



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 Assistance
- Capacity Building
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Information and Awareness Raising
- Community Stabilization

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN JULY

- Steering Committee meetings gathering national stakeholders, EU Delegations and EU Member States were organised by the EU-IOM Joint Initiative in the Horn of Africa, The Gambia, and Guinea Bissau.
- Federal and regional government representatives participated in a national stakeholder workshop on the adaptation of the Standard Operating procedures (SOPs) for assisted voluntary return and reintegration in Ethiopia.
- Officials from Guinea conducted a visit to Libya to review consular procedures and facilitate issuance of travel documents for stranded Guineans wishing to return. Four more consular support missions are under discussion for countries in the Sahel.
- In Somaliland, 54 returning migrants developed their business planning, procurement, marketing and financial planning skills through a 5-day training delivered by local ILO trained facilitators. In Nigeria, a second Training of Trainers strengthened the capacities of relevant state and non-state stakeholders to provide business skills trainings to returnees.
- An internal stocktaking exercise and workshop took place in Dakar, Senegal to share lessons learned from the first year of implementation of reintegration support under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative.
- In Mauritania and Nigeria, theatre performances, awareness raising walks and events were organised by the EU-IOM Joint Initiative to mark 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' on 30 July.

MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

3,257 | 47,427
migrants assisted after their return

♂ 87 % male
♀ 13 % female

1.5 % unaccompanied migrant children

VOLUNTARY RETURN

3,160 | 35,963

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



PROTECTION

14 | 22

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



DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

28 | 29

Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) in place
(for more information on: <https://flow.iom.int/>)



AWARENESS RAISING

45 | 74

Awareness raising events/ activities organised



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.

monthly figure

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

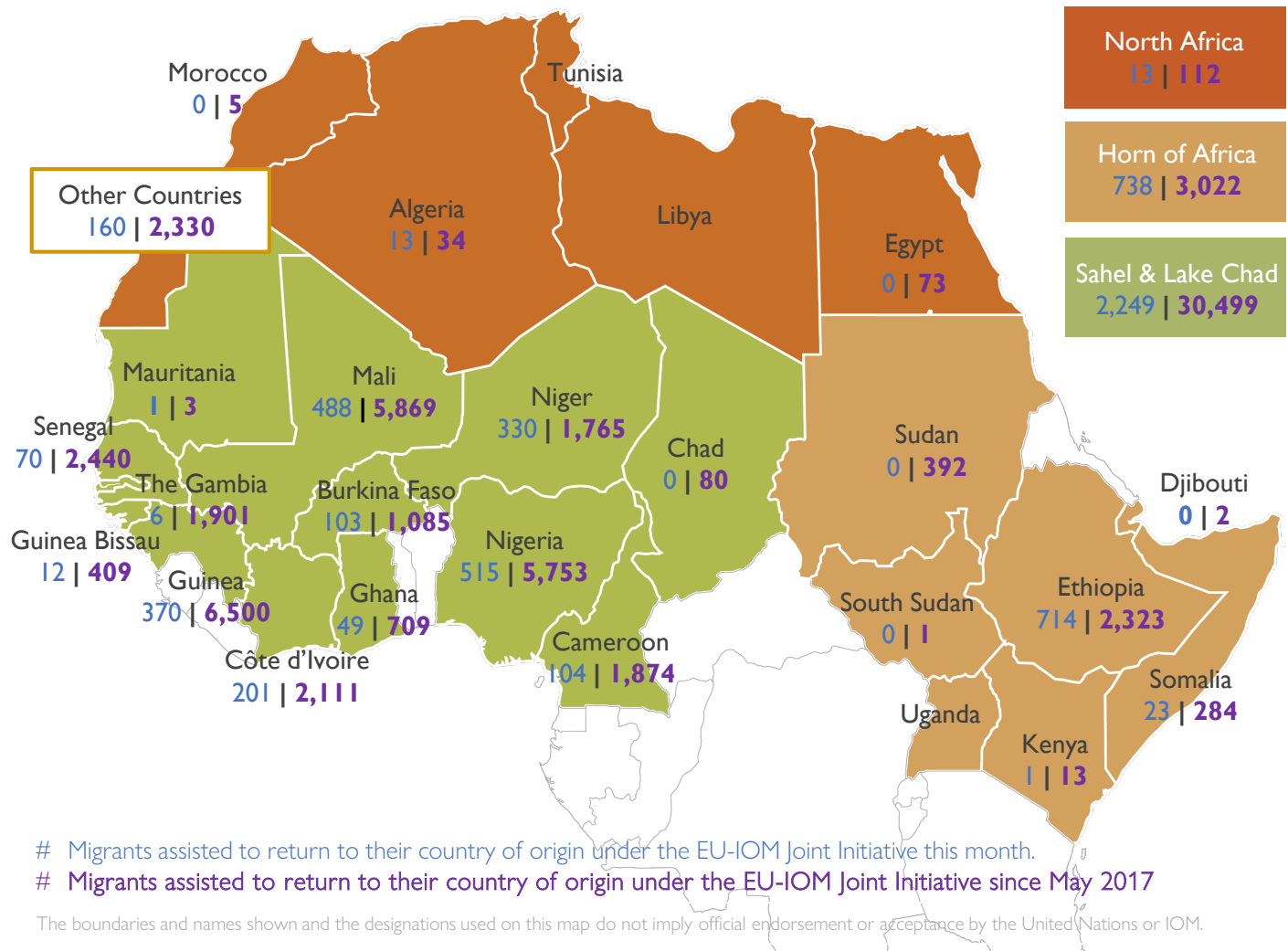
FMPs/ MRRCs established

FMPs/ MRRCs to be established





COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH VOLUNTARY RETURN (since May 2017)

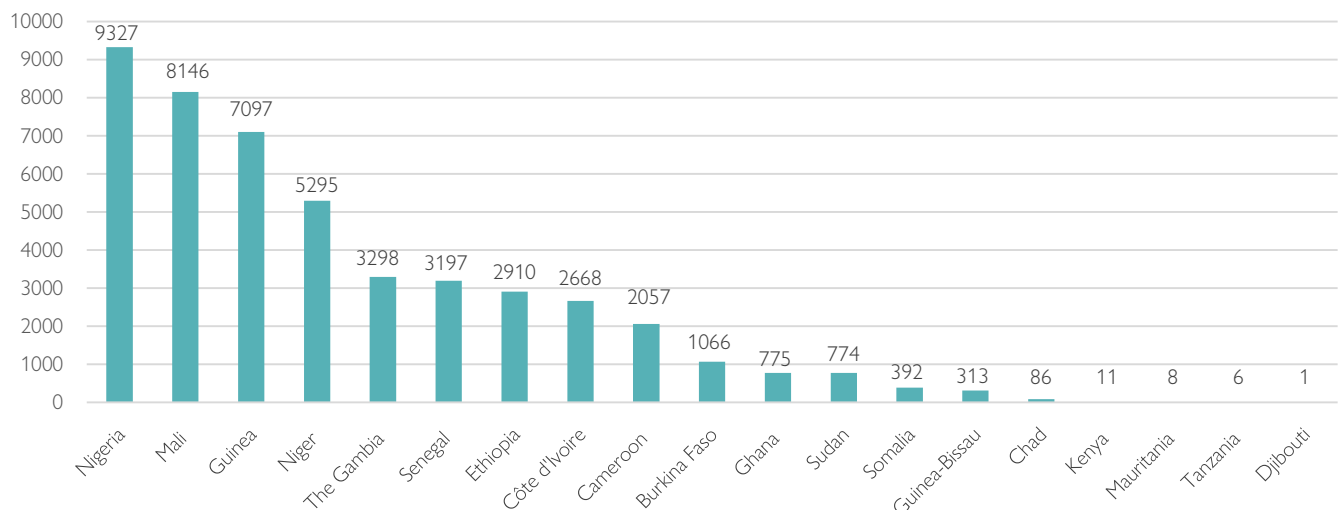


Migrants assisted to return to their country of origin under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative this month.

Migrants assisted to return to their country of origin under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative since May 2017

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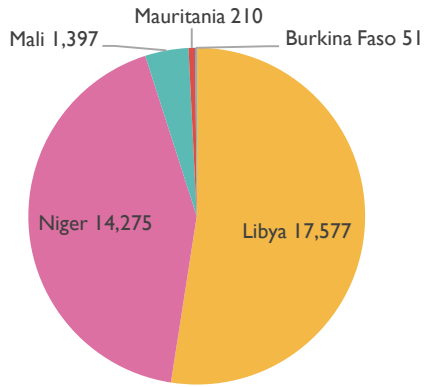
POST-ARRIVAL AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (since May 2017)



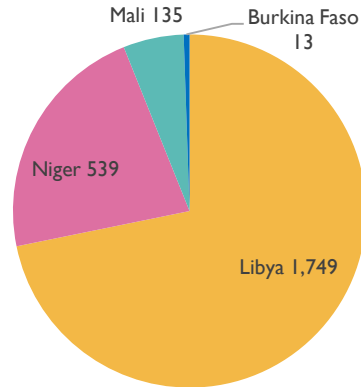


This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel, Lake Chad and North of Africa. Countries covered in this region are Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria,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

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM HOST COUNTRIES TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



CUMULATIVE UNTIL 31 JULY 2018



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The Smart Way: A Migrant's Journey to Success



Smart has come a long way since he first arrived at IOM's transit centre in Niamey, Niger from his home in Sierra Leone. Only a few years back, he had graduated with a diploma in banking and finance, but finding a job in his field had proved to be an impossible task. Like other West and Central African migrants, he then decided that maybe his luck would change if he made it to Europe.

Smart came up with his idea of a waste management business even before trying his luck for Europe. He had seen how much dirt and garbage was accumulating on the streets of Freetown, Sierra Leone and how this had an impact on the health of the community. He wanted to make a change, but he didn't have the means to do so. Now, with the support he received through the EU-IOM Joint Initiative Smart was able to set up his own business after his return. Collective projects often create a sense of belonging among the members, and by having a common goal and interest, they increase their chances of success. Smart has not only employed 14 fellow returnees, but also five additional youth community members.

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

2,327 | 43,333 migrants assisted after their return



2,270 | 43,267

Post-arrival assistance

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



2,067 | 28,732

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)



1,251 | 6,991

Economic support

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



306 | 4,623

Social support

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



251 | 3,463

Psychosocial support

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

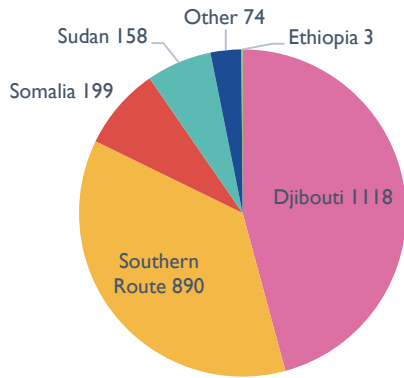
migrants assisted this month # migrants assisted since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)



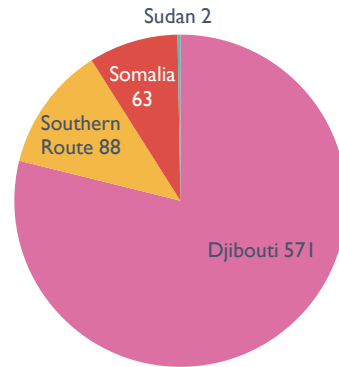


This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Horn of Africa. Core countries in this region are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan. Further countries covered under the Joint Initiative in the Horn of Africa are Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda,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

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM HOST COUNTRIES TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



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Community-based reintegration in practice



Shitaye and Fekadu were supported by the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for their return from Sudan and their reintegration in Ethiopia. Before returning, they received medical assistance for themselves and their child. Back in Ethiopia, they participated in trainings and received materials to start an injera bakery and distribution business in Shitaye's home town. So far, the two are pleased with their progress. They incurred losses in the early days but have since started making a profit of about USD 10 daily. Ensuring a constant power supply is still a challenge so they plan to move to premises with electricity. They also plan to hire staff from within their community to expand production. The reintegration support has enabled Shitaye and Fekadu to reestablish social bonds and reconnect with others where they live. Their community is also benefiting from the new business.

POST-ARRIVAL AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

930 | 4,094 migrants assisted after their return



755 | 3,927

Post-arrival assistance

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



898 | 3,306

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)



60 | 889

Economic support

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



121 | 250

Social support

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



721 | 1,799

Psychosocial support

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

migrants assisted this month # migrants assisted since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

