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Stabilizing at-risk communities and enhancing migration management to enable smooth transitions in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya



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BACKGROUND

Funded by the **European Union (EU)** and implemented by **IOM**, the START Project commenced on 01 January 2012.

Under this comprehensive programme, IOM will support the **Governments of Egypt, Tunisia and Libya** to stabilize at-risk communities and enhance migration management – helping to establish preconditions to smooth transition processes and sustainable recoveries in the three target countries. Indeed, IOM and its partners have recognized that 2011 events in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya have compounded complex migration challenges whilst also giving rise to new migration-related opportunities.



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Under the START project, IOM will:

- Support the Libyan Government to assess and address labour market gaps through human capital development and regular migration;
- Support the Libyan Government to review and strengthen migration-related policies and legislation and enhance national capacities to manage migration flows and uphold the human rights of migrants;
- Enhance Regional dialogue and improve coordination between Libyan Government and neighbouring countries;
- Improve access to essential services (such as health care) amongst Libyans and migrants in vulnerable and conflict-affected areas and strengthen government and non-governmental service providers' capacities to cope with future migration surges.



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PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:

To achieve the four objectives, this three-year project (2012–14) entails the following activities in Libya:

- **Conduct an assessment and deploy personnel to address critical labour market shortages in Libya:** Based on the assessment's findings, IOM will work in cooperation with the Libyan authorities, Government entities in sending countries, and other relevant institutions, such as the Arab Medical Union, to facilitate the immediate and short- to medium-term deployment of personnel required to address the most critical labour market shortages in the health sector.
- **Support the Libyan Government to assess and address medium- to long-term labour market shortages:** IOM will work in partnership with relevant Ministries in Libya, including Labour and Vocational Training, to create and test new methodologies/mechanisms to assess and predict labour market shortages in the medium- to long-term.
- **Deliver technical assistance to establish and strengthen job-matching and migrant protection mechanisms in Libya:** IOM will assist the Libyan authorities to review and strengthen job-matching and migrant protection mechanisms including, in particular, through exposure to international good practices and lessons learned in this field.
- **Generate information to support the development of evidence-based policies and a rights-based legal framework, and inform capacity building activities in Libya:** IOM is proposing to conduct a comprehensive Migration Management Assessment that will provide a standardized baseline to steer migration management interventions proposed under this programme. Based on the assessment, IOM will support the Libyan authorities to develop a strategic action plan to enhance migration management in Libya and, in particular, to address gaps which have emerged (or are emerging) in the post-conflict context.
- **Establish Legislative and Policy Task Forces:** IOM will support the Libyan authorities to establish two inter-Ministerial working groups: a Legislative Task Force, to enhance existing migration-related legislation, and a Policy Task Force, to examine and put forth recommendations to improve current migration-related policies and procedures.
- **Provide training to strengthen institutional capacities to manage migration flows and safeguard migrants' rights:** IOM, through the Africa Capacity Building Center and in cooperation with representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, will develop and deliver a comprehensive capacity building programme to benefit the Libyan authorities. Training components will support and complement IOM's effort to support the Libyan authorities to enhance migration-related legislation and policies.





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- **Provide specific assistance to vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking:** under this programme, and building upon past interventions, supported by the European Union and individual European Union Member States, IOM will work in partnership with the Libyan Red Crescent to improve infrastructure (including, in particular, water and sanitation facilities) at existing reception centres, and provide legal counselling to detained migrants – referring them, where appropriate, to the ongoing, EU-funded assisted voluntary return programme or the START Emergency Fund. The proposed Fund will support immediate actions to provide assistance to vulnerable groups on an ad hoc, case-by-case basis, in accordance with pre-determined criteria.
- **Strengthen dialogue and cooperation between Libya and neighbouring countries:** IOM will look to promote high- and/or technical-level dialogue on migration management between Libya and neighbouring countries.
- **Strengthen local services providers’ – including healthcare practitioners’ – capacities to provide direct assistance to migrants:** IOM will provide technical assistance to relevant institutions, including both Governmental and non-Governmental clinics, and procure and deliver requisite equipment and supplies, to alleviate existing burdens and, where relevant, prepare partners to cope with potential surges in demand.
- **Establish an information platform to promote access to services and livelihood support in host countries, and promote socio-economic reinsertion upon return:** Under this programme, IOM will establish an information platform to promote access to services and livelihood support. More specifically, the online platform will contain information on Libyan’s rights and obligations in host countries and list relevant Governmental and non-governmental services and programmes, to enhance access to health and mental health services, legal aid, livelihood support, etc. In addition, the information platform will, wherever possible, contain up-to-date information on conditions in Libya and services available in Libyan’s origin communities. In addition, IOM will list new and emerging labour market opportunities in Libya, identified through consultation with relevant Ministries and private sector partners, and provide information on recruitment channels.

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