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## €2 million to fight Aids in Libya

The European Commission decided today to provide 2 million EUR to contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases in Libya. This decision is an additional contribution to the EU Benghazi Action Plan, which has been providing high-level technical medical assistance since 2005. The Action Plan is a sign of solidarity of the EU towards the victims of HIV-AIDS, in particular those infected in Benghazi in 1998.

In continuation with the previous phases of the EU Benghazi Action Plan, the project will accompany the implementation of a Libyan National HIV/AIDS Strategy, support Libyan efforts to improve the quality of health care for people living with HIV/AIDS and develop approaches to reduce the risks of infections.

Thanks to the earlier activities under the Action Plan the Benghazi Centre for Infectious Diseases and Immunology (BCIDI) has now become a centre of excellence in the management of HIV/AIDS in the region applying a new, multidisciplinary and integrated approach toward HIV/AIDS treatment. Through these new funds the EU will continue to provide technical assistance, training, and promote exchange and partnerships between EU and Libyan health facilities. The main areas of focus will be to increase and improve HIV Prevention and Community Services and to support the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy as well as the treatment of children at the Benghazi Centre for Infectious Disease Control. All these activities will be carried out with a special attention to empowering women and to strengthening good governance.

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