

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](http://www.migrationjointinitiative.org)

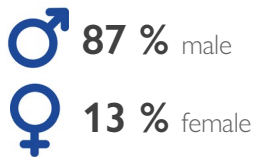
## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN NOVEMBER

- IOM and the Secretariat of Sudanese Working Abroad (SSWA) conducted a joint mission to Libya to assess the situation of stranded Sudanese migrants and migrant communities in the country, particularly those in detention. IOM and UNHCR agreed on clarifying the criteria for joint counseling referrals from IOM to UNHCR with regards to migrants from Sudan.
- Following community consultations in Bosasso, Somalia, in which the community prioritised the improvement of local government facilities to ensure better access to services, the rehabilitation and construction of these offices is now ongoing. In Côte d'Ivoire, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative conducted joint monitoring missions with the General Directorate of Ivoirians Abroad (DGIE) on the set-up of community-based reintegration projects.
- The EU-IOM Joint Initiative held Project Steering Committee meetings in Djibouti (1<sup>st</sup>) and Nigeria (2<sup>nd</sup>). In Ghana, a technical working group was formed following last month's Project Steering Committee meeting and this working group will take the lead in adapting the Framework Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration to the local context.
- In Guinea and Senegal, the locally adapted SOPs were validated by the Project Steering Committee and the General Directorate for Senegalese Abroad (DGSE) respectively.
- In Cameroon, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative organised a capacity building workshop, attended by 26 government agents. The workshop focused on national, regional and international frameworks on migration and human rights as well as on the operationalization of the SOPs for sustainable reintegration.

## MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE <sup>2</sup>

**58,112**

migrants assisted after their return



### VOLUNTARY RETURN

**2,420<sup>1</sup> | 42,628<sup>2</sup>**

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



### PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE

**15<sup>3</sup> | 24<sup>4</sup>** Migrant Resource and/or Response Centres (MRRCs/MRCs) established or rehabilitated



**1,418<sup>1</sup> | 12,093** Migrants assisted in Search and Rescue Operations

### DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

**28<sup>3</sup> | 29<sup>4</sup>**

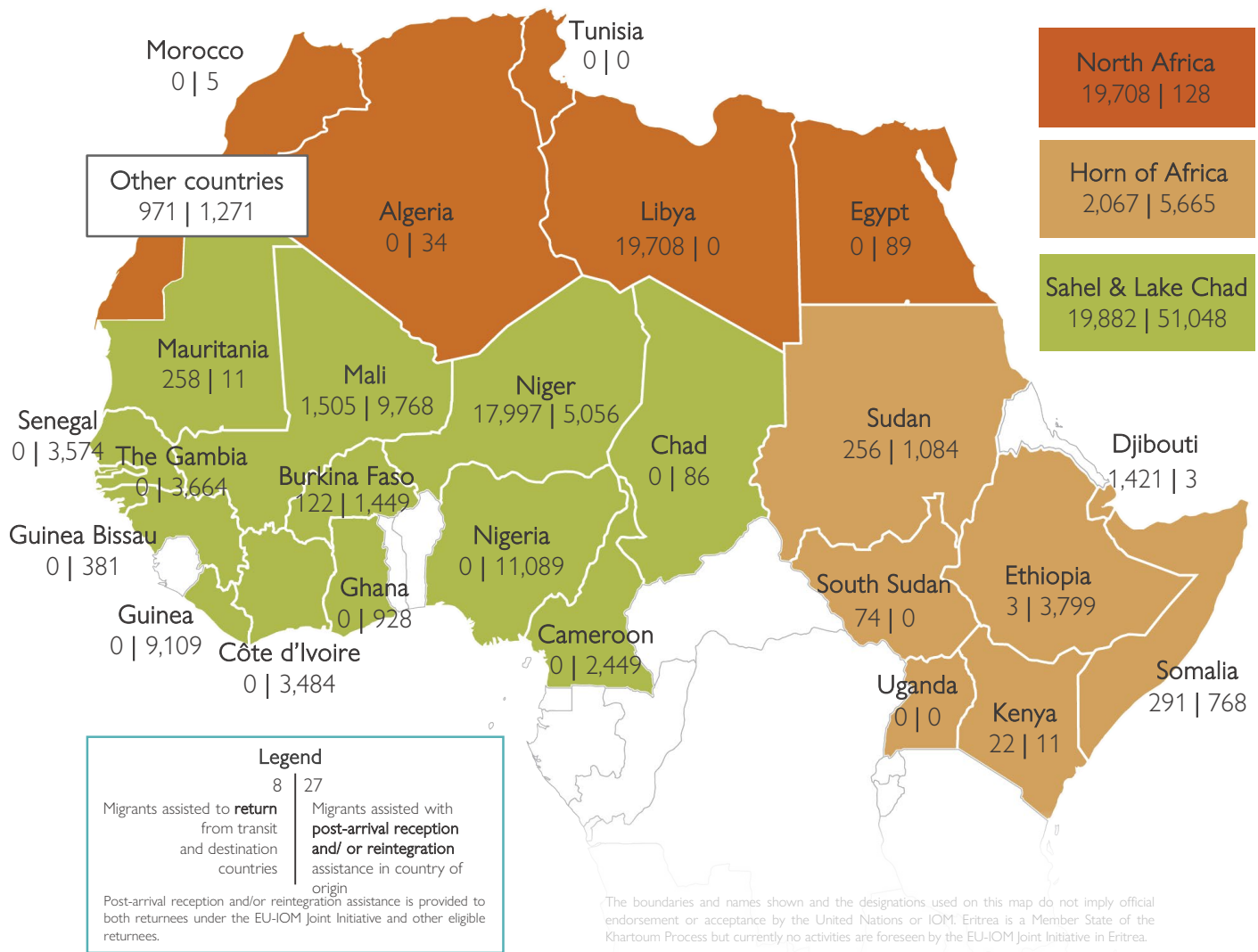
Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) in place  
(for more information visit [displacement.iom.int](http://displacement.iom.int))



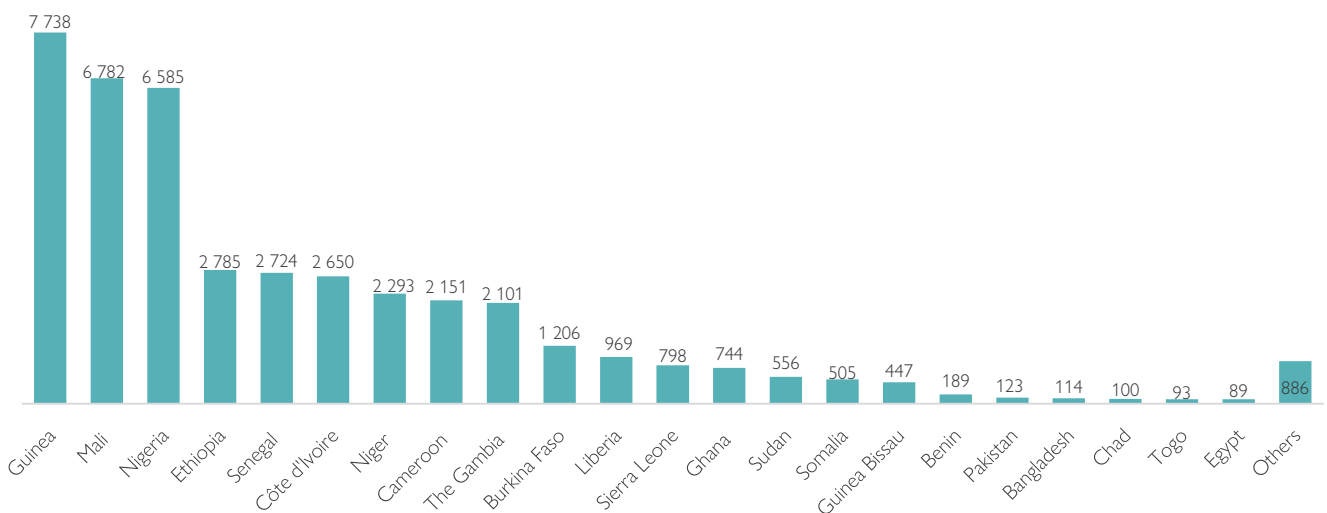
<sup>1</sup> Figure reflecting the reporting month  
<sup>2</sup> Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)  
<sup>3</sup> FMPs/ MRRCs supported and operating  
<sup>4</sup> FMPs/ MRRCs planned

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).

## RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup>



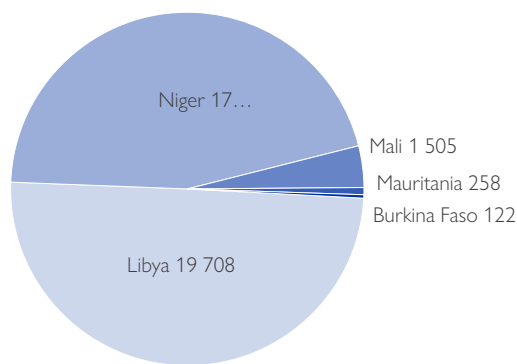
## VOLUNTARY RETURNS TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN funded under the EUTF<sup>2</sup>



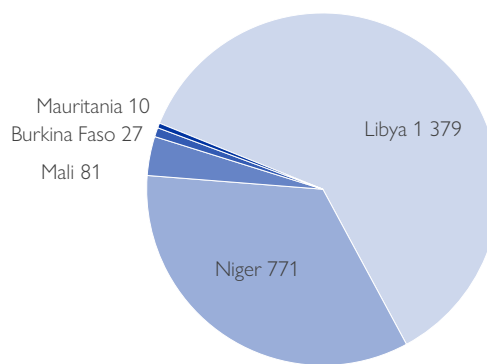
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel, Lake Chad and North of Africa. Countries covered in this region are Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana,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

### VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



Cumulative until 30 November 2018



November 2018

### FROM MIGRANTS TO ACTIVISTS



It is 8 AM on a Monday morning and a mist nearly shrouds Yaoundé's *Ahmadou Ahidjo Stadium* in Cameroon. Today, 53 aspiring footballers meet outside the stadium complex to take part in an awareness-raising session on irregular migration. The six volunteers leading the activity had left Cameroon with the hope of building new lives elsewhere, but things did not go as they had planned.

After their return, they founded the *Organization for Youth Awakening on Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons (OEMIT)*, an association to inform their peers of the dangers that exist along West Africa's main migration routes. "The idea of OEMIT was born when we were in detention in Libya," said Thierry, the group's vice-president.

The association targets final-year high school students and aspiring football players in the suburbs of Yaoundé. Barthélémy, one of OEMIT's founding members, explains: "During the football trainings, many of my peers dreamt of leaving Cameroon for a chance at becoming professionals in Europe". He adds: "People unfortunately think they will get to Europe easily by taking the road. But that is not the case. You will need 'papers', and more importantly, you will need a formal invitation from the team that will welcome you."

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

51,048<sup>2</sup> migrants were assisted after their return



2,419<sup>1</sup> | 51,001<sup>2</sup>

#### 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)



2,775<sup>1</sup> | 33,832<sup>2</sup>

#### 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)



1,526<sup>1</sup> | 13,069<sup>2</sup>

#### Economic support

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



444<sup>1</sup> | 6,414<sup>2</sup>

#### Social support

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



313<sup>1</sup> | 5,400<sup>2</sup>

#### Psychosocial support

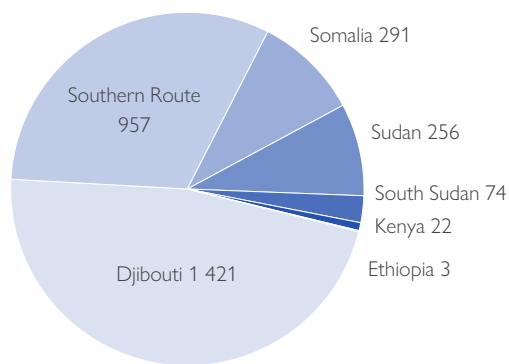
(incl. psychosocial counselling, focus group discussions, family mediation, community mediation, special security measures)

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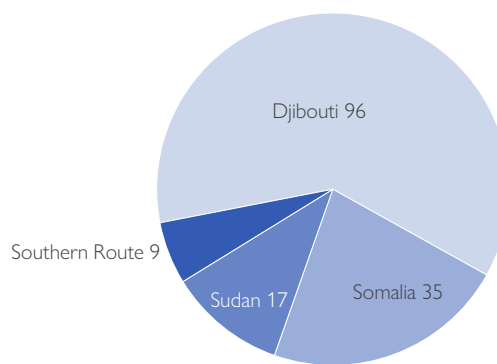
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Horn of Africa. Core countries in this region are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan. Further countries covered under the Joint Initiative 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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### BACK TO SCHOOL

9-year-old Yeabsira is a grade 4 student from Oromia Region, Ethiopia, where he lives with his mother and older brother. In November, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative provided him with a school uniform and supplies to support him in his educational path. This was part of a larger effort, in which the EU-IOM Joint Initiative partnered with Kebron Charity Association in Tigray to distribute school supplies to returnees assisted under the programme. Kebron Charity Association mobilized its volunteer members to purchase and organise the handover of the items in collaboration with local government authorities. Yeabsira's mother, who had returned from Libya to Ethiopia, was provided with economic assistance to help her respond to her own needs and those of her family.

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

5,665<sup>2</sup> migrants were assisted after their return



355<sup>1</sup> | 5,005<sup>2</sup>

#### 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)



262<sup>1</sup> | 4,430<sup>2</sup>

#### 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)



194<sup>1</sup> | 1,342<sup>2</sup>

#### Economic support

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



159<sup>1</sup> | 538<sup>2</sup>

#### Social support

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



264<sup>1</sup> | 2,568<sup>2</sup>

#### Psychosocial support

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