Since its creation 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 almost €465 million in projects in Libya.

In total, the EU has devoted around €700 million in support to Libya these last few years 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.

Team Europe supports Libya in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020. The European Union allocated €23.1 million under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) for specific COVID-19 actions. These COVID-19 response actions come in addition to existing EU programmes supporting the Libyan public health sector that has been suffering severe damages and undersupplies as a consequence of years of conflict.

EU-funded COVID-19 response actions particularly focus on Libya’s most vulnerable communities, including refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants and their host communities. The EU collaborates with WHO, IOM, UNICEF and the IMC, and the programmes are expected to directly benefit more than 1 million people across the country.

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**EU SUPPORT ON MIGRATION IN LIBYA**

**EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa North of Africa window**

**RESULTS SO FAR**

**PROTECTION**
- The Trust Fund substantially contributed to the voluntary return of over 56,500 migrants to their countries of origin with reintegration support and the evacuation of more than 7,500 refugees and asylum-seekers out of Libya¹
- More than 400,000 non-food items and hygiene kits have been distributed to refugees and vulnerable migrants in the form of direct emergency assistance

**COMMUNITY STABILISATION**
- Over 4 million people have improved access to basic services
- Around 70,000 children received basic formal and informal education
- Over 3,000 young entrepreneurs were assisted with job training programmes to develop economic income-generating activities

**BORDER MANAGEMENT**
- A series of technical training have been provided to 142 members of the General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) on issues like navigation skills and human rights
- 30 SUVs and 10 buses were delivered to the relevant Libyan authorities
- 3 vessels belonging to the GACS have been rehabilitated

**COVID-19 SUPPORT**
- About 100,000 antigen-based rapid diagnostic tests procured and distributed for testing high-risk groups
- Almost 50,000 primary healthcare services delivered
- Almost 1,500 healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

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”
EU’s priority is to protect the most vulnerable

The Trust Fund actions include:

- **€6.9 million** Strengthening protection and resilience of displaced populations in Libya – by a consortium of INGOS (DRC, CESVI, IRC and IMC)
- **€19.8 million** Supporting protection and humanitarian repatriation and reintegration of vulnerable migrants in Libya – by IRC and IOM
- **€99.6 million** Managing mixed migration flows in Libya through expanding protection space and supporting local socio-economic development protection pillar – by IOM, UNHCR, WHO, UNFPA and CESVI
- **€29 million** Integrated approach to protection and emergency assistance to vulnerable and stranded migrants in Libya – by IOM and UNHCR
- **€52 million** Protection and sustainable solutions for migrants and refugees along the Central-Mediterranean Route (cross-regional programme) – in Libya: Evacuation Transit Mechanism – by UNODC
- **€5.2 million** Dismantling the criminal networks operating in North Africa and involved in migrant smuggling and human trafficking – by UNODC
- **€23.1 million** Protecting most vulnerable populations from the COVID-19 pandemic in Libya – by WHO, IOM, UNICEF, IMC, WFP
- **€1.3 million** Durable solutions for Refugee Unaccompanied and Separated Children and Family Reunification – by UNHCR

Given the particular challenges of the Libyan context, the EU uses a **third-party monitoring** to verify results and the respect of the ‘do not harm’ principle in EUTF operations in Libya. Through Libya’s Migration Technical Assistance Facility the EU also contributes to strengthening Libya’s national mechanisms for addressing regular and irregular migration (all contracts €7.25 million).

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

https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/index_en