

With funding under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration has been designed to provide a coherent framework to save lives, protect and assist migrants along the Central Mediterranean Routes (CMR). This Flash Report aims to present the compiled results of the Joint Initiative in (i) the Sahel and Lake Chad, (ii) North Africa, and (iii) the Horn of Africa. The EU-IOM Joint Initiative comprises the following pillars of action:

- Protection and Voluntary Return Assistance
- Capacity Development
- Information and Awareness Raising
- Reintegration Support
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Community Stabilisation

For more information, visit our website www.migrationjointinitiative.org

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN DECEMBER

- On 15 December, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative celebrated its 2nd Anniversary. Coinciding with International Migrants Day and the Global Migration Film Festival, over 100 screenings in over 20 countries took place,
- A fact-finding mission by the Nigerian National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) identified Nigerian victims of trafficking in gold mining towns in Western Mali. There were initial talks about signing a bilateral agreement between Mali and Nigeria to address this issue.
- Government stakeholders and Migrant Response Centre (MRC) staff from Puntland and Somaliland, Somalia participated in a learning exchange visit to the MRC in Obock, Djibouti.
- In Côte d'Ivoire, a workshop on the 'Role of Social Services in Migrant Child Protection' was co-organised with the Child Protection Department under the Ministry of Women, Family and Children and UNICEF, attended by 13 social services.
- The EU-IOM Joint Initiative held Project Steering Committee meetings in Burkina Faso and The Gambia as well as a Coordination Committee Meeting in Somaliland.
- A community-based reintegration project focusing on the cultivation of potatoes and involving 17 return migrants and 13 community members was launched in Timbi Madina, Guinea. In Bossasso, Somalia the rehabilitation and construction of local government offices was completed to support the provision of better quality services to the community.
- In Cameroon, Kousseri in the far-north of the country was identified for flow monitoring point (FMP) establishment. In Nigeria, seven additional locations were identified for FMPs, pending funding availability.

MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²

60,324

migrants assisted after their return



87 % male



13 % female



1.7 % unaccompanied migrant children

VOLUNTARY RETURN

2,492¹ | 45,120²

Stranded and vulnerable migrants supported with their voluntary return under EUTF funding



PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE

15³ | 24⁴

Migrant Resource and/or Response Centres (MRRCs/MRCs) established or rehabilitated



991¹ | 13,084² Migrants assisted in Search and Rescue Operations

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

28³ | 29⁴



Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) in place
(for more information visit displacement.iom.int)

AWARENESS RAISING

26¹ | 1,029²



Awareness raising events/activities organised in the regions covered

All data is preliminary and subject to change.

Figures on return and reintegration assistance in this report include support provided by the Better Migration Management Programme. IOM's Search and Rescue operations are supported by the European Union, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the Department for International Development (DFID).

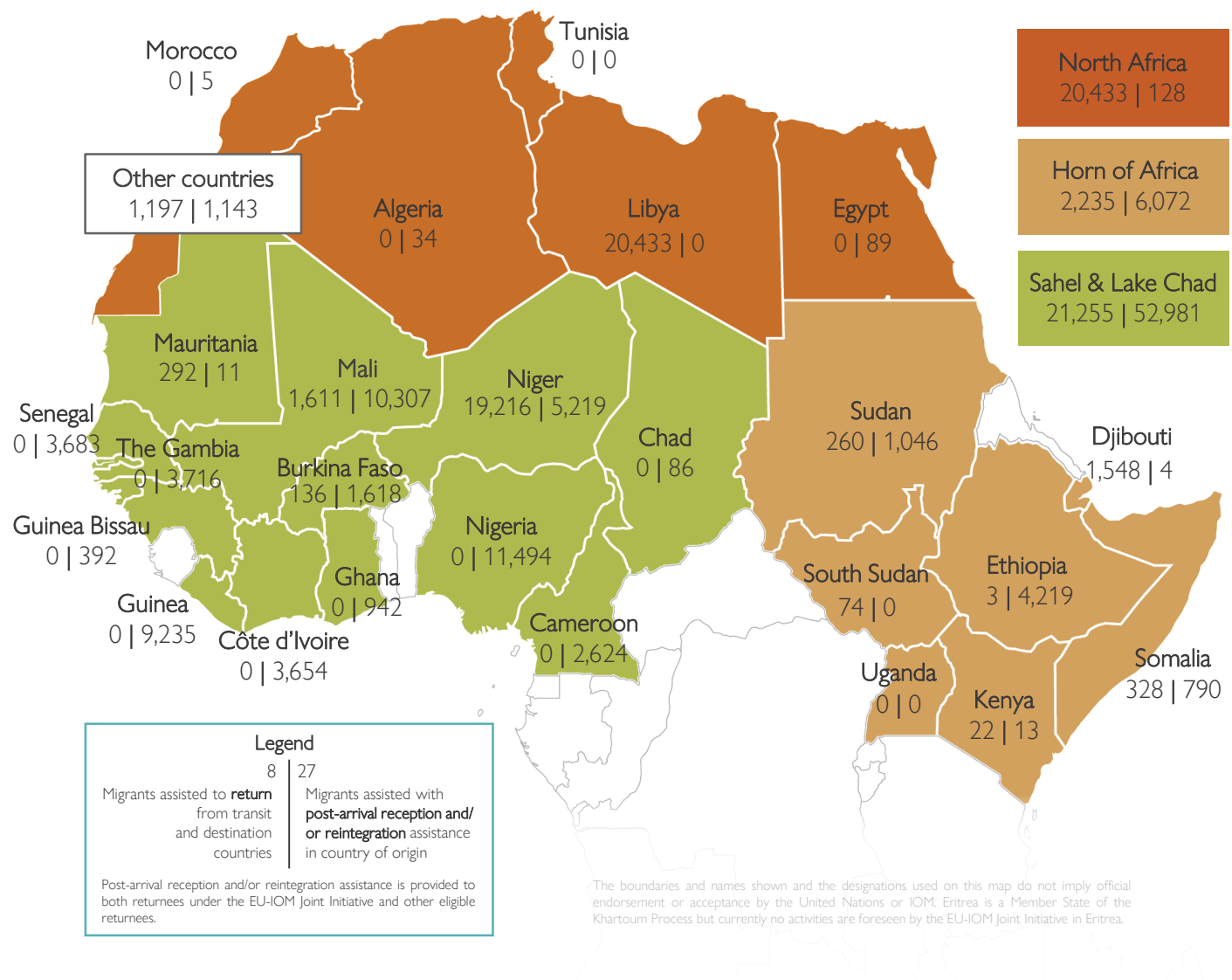
¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month

² Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

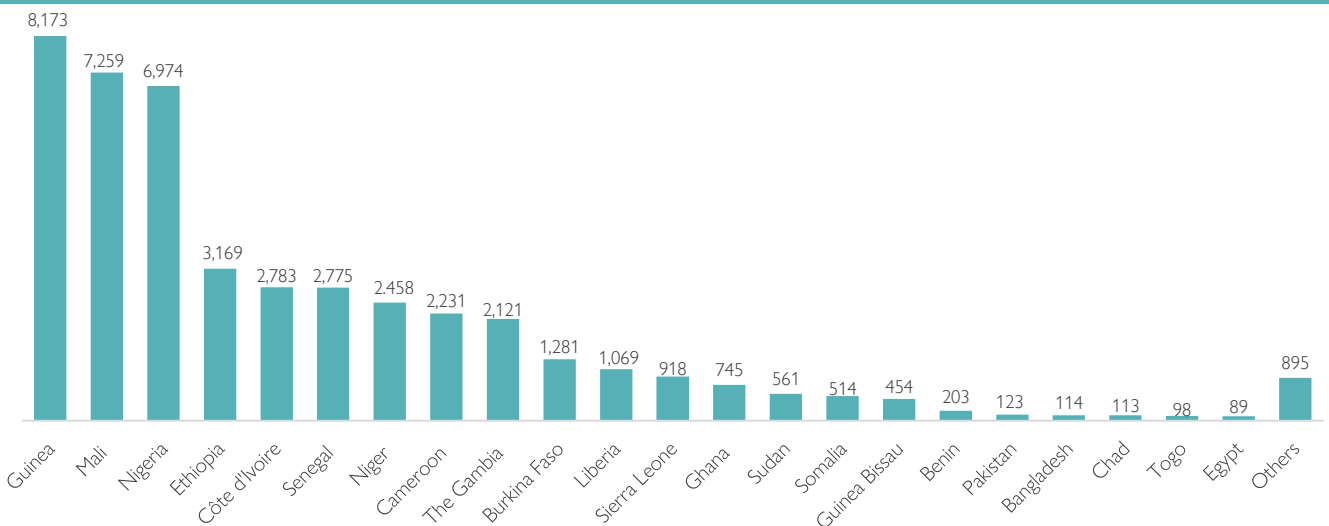
³ FMPs/ MRRCs supported and operating

⁴ FMPs/ MRRCs planned

RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²



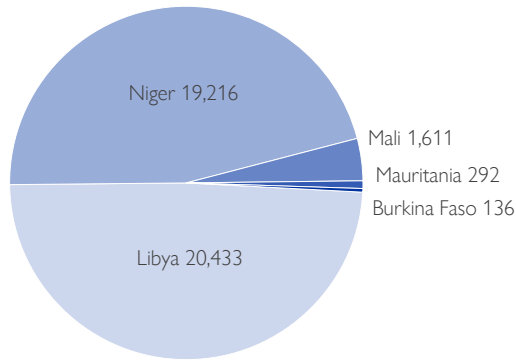
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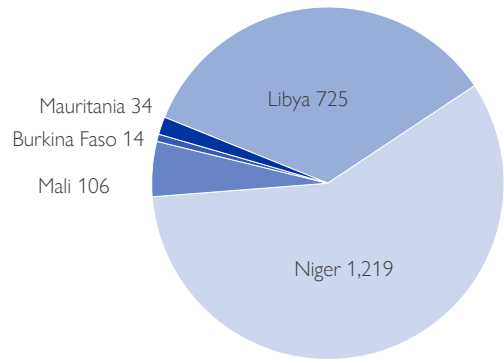
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel, Lake Chad and North of Africa. Countries covered in this region are Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Libya.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



Cumulative until 31 December 2018



December 2018

IN BURKINA FASO, RETURNEES BUILD THEIR LIVES...AND HOMES



For Prospère, the future is full of hopes and promises. After returning to Burkina Faso in 2017, Prospère received a training in masonry by the Cercle d'Orientation et de Formation Emergency Consult (COFEC) under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative. He is now about to receive equipment and material so he can use his new skills to make a living. "I believe that in Burkina Faso we, young people, can succeed," he explains. "And at least when things do not go well, you have a brother next door to help you. You cannot starve." Prospère and the 40 other trained returnees participated in the construction of the "Cité du 11 décembre 2018" condominium project in Manga, Burkina Faso. "After this project, I know that I will be able to find new projects more easily," he says. More stable financially, he is happy to participate in the development of his region. Today more than 80% of the certified learners have already found jobs.

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POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN THE SAHEL & LAKE CHAD

52,981² migrants were assisted after their return



1,819¹ | 52,820²

Post-arrival reception assistance

(incl. reception at the airport, overnight accommodation, cash grant for immediate needs, first medical assistance, assistance with onwards transportation, material assistance)



9,206¹ | 43,038²

Vulnerability screening and reintegration counselling

(migrants in vulnerable situations include unaccompanied children, victims of trafficking, persons with health-related needs; counselling includes information on the available assistance, development of reintegration plans)



1,724¹ | 14,793²

Economic support

(incl. job placements, set-up of microbusinesses, trainings, cash for work programmes)



357¹ | 6,771²

Social support

(incl. social protection schemes, housing, education, medical support, child care, legal services)



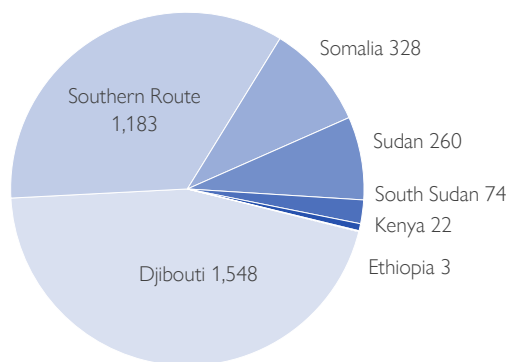
343¹ | 5,743²

Psychosocial support

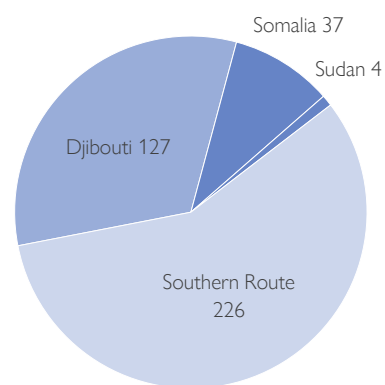
(incl. psychosocial counselling, focus group discussions, family mediation, community mediation, special security measures)

This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Horn of Africa. Core countries in this region are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan. Further countries covered under the Joint Initiative in the Horn of Africa are Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan as well as Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia on the Southern migration route.

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CELEBRATING THE 2nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE IN SUDAN



The second anniversary of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative on 16 December was celebrated in style at the IOM's premises in Khartoum, Sudan. Two films were screened as part of the Global Migration Film Festival. This was followed by discussion, also attended by representatives from the EU delegation, 10 migrant returnees from Libya and 16 representatives from the Nigerian, Ethiopian and Eritrean migrant communities.

"As we continue to give economic support to migrants, we need to also provide adequate psychosocial support given the experiences that many migrants have been exposed to," said Jannik Vaa, Head of Cooperation Section EU Delegation to Sudan. He went on to emphasize the importance of governments and migrant communities' involvement in managing migration through sharing of responsibilities between all partners in order to harness the benefits of migration.

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POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

6,072² migrants were assisted after their return



458¹ | 5,463²

Post-arrival reception assistance

(incl. reception at the airport, overnight accommodation, cash grant for immediate needs, first medical assistance, assistance with onwards transportation, material assistance)



426¹ | 4,856²

Vulnerability screening and reintegration counselling

(migrants in vulnerable situations include unaccompanied children, victims of trafficking, persons with health-related needs; counselling includes information on the available assistance, development of reintegration plans)



397¹ | 1,739²

Economic support

(incl. job placements, set-up of microbusinesses, trainings, cash for work programmes)



98¹ | 636²

Social support

(incl. social protection schemes, housing, education, medical support, child care, legal services)



380¹ | 2,948²

Psychosocial support

(incl. psychosocial counselling, focus group discussions, family mediation, community mediation, special security measures)

These figures capture services provided to migrants. The same beneficiary of the programme can thus appear in multiple categories.

¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month

² Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)