%.
- 2 returned migrants have been reunited with the families.
- 1 returned migrant referred to Ministry of Women and Gender Affairs for further reintegration processes.
- The greatest percentage of the commercial sex victims arrested was between 18-35 years (60%) which forms the youths within manpower development class contributing to the GDP of the state and the country in general.
- Partnership collaboration with local and foreign partners: IOM, NIS, NCFRM, GIZ, Genus Hub and so on who contribute in the enhancement and promotion of daily activities in meeting set goals .
- School outreach and sensitization through the undergraduate interns and EDMA staff.
- Sensitization/stakeholders meeting with brothel/hotel owners in Edo state
- World-day against human trafficking-sensitization walks and sensitization campaign to schools .
- Collaboration with NBA Western Zone Human right summit 2026 .
- IOM delegates from Kano and Lagos on courtesy visit to EDMA to understudy the mode of operations for the high success .
- Action plan presentation to shareholders in all senatorial zones {South, Central and North) .
- Rescue efforts and sheltering of food victims in Edo state in partnership with Edo State Emergency Management Agency (EDOSEMA).

- The unveiling and launching of the Safe Migration Project at the EU House, Abuja.
- Strategic Advocacy Campaigns against prostitution, internal trafficking and drug abuse at Ihama, and neighbouring hotspots around Benin metropolis.
- Strategic collaboration with Edo indigenes (home and abroad) for the Fight Against Trafficking and Irregular Migration.
- Road Walk and Public Awareness Campaign on Human Trafficking
- EDMA organized a road walk across Benin Metropolis to commemorate the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The campaign provided an opportunity to engage members of the public and raise awareness about the dangers of human trafficking, the need for vigilance, and the importance of collective action in preventing trafficking and protecting vulnerable persons.
- Human capacity building for EDMA Case Management unit on digital data handling.

- The prompt visit of Edo state first lady, Mrs. Edesili Anani Okpebholo to EDMA's office to represent the Governor, His Excellency, Mr. Monday Okpebholo to exhort the returned victims of xenophobic attacks in South Africa on 8th. July, 2026.The joy of these returnees knew no bound after the warm and high government packages for them.

- Reception and Rehabilitation of Returned Migrants from South Africa: EDMA successfully coordinated a welcome, reception, and rehabilitation programme for forty-one (42) returned migrants from South Africa following xenophobic attacks. The intervention was achieved in partnership with the Office of the Governor, where each of them got a million naira (₦1, 000, 000), this was aimed at providing immediate support, protection, and assistance to the returnees as they began the reintegration process.
- Temporary Shelter and feeding for Returned Migrants: As part of its immediate response to the return of migrants from South Africa, EDMA provided temporary shelter and accommodation as well as feeding for forty-one (42) returnees. This intervention ensured that the affected migrants had access to a safe and supportive environment while appropriate rehabilitation and reintegration measures were being put in place.
- Capacity Building for EDMA Counsellors: The Agency conducted capacity-building training for its counsellors in partnership with GIZ. The training was aimed at strengthening the knowledge, skills, and professional capacity of counsellors to provide effective psychosocial support, counselling, and reintegration services to migrants and victims of trafficking.

- Internal Capacity Building for EDMA Civil Servants: All civil servants within the Edo State Migration Agency participated in an internal capacity- building programme facilitated by the Directorate of Central Administration, Governor's Office. The programme contributed to strengthening staff competencies, improving administrative effectiveness, and enhancing the overall service delivery capacity of the Agency.

- Onboarding of EDMA onto the Edo State Cloud: EDMA was successfully onboarded onto the Edo State Cloud e-Governance platform. This milestone is expected to improve the Agency's digital operations, facilitate efficient information management, strengthen inter-agency coordination, and support more effective delivery of migration-related services.

- Digital and Online Advocacy Against Human Trafficking and Irregular Migration: The Agency has expanded its public awareness and advocacy activities through social media and other online platforms. The digital advocacy campaign utilizes innovative communication tools, including AI-generated cartoon characters, skits, short dramas, and educational video clips, to communicate important messages on human trafficking, irregular migration, safe migration, and related issues in an engaging and accessible manner.

- Stakeholder Engagement and Presentation of EDMA's Work: EDMA presented an update on its activities, interventions, and achievements to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and other key stakeholders within the migration sector. The engagement provided an opportunity to share progress, strengthen coordination, and promote collaboration among agencies and organizations working in the migration space.
- Rescue of Additional Victims of Human Trafficking: EDMA also facilitated the rescue of additional victims of human trafficking, including a minor aged 16 and an adult aged 26, who were reportedly being trafficked to Guinea. The intervention further demonstrates the Agency's commitment to identifying, rescuing, protecting, and supporting victims and potential victims of trafficking.

- Another Successful Rescue: During one of the various intelligence-led night raiding operations, a 16-year-old girl (names withheld) who was internally trafficked was rescued from one of the brothels. Investigations revealed that the girl had been abandoned by her parents after she was branded a witch. In her vulnerable state, she

was trafficked to a brothel where she was subjected to sexual exploitation, even while pregnant. She was subsequently rescued when officials of the Edo State Migration Agency (EDMA) stormed the facility





SOUTH AFRICAN RETURNED MIGRANTS WITH THE FIRST LADY
WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING 2025





DG DG ADDRESSING S.A. RETURNEES

RETURNED MIGRANTS IN LAGOSSOUTH AFRICA MIGRANTS





GOVERNOR APPLAUDS THE DG FOR SOUTH AFRICAN MIGRANTS COURTESY VISIT TO 4 BRIGADE NIGERIA ARMY





GIZ EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME FOR RETURENED MIGRANTS SCHOOL SENSITIZATION AT TO ECEADAKWI PRIMARY SCHOOL ESAKOR WEST LGA





SCHOOL SENSITIZATION AT ESAKOR WEST LGA
GERMAN AMBASSADOR COURTESY VISIT TO EDMA





EDMA COURTESY VISIT TO NSCDC
EDMA COURTESY VISIT TO IOM





CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFF ON CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

MEETING WITH BROTHEL OWNERS IN BENIN CITY





CROSS SECTION OF BROTHEL OWNERS MEETING RESCUE AND REUNION OF THE BLIND VICTIM FROM BURKINA FASO





DG MIGRATION AGENCY WITH TEENS AND CHILDREN SCHOOL SENSITIZATION AT IGUEBEN FOUNDATION ON SENSITIZATION AGAINST IRREGULAR MIGRATION





SOUTH AFRICAN VICTIMS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

HIS EXCELLENCY EXPRESSES LOVE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RETURNED MINORS









RESCUE OF GODSTIME FROM BURKINA FASO BY THE WORLD TRAFFICKING DAY 2025 WITH THE FIRST LADY





MEETING WITH NGOS SPACE



SOUTH AFRICAN RETUNED MINORS AT CHILD FRIENDLY



IMPACT SUMMARY

The achievements recorded by EDMA so far in 2026 demonstrate the Agency's growing role in addressing migration-related challenges in Edo State. Key areas of impact include:

Victim protection and rescue: Interventions have contributed to the rescue and protection of victims of human trafficking, including vulnerable persons and minors.

Support for returnees: The Agency has provided reception, temporary shelter, rehabilitation, and reintegration support to returned migrants.

Public awareness: Advocacy campaigns have increased public engagement and awareness of the dangers of human trafficking and irregular migration.

Institutional strengthening: Capacity-building initiatives have enhanced the skills and effectiveness of EDMA personnel.

Digital transformation: The onboarding of EDMA onto the Edo State Cloud represents progress towards improved digital governance and service delivery.

Strategic partnerships: Engagements with GIZ, IOM, the Office of the Governor, NAPTIP, NSCDC, and other stakeholders have strengthened collaboration and coordination within the migration sector.

CONCLUSION

In view of the landmark achievements so far by EDMA, the following strategies are recommended for future reference:

- There should be increased funding by the government and international migration organizations for effective night raiding as well as reintegration packages for the returned migrants.
- Improved embassy collaborations for swift response operations for the returned migrants.
- Expand medical and human trafficking of xenophobic violence victims
- Scale of job placement and apprenticeship linkages for all categories of returned migrants.

In conclusion, the high level commitment to delivering dividends of democracy to the people through EDMA has helped to correct the highly acclaimed notion that Edo State is highest in irregular migration and human trafficking. This was recently amplified by the IOM rankings of states in Nigeria, placing Edo (3rd) behind Kano and Lagos State.

Also, the increased awareness campaign has now transformed the acquisition of visas by Edo citizens as being earned as opposed being processed.

The pictures below helped to illustrate some remarkable activities carried out by the agency from the establishment to date.

INFOGRAPHICS




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THURSDAY 30TH JULY, 2026


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