

# 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 **€435 million** in projects in Libya, out of which:

- ▶ **More than half goes to protection and assistance to migrants, refugees and internally displaced people**
- ▶ **One third goes to stabilisation of Libyan municipalities**
- ▶ **The rest goes to integrated border management**

In total, the EU has devoted around **€700 million** in support to Libya during 2014-2020 under various funding instruments, including the EU Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the humanitarian assistance (ECHO), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) among others.

### EU response to COVID-19 in Libya

EUTF Africa funds supported the fragile public health system in Libya already before the pandemic. With the onset of the virus, existing EUTF Libya actions allowed to provide personal protective equipment, hygiene kits, training to medical staff as well as awareness campaigns to prevent the spread of the virus among vulnerable groups. Three new programmes have also been adopted to address the specific humanitarian and socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19, further deliver health assistance to vulnerable groups as well as strengthen the capacity of health centres in the country. In total, nearly a €100 million package in existing, reorientated and new funding has been identified under both the EU Trust Fund for Africa and the European Neighbourhood Instrument to address the consequences of the COVID-19 virus.

### RESULTS SO FAR



#### PROTECTION

- ▶ 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 5.500 refugees and asylum-seekers out of Libya<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ More than 200,000 non-food items and hygiene kits have been distributed to refugees and vulnerable migrants in the form of direct emergency assistance

#### COMMUNITY STABILISATION

- ▶ Over 1.7 million people have **improved access to basic services** health care centres, schools, water and electricity
- ▶ Around 70.000 children received basic **formal and informal education**
- ▶ 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

#### BORDER MANAGEMENT

- ▶ 83 members of the Libyan General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) were trained as crew members, receiving **basic navigation skills for ship management**
- ▶ 4 vessels for the GACS are in repair and ready to be delivered soon. The procurement of smaller boats, busses and ambulances are on their way.

## EU TRUST FUND: PROGRAMMES IN LIBYA



**PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED – 237.3 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
- **€99.6 million** (overall programme EUR 178.2 million) 'Managing mixed migrations flows in Libya through expanding protection space and supporting local socio-economic development' protection pillar - by IOM, UNHCR and WHO
- **€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
- **€20 million:** 'Protecting most vulnerable populations from the COVID-19 pandemic in Libya - by WHO, IOM and UNICEF
- **EUR 0.8 million:** 'Durable solutions for Refugee Unaccompanied and Separated Children and Family Reunification - by UNHCR



**STABILISATION OF LIBYAN MUNICIPALITIES – €160.8 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
- **€75 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



**INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT – €57.2 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
- **€15 million:** 'Support to Integrated border and migration management in Libya – Second phase'

For further information on the EU Emergency Trust Fund, please visit our webpage:

[https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/index\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/index_en)

Implementing agencies:

AICS – Agenzia Italiana per la cooperazione allo 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  
 WHO – World Health Organization

1 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.