

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
- Reintegration Support
- Capacity Development
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Information and Awareness Raising
- Community Stabilisation

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

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER

- In the Horn of Africa, 10 participatory programme monitoring meetings were organised to gather feedback from around 350 key stakeholders (including returnees, host communities, state- and non-state partners). The meetings supported identification of good practice examples and priority areas to inform programme implementation in the coming months.
- In Sudan, IOM and the mobile telecommunication provider MTN concluded an agreement, which now enables migrants, returnees, and the public to access interactive voice recordings on services available under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative. IOM and MTN are also piloting the provision of economic reintegration assistance via MTN's mobile cash transfer modality to respond to the situation of cash shortages in Sudan.
- IOM in Libya supported a total of 112 migrants with consular assistance via online consular sessions in detention centres. Using different social media platforms, such as WhatsApp and Skype, migrants are able to connect to their embassy representatives to facilitate the issuance of their travel documentation.
- In Burkina Faso, the National Referral Mechanism was officially published and circulated. This document is a practical guide for actors involved in the protection of transit migrants in Burkina Faso, which allows IOM to refer migrants to partners such as UNICEF, UNHCR, the Red Cross and vice-versa.
- In Nigeria, IOM met with the Commissioner for the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs of Edo state to develop strategies to foster the engagement of community and traditional leaders in ensuring migrants' psychosocial and economic reintegration.

MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²

78,439

migrants assisted after their return

86 % male
 14 % female

2.2% unaccompanied migrant children

VOLUNTARY RETURN

2,346¹ | 63,670²

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



PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE

36³ | 41⁴ Migrant Resource and/or Response Centres established, rehabilitated or maintained



1,335¹ | 24,398² Migrants assisted in Search and Rescue Operations

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

30³ | 36⁴

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



AWARENESS RAISING



302¹ | 13,197² Awareness raising activities organised

24,983¹ | 537,054² Individuals reached by awareness raising activities

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).

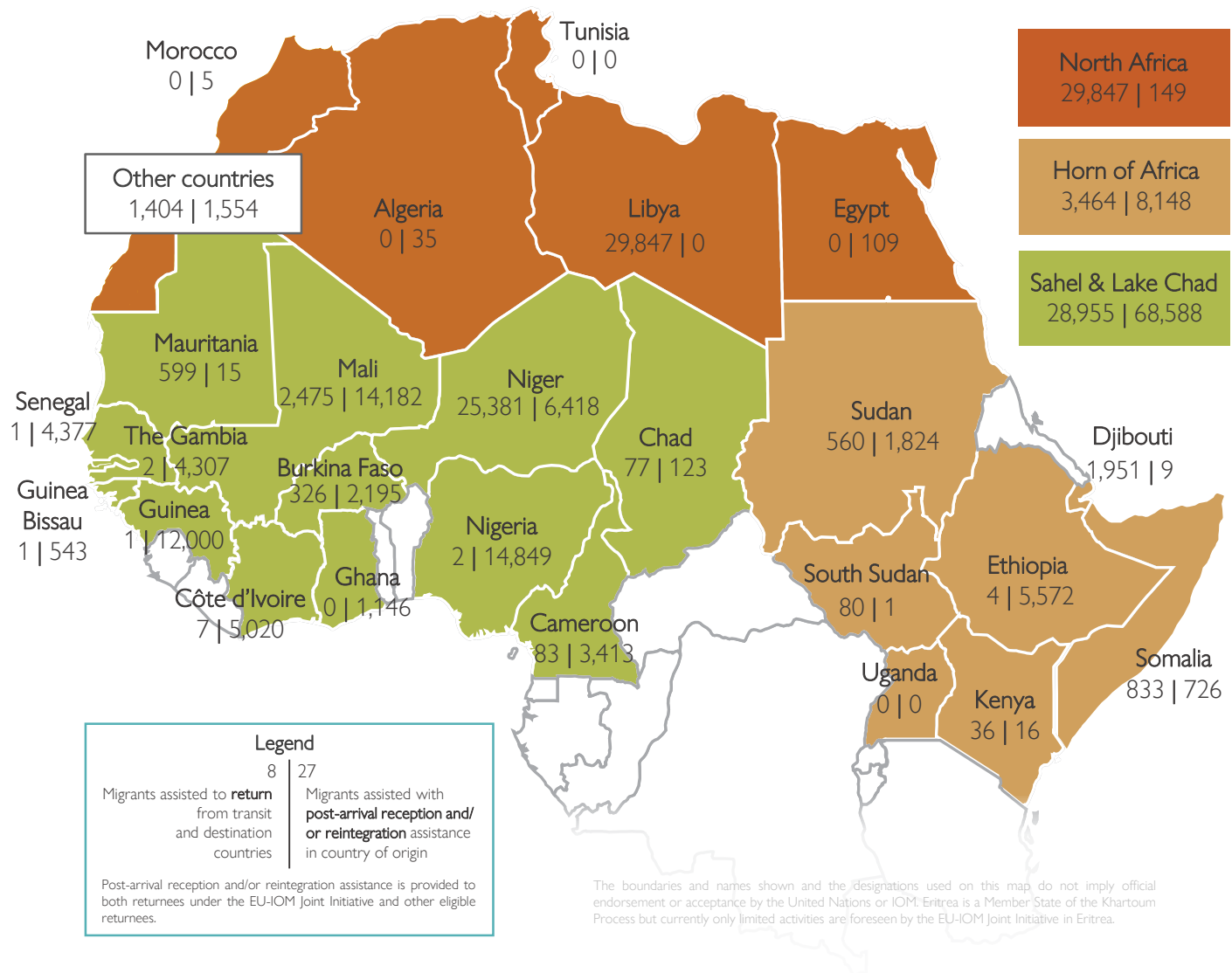
¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month

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

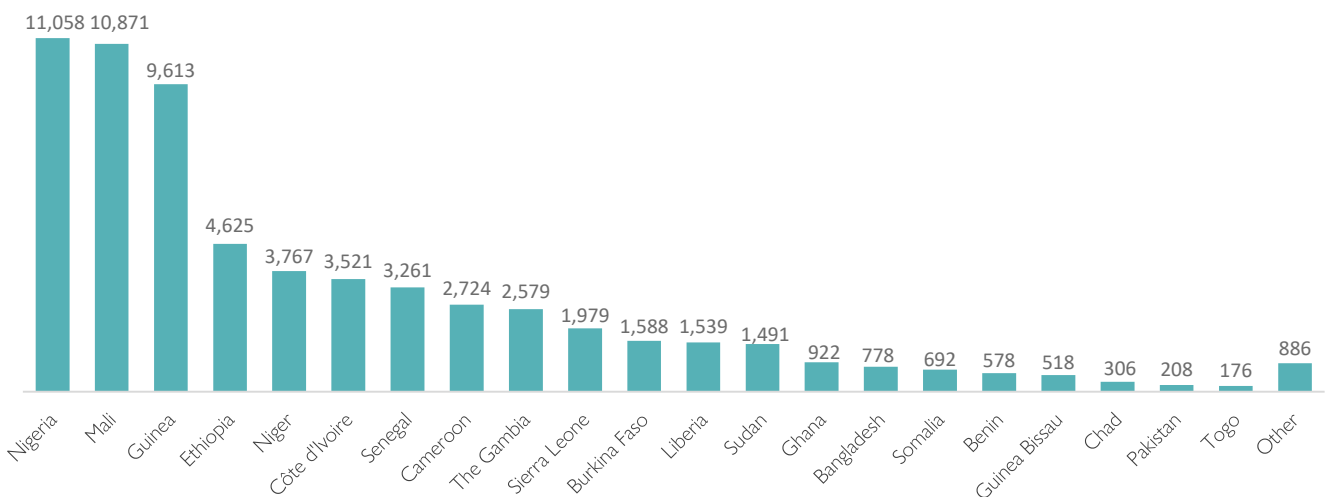
³ FMPs/ MRRCs supported and operating

⁴ FMPs/ MRRCs planned

RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²



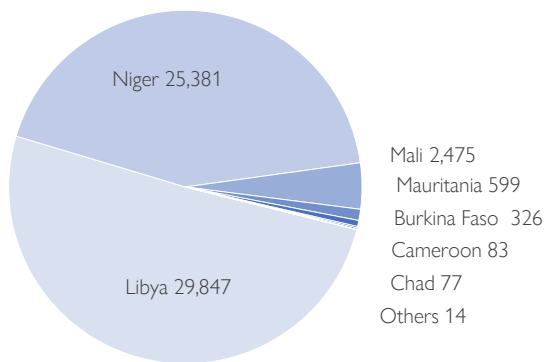
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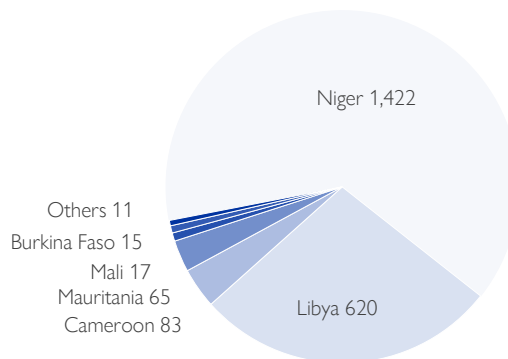
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel, Lake Chad and North of Africa. Countries covered in this region are Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana,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

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



Cumulative until 30 September 2019



September 2019

JOB FAIR IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE PROMOTES REINTEGRATION OF 350 RETURNED MIGRANTS



In Côte d'Ivoire, IOM hosted a three-day job and training fair for returned migrants. On this occasion, 22 private sector companies presented a wide range of available job opportunities across the country to the 350 participants. Workshops in theatre, slam and art therapy, the challenges of reintegration and specific sessions for female entrepreneurship were also organised.

"We are happy to participate in this fair which gives these returned migrants a second chance for reintegration in their country of origin. It was an opportunity for us to showcase all our activities so that they can define their own future," said Hyppolite Kakou, from the National Agency for Vocational Training (AGEFOP), an IOM partner. IOM's efforts were also supported by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, represented at the job fair by several State structures.

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

68,588² migrants were assisted after their return



2,065¹ | 68,364²

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)



1,513¹ | 54,645²

Start of the reintegration support process

(Reintegration counselling and planning, other reintegration support measures tailored to needs, vulnerabilities and opportunities of each migrant)



1,500¹ | 35,362²

Economic support

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



382¹ | 9,563²

Social support

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



581¹ | 5,153²

Psychosocial support

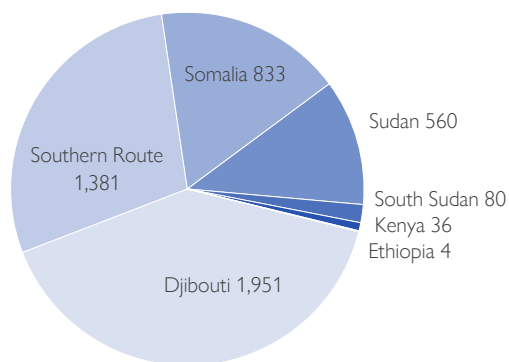
(incl. psychosocial counselling, focus group discussions, family mediation, community mediation, special security measures)

The same beneficiary of the programme can appear in multiple categories, but not multiple times within one category.

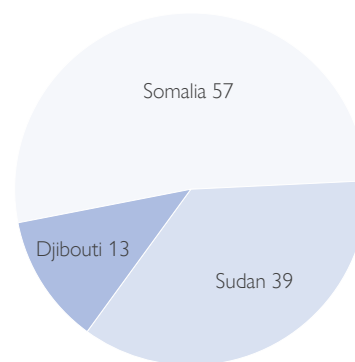
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2 Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

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.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



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IOM AND UNICEF STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP TO RESPOND TO NEEDS OF MIGRANT CHILDREN



A strengthened collaboration between IOM and UNICEF is aiming to support migrant children in Ethiopia. IOM and UNICEF plan to strengthen cross-border information management pertaining to children and to provide support to programmes led by the Government of Ethiopia to prevent family separation. Together, IOM and UNICEF will work towards aiding the Government of Ethiopia to respond to the immediate needs of returned unaccompanied children, such as shelter, psychosocial support, family tracing and reunification, and reintegration into their communities of origin.

According to Sara Basha, EU-IOM Joint Initiative programme coordinator in Ethiopia, partnerships with organizations like UNICEF, local authorities, and government partners help to ensure that vulnerable returnees, including children, receive the right protection and assistance.

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

8,148² migrants were assisted after their return



129¹ | 8,147²

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)



176¹ | 5,679²

Start of the reintegration support process

(Reintegration counselling and planning, other reintegration support measures tailored to needs, vulnerabilities and opportunities of each migrant)



120¹ | 2,749²

Economic support

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



61¹ | 525²

Social support

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



65¹ | 4,172²

Psychosocial support

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

This section presents results under the EU-IOM project 'Protecting Vulnerable Migrants and Stabilizing Communities in Libya' which are not already covered in the compiled results in pages 1, 2 and 3.

MIGRANT SITUATION UPDATE

- At least **655,144** migrants in Libya (**92%** adults, **13%** women, **8%** children)
- **5,233** migrants in detention centres in Libya (including **3,476** in Tripoli and areas close to conflict)
- At least **301,407** internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- At least **447,025** IDP returnees
- At least **128,150** persons displaced due to ongoing conflict in Tripoli
- **1,212** migrants returned to Libyan shores by the Libyan Coast Guard in August

Source: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Libya, <https://www.globaldtm.info/libya/>

Figures presented in this section are the latest ones available at the end of the reporting month.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



- **Community stabilization:** IOM is drilling 13 water wells across different neighbourhoods in Sabha and equipping them with generators, contributing to improved access to water for 30.000 community members. Following identification of the need, a consultation meeting with community members who suffer from extended water shortages took place. The bid for work was opened in Sabha, by IOM on the 19th of September. IOM also completed a labour market assessment for entrepreneurship opportunities in Benghazi and Kufra.
- The mobile **Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism (MRRM)** teams in Sebha and Qatroun, have been reaching out migrants in urban areas and engaging with migrants' community leaders and other stakeholders to address the migrants needs and assist them. IOM teams in both location referred migrants from different nationalities with access to VHR services, health care and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support.

HUMANITARIAN DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS



0¹ | 247,750²

Emergency food assistance distributed to migrants
(number of meals distributed)



1,736¹ | 71,580²

Non-food items and hygiene kits distributed to migrants



1,502¹ | 31,773²

Healthcare services provided to migrants

ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (VoTs)



20¹ | 386²

VoTs and persons at risk assisted
(incl. identification, information to victims, potential victims and persons at risk, support to access services, tailored assistance and referrals)

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION



0³ | 3⁴

IOM safe spaces for vulnerable migrants established



15¹ | 392²

Vulnerable migrants hosted in alternatives to detention

IMPROVING MIGRANT CONDITIONS AT KEY LOCATIONS



0¹ | 15²

Detention centres where conditions for migrants have been improved
(incl. provision or rehabilitation of toilets, showering facilities, and sewage systems)



0¹ | 12²

Disembarkation points equipped with lifesaving equipment and materials

1 Figure reflecting the reporting month

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

3 IOM Safe spaces supported and operating

4 Total IOM Safe spaces planned