

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

For more information, visit our website [www.migrationjointinitiative.org](http://www.migrationjointinitiative.org)

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN DECEMBER

- In Mali, an agreement was reached with the Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV) to refer migrant returnees to their EUTF-funded project on job creation for youth. In December, four IOM-SNV counselling sessions were held in Bamako, Kayes, Goa and Koulikoro. Of the total eligible migrant returnees counselled, 237 were referred to SNV's project.
- In December, the IOM Regional Office for West and Central Africa in Dakar held a three-week communications campaign to mark the 3rd anniversary of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative. The campaign had a strong social media component, with stories, testimonies and reports from across the region. A documentary "[Succeed Together](#)" was also produced as part of the campaign, highlighting how migrants in West and Central Africa are rebuilding their lives. See [social media teaser](#).
- On 18 December, the IOM Regional Office for East and Horn of Africa in Nairobi celebrated the International Migrants Day with events in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan, reaching 4,235 participants. Under the theme of social cohesion, these events sought to increase awareness on the dangers of irregular migration and sensitise communities on their role in the reintegration of migrant returnees. These events also marked the 3rd anniversary of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative.
- On 31 December, IOM organized a one-day hygiene promotion training and cleaning exercise at the Ethiopian Community safe house, in Khartoum, Sudan, targeting 106 participants, including migrants and Ethiopian Community Association staff.
- In Libya, interviews were held with migrants from detention centres and urban settings of Tripoli, Zliten, and Bani Walid including women and children. Identification and registration sessions were held for the benefit of migrants of different nationalities including Sudan, Chad, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Bangladesh, Somalia, Niger, and Nigeria. Some migrants were identified as vulnerable. Unaccompanied and separated children were referred for appropriate assistance and support.

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

**85,174**

migrants assisted after their return



**86 %** male

**14 %** female



**2.2%** unaccompanied migrant children

### VOLUNTARY RETURN

**2,151<sup>1</sup> | 71,222<sup>2</sup>**

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



### PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE

**38<sup>3</sup> | 45<sup>4</sup>** Migrant Resource and/or Response Centres (MRRCs) established, rehabilitated or maintained



**1,184<sup>1</sup> | 28,892<sup>2</sup>** Migrants assisted in Search and Rescue Operations

### DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

**68<sup>3</sup> | 74<sup>4</sup>**



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

### AWARENESS RAISING



**446<sup>1</sup> | 14,254<sup>2</sup>** Awareness raising activities organised

**75,355<sup>1</sup> | 665,388<sup>2</sup>** 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). For Libya, the Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism (MRRM) is implemented by mobile protection teams.

<sup>1</sup> Figure reflecting the reporting month

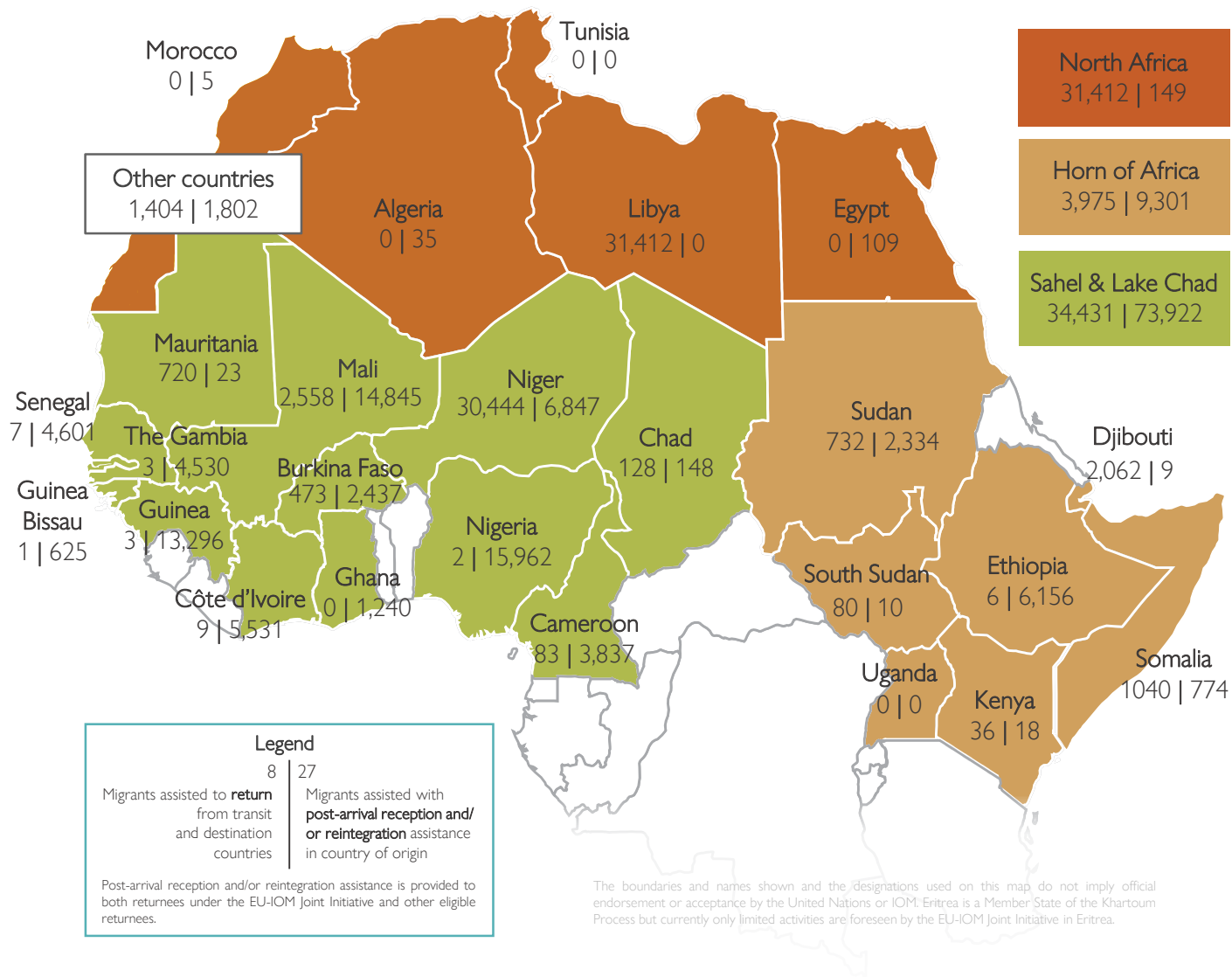
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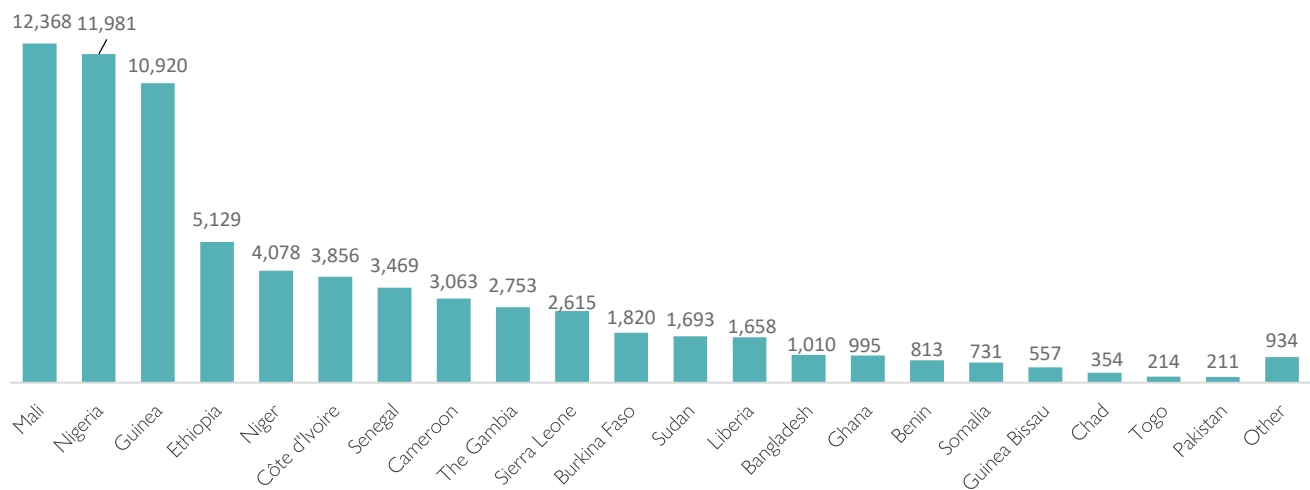
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RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup>



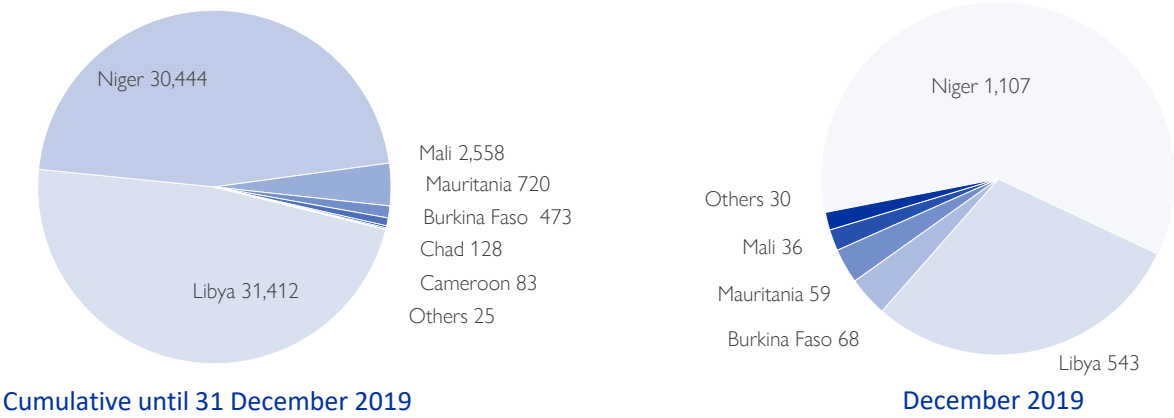
VOLUNTARY RETURNS TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN funded under the EUTF<sup>2</sup>



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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



CÔTE D'IVOIRE: WORLD-RENNOWN PHOTOJOURNALIST REZA TRAINS RETURNED MIGRANTS



“Photography allows returnees to gain self-confidence and rediscover themselves,” Reza Deghati, the internationally acclaimed news photographer explained. “Learning how to take a good picture of their daily lives helps them value their life and show us their side of their own story.” During 6-8 December 2019, Reza Deghati worked in collaboration with IOM which organized a three-day photography training event in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Six young photographers participated in the training in the Ivorian capital. The aim of this pilot project was to offer returned migrants an opportunity to become visual storytellers of their daily life back home and help local journalists change the narrative on migration in the country. This training is the first of a series that will be organised by IOM across West Africa in 2020. It was organised in the framework of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel and Lake Chad regions.

[Click [here](#) to read the full story.]

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

73,922<sup>2</sup> migrants were assisted after their return



1,433<sup>1</sup> | 73,687<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)



2,074<sup>1</sup> | 60,098<sup>2</sup>

Start of the reintegration support process

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



2,774<sup>1</sup> | 41,315<sup>2</sup>

Economic support

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



98<sup>1</sup> | 10,319<sup>2</sup>

Social support

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



154<sup>1</sup> | 6,205<sup>2</sup>

Psychosocial support

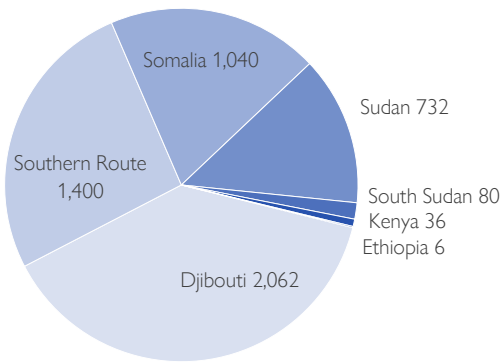
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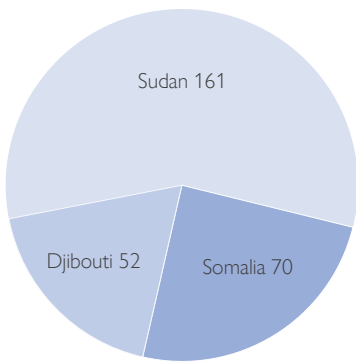
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2 Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

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VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM  
COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



Cumulative until 31 December 2019



December 2019

SOMALIA: JOB FAIR EXPLORES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND RETURNING MIGRANTS



On 18 December, jointly with the Federal Government of Somalia through the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in collaboration with Hano Academy and Khibrad Recruitment Agency, IOM co-hosted a job fair in Mogadishu. The job fair sought to explore greater engagement of government and the private sector to create employment opportunities for Somali youths including returnees. More than 520 participants attended the fair, including approximately 300 university students from seven universities, 150 returnees, 20 government representatives from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Youth and Sports, as well as over 50 representatives from civil society organizations, private sector and community leadership (i.e. Chamber of commerce, Hormuud telcom, Dahabshil, Khibrad Recruitment Agency, Hano Academy). Panel discussions at the fair focused on new employment opportunities for youth and returning migrants in Somalia. Career counsellors offered advice on ways to increase chances of securing a job. Practical sessions in CV-writing were also offered.

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

9,301<sup>2</sup> migrants were assisted after their return



701<sup>1</sup> | 9,300<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)



165<sup>1</sup> | 6,121<sup>2</sup>

Start of the reintegration support process

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



426<sup>1</sup> | 3,425<sup>2</sup>

Economic support

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



42<sup>1</sup> | 1070<sup>2</sup>

Social support

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



189<sup>1</sup> | 4,665<sup>2</sup>

Psychosocial support

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

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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 **636,426** migrants in Libya (**93%** adults, **10%** women, **7%** children)
- **2,282** migrants in detention centres in Libya (including **1,632** in Tripoli and areas close to conflict)
- At least, **343,180** internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- At least, **447,388** of IDP returnees
- At least, **149,315** persons displaced due to ongoing conflict in Tripoli
- **183** migrants returned to Libyan shores by the Libyan Coast Guard in December

Source: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Libya, <https://dtm.iom.int/libya>  
Figures presented in this section are the latest ones available at the end of the reporting month.

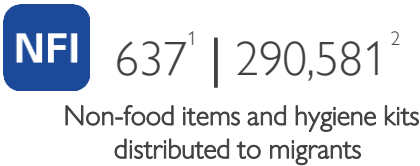
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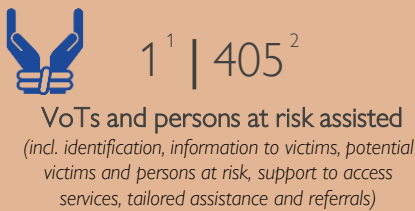
**Community stabilization:** In partnership with local CSOs AL Mizan in Benghazi, Qatroun Dialogue and Debate Club in Qatroun and Spotlight in Sabha, IOM brought IOM’s Global Migration Film Festival to Libya for the first time, with 541 attendees from local and migrant communities. In Sabha, IOM handed over the completed Omar al Mukhtar school shade and the Almahdiya football pitch, each providing recreational spaces for hundreds of local children and surrounding communities. In Benghazi, IOM also handed over IT equipment for the computer lab at the Benghazi College for Electrical and Electronic Technology, administrative equipment to the Alshomookh School and the newly installed air conditioners and generator at the Al Faakat Public Health Clinic.

**Protection:** As part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, IOM brought together 40 women and girls at the Nigerian Embassy in Tripoli, providing a platform for them to discuss various topics including consent, victim blaming, and female role models.

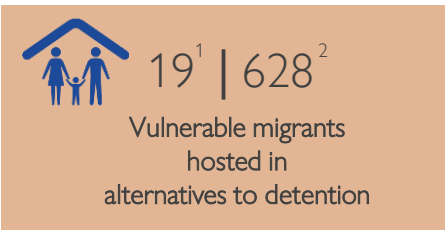
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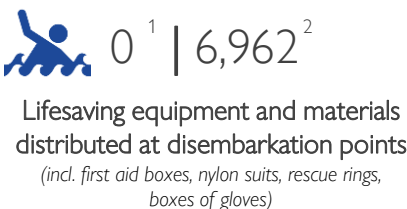
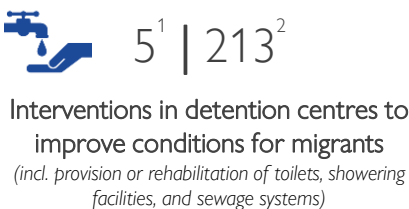
ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (VoTs)



ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION



IMPROVING MIGRANT CONDITIONS AT KEY LOCATIONS



1 Figure reflecting the reporting month

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3 IOM Safe spaces supported and operating

4 Total IOM Safe spaces planned