



“SEA DEMM”

Sea and Desert Migration Management for Libyan authorities to rescue migrants

Executing agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Funding: European Union – Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Co-funding: Italy, Czech Republic, Norway

Geographical Coverage: Tripoli, major migrant transit hubs in the South, departure-disembarkation points

Partners: Libyan authorities, UNHCR, national and international NGOs

Beneficiaries: Migrants, including refugees, asylum-seekers as part of mixed migration flows

Duration: 12 months (01.08.2016 – 01.08.2017)

Budget: € 1.145.727,11

CONTEXT

Libya continues to be the main transit and departure point for irregular sea migration to Europe from North Africa. In 2014, over 170,100 persons arrived in Italy and of whom some 141,484 departed from Libya. In 2015, thus far around 140,000 arrivals in Italy have been reported of which 90 per cent arrived from Libya. So far in **2015, 2,861 refugees and migrants are estimated by IOM to have died or gone missing in the Mediterranean Sea.** The death toll continues to rise as hundreds of persons drown or are reported missing during the crossing, mainly close to the Libyan coastline. Others perish because of the hardship of the journey.

With poorly equipped and unseaworthy boats overloaded with migrants and refugees attempting to leave the Libyan coast, including women and children, **the Libyan Coast Guard’ resources are overstretched and by far not sufficient** to respond to the scale of attempted departures and distress incidents.

In the current circumstances, **Libya is not considered a safe place for disembarkation of refugees or migrants.** Furthermore, there is an urgent need to enhance the overall conditions of migrants.



OBJECTIVES

Support Libyan authorities and civil society organizations engaged in dealing with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and strengthen responses to saving lives while **promoting longer-term, capacity building and awareness raising initiatives to respond to protection needs and to lessen irregular migration.**

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Training on **First Aid**, as well as general health trainings, concerning screening of people disembarked back at Libyan territory for any serious health issues and/or communicable diseases, requiring professional health assistance for LCG and DCIM;
- Training on best practices in inter-agency cooperation model upon disembarkation to **manage people rescued at sea**, for LCG, DCIM and Libyan Red Crescent;
- Training for the Technical Working Group – Coast Guard members on the **development of Standard Operating Procedures** and guidelines for the better coordination of the disembarkation of migrants following their rescue/interception at sea, including addressing specific vulnerabilities, like potential victims of trafficking or Gender Based Violence.
- **Enhance infrastructure** and available facilities at 3 places of disembarkation of refugees/migrants rescued at sea
- Provide and **install an electronic registration system** for the registration and initial screening of those refugees/migrants who have been rescued/intercepted at sea and brought back to the Libyan coast.
- **Enhance transportation capacities** (micro/mini bus), as well as improve the facilities required to adequately accommodate women, children and families at DCIM migrant retention centres.
- Provide first aid and emergency care by respective professional health care service providers, as well as **Psychosocial Support** by IOM trained NGOs and implementing partners
- Provide and distribute NFIs i.e. dignity kits, clothing, etc. among those migrants in need of such support.
- Organize and facilitate **regular meetings of the “Contact Group”** in the framework of technical workshops, trainings and coordination meetings, in order to align procedures and respective lines of communications.
- Organize at least three specialized trainings on topics identified by the Contact Group as priority areas.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:



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