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 APRIL**

- IOM and the Centre for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University organised a multi-stakeholder workshop and developed a joint action plan on returnees’ access to justice and legal protection. A rapid assessment of returnees’ access to legal services, capacity building to strengthen the existing legal aid network, and support towards establishing national referral mechanisms on access to justice in Ethiopia are foreseen.

- In Libya, where a conflict in and around Tripoli has erupted on 4 April, IOM provided health assistance, non-food items, emergency food assistance and Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR) support to migrants in detention centres and urban areas wishing to return to their countries of origin. See related press releases from 12 and 26 April.

- To assist migrants returning to Guinea, a Migrant Response Centre in Conakry was officially launched on 18 April with support by the DFID-funded Security Support Solutions project. The newly opened centre which will be supported under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative has the capacity to accommodate 300 persons, and has separate sleeping quarters for women, children and migrants in vulnerable situations.

- In The Gambia, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative trained 44 student journalists on migration reporting, engaging the participants to critically think about migration and related issues and report about them in consideration of the bigger migration context and using the correct terminology. A similar training targeted 27 participants in Nigeria.

- Project Steering Committees were held in Ethiopia and Mauritania. A consultative workshop on the nationalization of SOPs was held in Somaliland.

**MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE**

70,195 migrants assisted after their return

- 86% male
- 14% female
- 1.8% unaccompanied migrant children

**VOLUNTARY RETURN**

2,554\(^1\) | 57,670\(^2\)

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

**PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE**

16\(^3\) | 26\(^4\)

Migrant Resource and/or Response Centres established, rehabilitated or maintained

1,292\(^1\) | 17,785\(^2\)

Migrants assisted in Search and Rescue Operations

**DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS**

30\(^3\) | 36\(^4\)

Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) in place

(for more information visit displacement.iom.int)

**AWARENESS RAISING**

558\(^3\) | 11,041\(^2\)

Awareness raising events/activities organised in the regions covered

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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/ MRCs supported and operating
4 FMPs/ MRCs planned
RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

Legend

- 8 Migrants assisted to return from transit and destination countries.
- 27 Migrants assisted with post-arrival reception and/or reintegration assistance in country of origin.

Post-arrival reception and/or reintegration assistance is provided to both returnees under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative and other eligible returnees.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN funded under the EUTF

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 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

![Voluntary returns chart]

Cumulative until 30 April 2019

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April 2019

Libya 1,217

Niger 854

### MARANATA, THE SCHOOL OF ALL HOPES

After he failed a dangerous migration journey, Mohamed voluntarily returned to Guinea-Bissau. With the reintegration assistance received under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative, he opened a football school for young people in his home city of Maranata. In this school, which now hosts 58 people, Mohamed raises youngsters’ awareness on irregular migration and provides them with a place for entertainment and empowerment.

Filled with inspiration, Mohamed explains: “The objective is to show the young people that in life there is hope. (…) Football promotes cohesion, unity in the country, it shows us that solidarity is real, because football entails a spirit of solidarity, fraternity. (…) Football brings peace. That is our objective.”

[Click here to watch the video]

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

61,321² migrants were assisted after their return

2,275¹ | 61,024²

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)

2,174¹ | 51,128²

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)

1,891¹ | 25,787²

Economic support

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

315¹ | 7,545²

Social support

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

209¹ | 6,124²

Psychosocial support

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

¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month
² Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

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Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya agree on common roadmap to address irregular migration

Dar es Salaam – Officials at a high-level inter-governmental between Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya reached agreement on 27 recommendations that are expected to ease the situation of irregular migrants on the Southern Route to South Africa. The three countries resolved to facilitate simplified consular assistance that in turn will enable easier access to irregular migrants in prisons.

The meeting took place from 2-4 April and deliberated on how to strike a balance between managing irregular migration flows to southern Africa, while ensuring that the human rights of migrants are respected and protected. Other recommendations included the harmonisation of anti-human trafficking and smuggling laws within the three neighbouring countries, as well as the sensitisation of the diaspora of the countries of origin on the risks of irregular migration. The meeting was a culmination of previous efforts aimed at addressing migration issues on the Southern Route.

Tanzania, 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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