



## EU SUPPORT ON MIGRATION IN LIBYA

### EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa – North of Africa window

Since its creation at in November 2015, the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa has been the EU's main tool for actions to support migration related issues in Libya. The Trust Fund has mobilised so far **€408 million** in projects in Libya, out which:

- ▶ **Almost half goes to protection and assistance to migrants, refugees and internally displaced people**
- ▶ **Around one third goes to stabilisation of Libyan municipalities**
- ▶ **Around one fifth goes to integrated border management**

All projects are implemented by international partners on the ground, such as UN agencies, EU Member States and non-governmental organisations.

#### Overall EU support to Libya

In addition to the Trust Fund funding, around € 98 million has been mobilised for Libya for the 2014 - 2020 period under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI). This includes support to governance, public administration, private sector development, service delivery including in the health sector, support to civil society, youth and education.

Under this bilateral support, a project is also focused on the support to rights-based migration management and asylum system in Libya.



## EU TRUST FUND: PROGRAMMES IN LIBYA



PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED –  
**185.3 million** in total

**EU's priority is to protect the most vulnerable.**

**The Trust Fund actions include:**

- **€5.9 million:** 'Strengthening protection and resilience of displaced populations in Libya' - by DRC
  - **€19.8 million:** 'Supporting protection and humanitarian repatriation and reintegration of vulnerable migrants in Libya' - by IRC and IOM
  - **€69.4 million** (overall programme: €148 million) 'Managing mixed migration flows in Libya through expanding protection space and supporting local socio-economic development' - protection pillar - by IOM and UNHCR
  - **€29 million:** 'Integrated approach to protection and emergency assistance to vulnerable and stranded migrants in Libya' - by IOM and UNHCR
  - **€56 million** (overall programme: €122 million): Protection and sustainable solutions for migrants and refugees along the Central-Mediterranean Route (cross-regional programme) – in Libya: Evacuation Transit Mechanism - by IOM and UNHCR
- **€5.2 million:** Dismantling the criminal networks operating in North Africa and involved in migrant smuggling and human trafficking - by UNODC

### RESULTS

- ▶ The Trust Fund substantially contributed to the **voluntary return** of over 50.000 migrants to their countries of origin with reintegration support and the **evacuation** of more than 5.000 refugees and asylum-seekers out of Libya<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ The Gathering and Departure Facility in Tripoli as well as other safe spaces within host families have been established as **alternatives to the arbitrary detention system**
- ▶ Over 185.000 non-food items and hygiene kits have been distributed to refugees and vulnerable migrants in the form of **emergency direct assistance**
- ▶ More than 60.000 **medical consultations have been provided** to vulnerable people in the form of primary and specialised health care, psycho-social support and screenings

## Community Day Centres



Under the protection programmes, The Trust Fund is closely working with UNHCR and other partners to enhance the protection environment for refugees and asylum-seekers in urban areas. Three community day centres have been established in Tripoli to provide persons in need with primary health care, core-relief items and psychosocial support.

Elias\* is an Eritrean asylum-seeker who had to flee his home country to find safety. When he arrived in Libya in 2017, he started working in the informal sector to sustain himself and his wife, pregnant at that time. The couple struggled with daily hardship, and when Elias' wife gave birth to a little boy, they found it very difficult to make ends meet. Elias' wife was finally admitted, but spent hours in the waiting room and sadly died. UNHCR - Community Day Centres programme has provided Elias with assistance and is considering his case for additional support.

\*name changed for protection reasons by UNHCR

<sup>1</sup> Reintegration assistance to migrants returning from Libya is being provided under all three windows of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, depending on the country of origin /return.



## STABILISATION OF LIBYAN MUNICIPALITIES – €135.8 million in total

The EU's priority is to improve the living conditions of host communities, internally displaced persons and migrants in the Libyan municipalities

The Trust Fund actions include:

- **€78.6 million** (overall programme: €148 million): 'Managing mixed migration flows in Libya through expanding protection space and supporting local socio-economic development – local governance and socio-economic development pillar' - by UNDP, GIZ and UNICEF
- **€50 million**: 'Recovery, Stability and socio-economic development in Libya' - by AICS, UNDP and UNICEF
- **€1.2 million**: 'Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) phase II' - by IOM
- **€6 million**: 'Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) phase III' - by civil society organisations

### RESULTS

- ▶ **Social infrastructures** (health care centres, clinics, schools and electrical substations) in more than 50 Libyan municipalities have been rehabilitated and equipped
- ▶ Over 700.000 people, including migrants, internally displaced persons and host communities, **benefited from rehabilitated and equipped social infrastructures**
- ▶ Over 1.7 million people have **improved access to basic services**
- ▶ Around 15.000 children received basic **teaching and learning materials**
- ▶ 1.500 community members have participated in **social cohesion activities** based on a conflict-sensitive approach
- ▶ 2.500 young entrepreneurs were assisted with **job training programmes** to develop economic income-generating activities and around **20 start-ups** have received funding for their creation



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## INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT - €87.2 million in total

The EU's priority is to save the lives of those making dangerous journeys by sea or land.

### The Trust Fund actions include:

- ▶ strengthening the capacity of the relevant Libyan authorities through trainings on search and rescue, including on human rights.
- ▶ improving the treatment of those rescued, by allowing the partners to carry out screening and registration and to provide direct emergency assistance and protection at disembarkation points.
  - **€42.2 million** (overall programme: €46.3 million): 'Support to Integrated border and migration management in Libya – First phase'
    - by Italy's Ministry of Interior
  - **€45 million:** 'Support to Integrated border and migration management in Libya – Second phase'

### RESULTS

- ▶ 83 members of the Libyan General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) were trained as crew members, receiving **basic navigation skills for ship management**
- ▶ 15 members of GACS were trained as divers to **increase their capacity save lives on sea**
- ▶ Future trainings are planned for Libyan Coast Guards, in particular on **Search and Rescue and in line with international standards**

#### Implementing Agencies:

AICS – Agenzia Italiana per la cooperazione alla sviluppo  
DRC – Danish Refugee Council  
GiZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit  
IOM – International Organization for Migration  
IRC – International Rescue Committee  
UNDP – United Nations Development Programme  
UNICEF – United Nations Children's Fund  
UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency  
UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



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