

EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE FOR MIGRANT PROTECTION AND REINTEGRATION IN THE SAHEL AND LAKE CHAD REGION

The EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel and Lake Chad region was launched in April 2017 and implemented in 13 countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal). The programme aims to save lives and make migration safer, more informed and better governed for both migrants and their communities. With the support of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, the programme allows migrants who decide to return to their countries of origin to do so in a safe and dignified way, and to restart their lives through an integrated approach that has the potential to complement local development and mitigate some of the drivers of irregular migration.



ABOUT IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency, is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

As an intergovernmental organization, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration; advance understanding of migration issues; encourage social and economic development through migration; and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

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ABOUT THE EU EMERGENCY TRUST FUND FOR AFRICA

The EUTF for Africa was launched by European and African partners at the Valletta Summit on Migration in November 2015.

The EUTF for Africa was established to deliver an integrated and coordinated response to the diverse causes of instability, irregular migration and forced displacement.

More information at www.migrationjointinitiative.org

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MIGRATION MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Promoting migration governance by strengthening capacities of local government and civil society.

PROTECTION AND VOLUNTARY RETURN ASSISTANCE

Ensuring that migrants enjoy rights and access to services by strengthening systems and providing direct support.

REINTEGRATION SUPPORT

Addressing returnees' economic, social and psychosocial needs, and foster the inclusion of communities of return in reintegration planning and support.

AWARENESS RAISING

Raising awareness about the risks of irregular migration and sensitizing communities on migration.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

Contributing to the stabilization of at-risk communities by revitalizing the local economy, improving access to basic socio-economic services and strengthening social cohesion between and within communities as well as with local authorities.

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Supporting evidence-based policies and programme design by strengthening the collection and analysis of data on migratory movements and on needs and vulnerabilities of migrants.



MIGRATION MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Through a consultative process, **all 13 countries have standard operating procedures (SOPs)** for the provision of return and/or reintegration assistance.

Target countries successfully enhanced national policies or plans for better management of migration, including return and reintegration.

The Joint Initiative supported the capacity-building of over **4,000 partners** from governments, civil society organizations and NGOs on referral pathways, mental health and psychosocial support skills, data collection and management, management of transit and reception centres and evidence-based monitoring and evaluation, inter alia.



PROTECTION AND VOLUNTARY RETURN ASSISTANCE

More than **35,000 migrants** have been assisted through Search and Rescue and Humanitarian Rescue operations in Niger.

A total of **19 government-run centres** were supported, providing a one-stop shop for migrant assistance.

More than **190,000 direct assistance services** were provided, including food, non-food items, medical, psychosocial and accommodation support.



REINTEGRATION SUPPORT

Over **70,000 migrants** at different stages of the reintegration process benefitted from almost **150,000 services**.

Over **125,000 activities** were planned, organized and/or completed to assist migrants achieve economic self-sufficiency, social stability and psychosocial well-being.

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AWARENESS RAISING

More than **2.5 million individuals** were informed on the risks, their rights and the availability of assistance and protection migrants can find along the migratory route. Activities are innovative and leverage social networks, gamification, sports and arts, and use Migrants as Messengers and local influential leaders.



COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

Over **130,000 individuals** in Niger and Burkina Faso benefitted from improved access and provision of basic social services and awareness raising and socio-cultural activities, strengthening conflict resolution mechanisms and enhancing community cohesion.

21 project monitoring committees are active in **20 communes** with capacity-building support from the government. These include representatives of local governments, civil society and youth and women's organizations.



DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

42 flow monitoring points, located in key transit routes throughout the region, were established to monitor the movements of more than **8 million individuals**.

Over **200,000 travellers** were interviewed to shed light on the many profiles of migrants and characteristics of their journey.

Assessments on the operational status of Points of Entry (PoE) and public health were conducted, and border management measures were taken to fight the spread of COVID-19 status in over **450 locations**.

* Data presented are cumulative since the inception of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative Programme in the Sahel and Lake Chad between 1 April 2017 until 31 October 2021.