

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) the Horn of Africa, and (iii) North 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

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN JANUARY

- The Regional Direct Assistance Fund (RDAF) launched in 2019 to assist migrants in difficult circumstances in countries devoid of the protection and return pillar, has so far provided pre-departure assistance to a total of 152 migrants from Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, Senegal and Sierra Leone.
- In Mauritania, IOM signed a partnership with the civil registry and visas office (ANRPTS) in January to assist migrants with accessing birth certificates and work permits.
- In January, IOM organised a training on 'Identification and Provision of Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants' for 88 government and NGO representatives in Hossana, Ethiopia. The training introduced IOM's determinants of migrant vulnerability model, and sensitised participants on the IOM's child protection approach and main protection concerns for migrant children.
- In Djibouti, IOM provided support to the victims of an accident which took place in the Dikhil region in early January 2020. Following an assessment of the injured migrants' situation, IOM liaised with the Embassy of Ethiopia and transferred those who required medical assistance to the hospital in Djibouti city.
- In January, 388 migrants were assisted to return to their country of origin from Libya. The movements included six charter flights and seven commercial flights. A total of 16 medical cases were provided with medical assistance both prior to departure as well as upon arrival back home.
- Six Moroccan returnees started their reintegration assistance process in January. Following extensive counselling sessions they will be supported towards the implementation of sustainable reintegration assistance projects.

MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²

86,801

migrants assisted after their return



86 % male

14 % female



2.2% unaccompanied migrant children

VOLUNTARY RETURN

2,526¹ | 74,598²

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



PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE

38³ | 45⁴ Migrant Resource and/or Response Centres (MRRCs) established, rehabilitated or maintained



2,162¹ | 31,054² Migrants assisted in Search and Rescue Operations

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

71³ | 77⁴

Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) in place
(for more information visit displacement.iom.int)



AWARENESS RAISING



180¹ | 14,434² Awareness raising activities organised

22,864¹ | 688,252² 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.

¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month

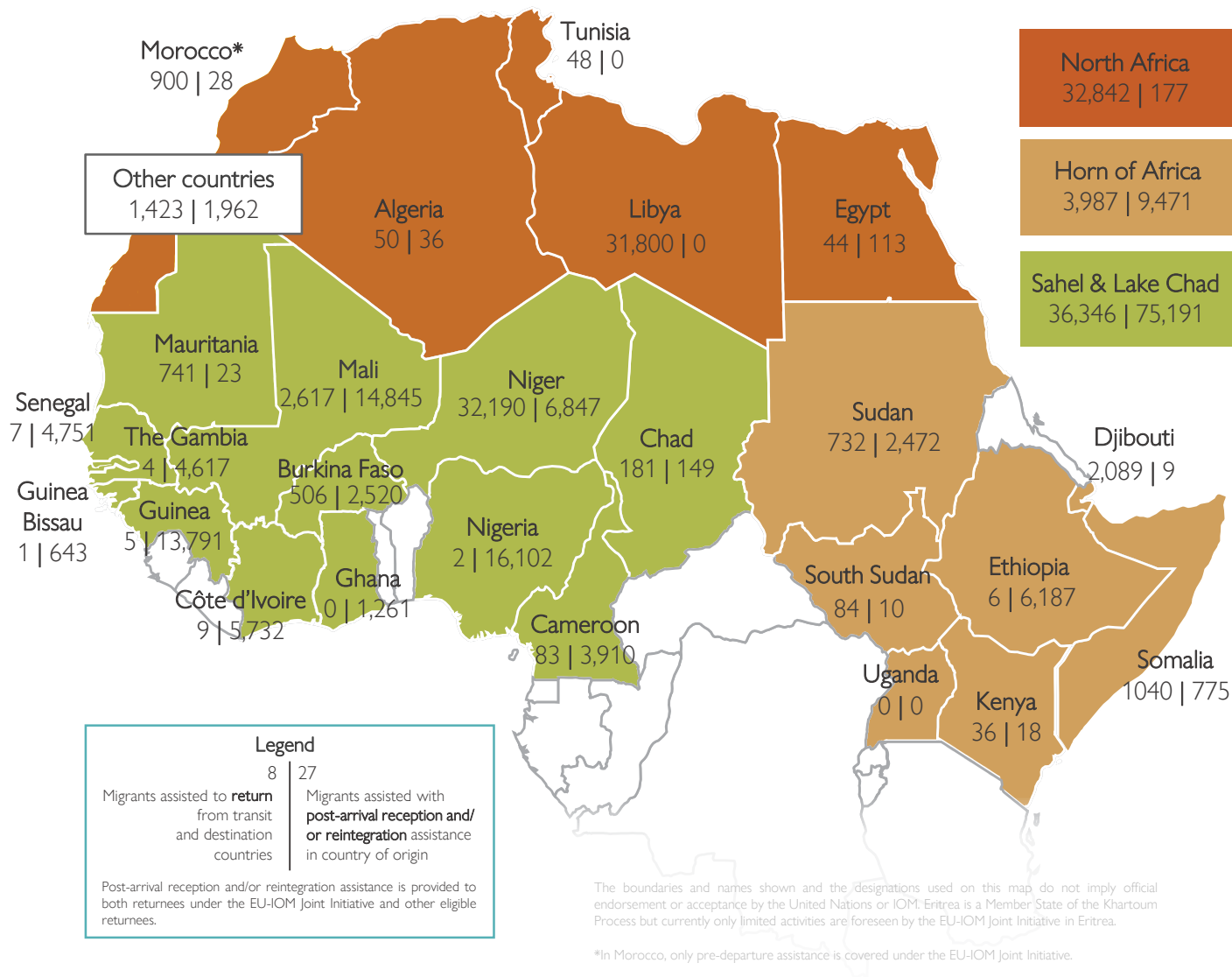
² Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

³ FMPs/ MRRCs supported and operating

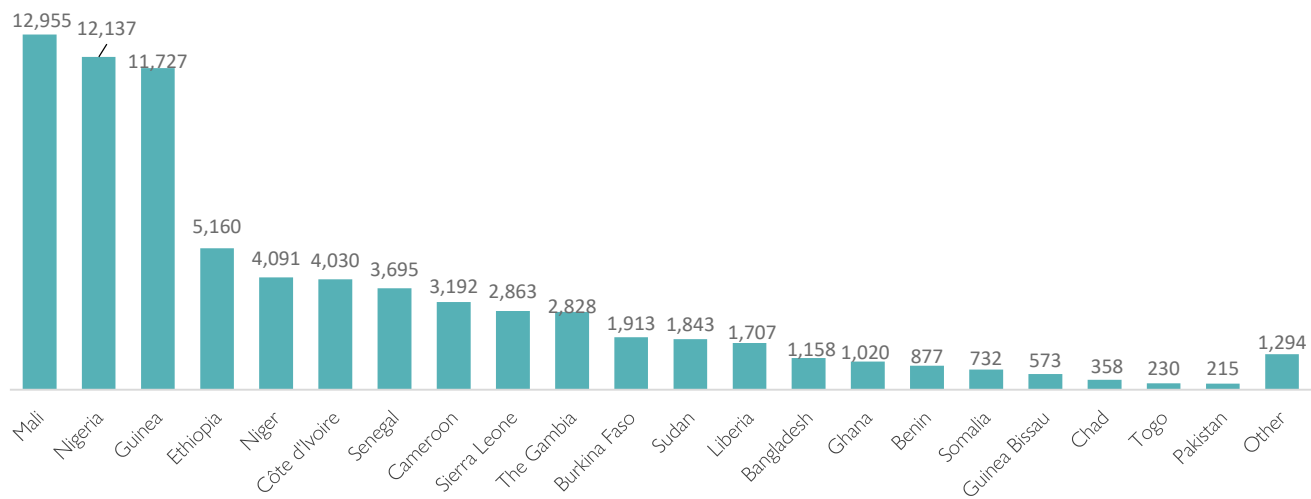
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RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE²



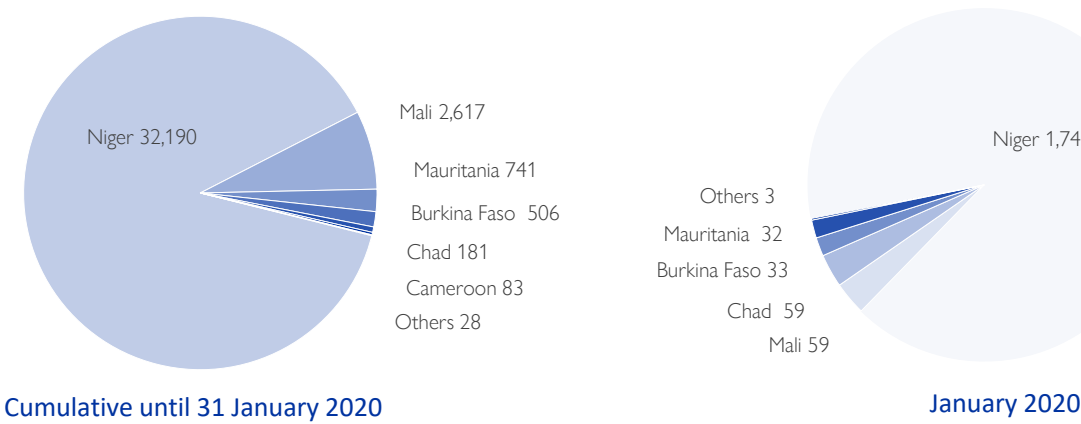
VOLUNTARY RETURNS TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN funded under the EUTF²



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 and Lake Chad. Countries covered in this region are Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM
COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



A LITTLE MIRACLE: A FAMILY’S JOURNEY BACK HOME FROM NIGER



In 2018, Joshua left Sierra Leone for Morocco. His wife Jennifer, aged 20, soon joined him in Morocco, hoping to make the rest of the trip together. From there, they tried crossing into Spain several times, in vain. Once Jennifer was pregnant, the couple decided to head back home through Algeria. By the time they arrived at “point zero” at Algeria’s border with Niger, Jennifer was already nine months pregnant and in need of immediate medical assistance. IOM assisted promptly with the delivery. An average of two babies per month are born in IOM’s transit centers in Niger. Over 37,000 medical consultations were performed at IOM’s six transit centers in Niger in 2019, with an average of 17 urgent medical cases per week. Three days after the delivery, the family traveled to Agadez, and then onwards to Niamey, from where they boarded the plane for Freetown. In 2019 alone, more than 12,000 migrants participated in the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme from Niger to their country of origin — 476 from Sierra Leone.

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

75,191² migrants were assisted after their return



1,251¹ | 74,956²

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)



1,834¹ | 60,800²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



1,398¹ | 41,277²

Economic support

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



323¹ | 10,642²

Social support

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



207¹ | 6,412²

Psychosocial support

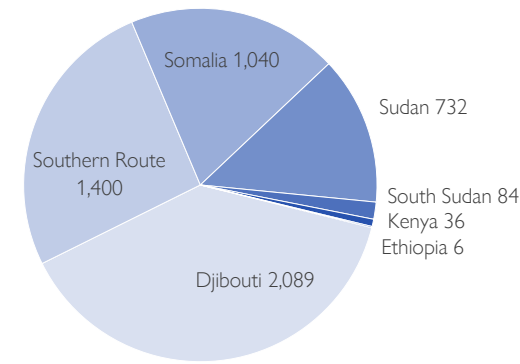
(incl. psychosocial counselling, focus group discussions, family mediation, community mediation, special security measures)

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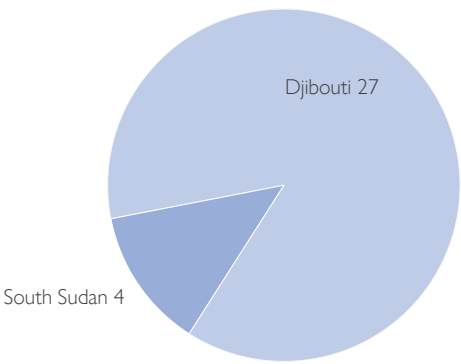
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Horn of Africa. Core countries in this region are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan. Further countries covered under the Joint Initiative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

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM
COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



Cumulative until 31 January 2020



January 2020

CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER THE EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE



The EU-IOM Joint Initiative supported seven delegates from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan to attend the 2020 International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS) on 19-21 January, and the African Union (AU) ‘Strengthening Migration Data Capacities in Africa: Supporting the 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063 and the AU Migration Policy Framework for Africa’ on 22 January. Both events took place in Cairo. The EU-IOM Joint Initiative will support follow-up actions including: deploying technical experts to facilitate endorsing protocols for data sharing across migrant departments and agencies (Ethiopia); launching the UN Statistic Division’s Toolkit to assess national migration data capacity (Somalia); and recruiting a migration data specialist to support harmonising and consolidating migration data sources (Djibouti). An IGAD workshop to further enhance the regional migration data portfolio is planned for late March to endorse the Migration Data Technical Working Group’s TORs, present the Region Data Harmonization Guidelines, define Regional Priority Migration Indicators, and take stock of the various regional and country level activities contributing to this agenda.

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

9,471² migrants were assisted after their return



170¹ | 9,470²

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)



45¹ | 6,166²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



101¹ | 3,526²

Economic support

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



146¹ | 1303²

Social support

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



36¹ | 4,701²

Psychosocial support

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

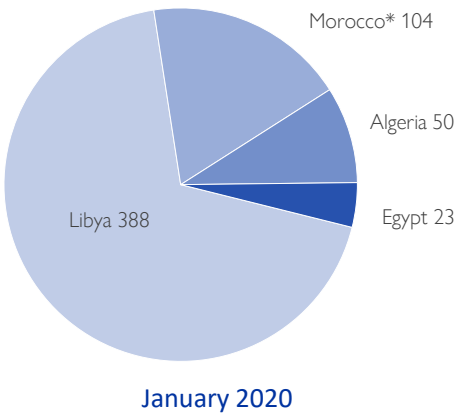
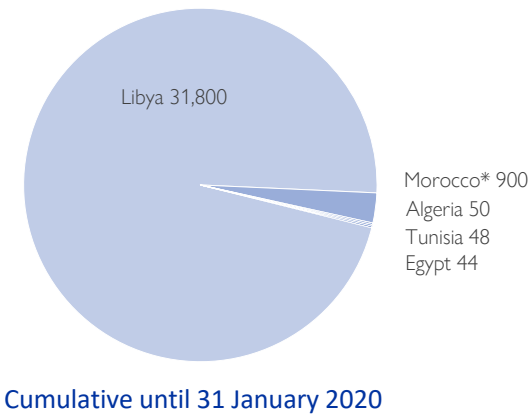
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in North Africa. Countries covered in this region are Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



*In Morocco, only pre-departure assistance is covered under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative.

IOM INTRODUCES THE JOINT INITIATIVE TO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN EGYPT



On 16 January 2020, IOM Egypt held a meeting with representatives of relevant ministries, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, and the Ministry of Interior to present the objectives and priorities of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative and discuss the operational challenges under the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme. During the meeting which took place in Cairo with the participation of representatives of the European Union Delegation to Egypt, ongoing community reintegration projects in Fayoum (southwest Cairo) were presented and their expected outcomes were discussed. Successful reintegration projects in other African regions where the EU-IOM Joint Initiative is being implemented were also presented and discussed. At the end of the meeting, next steps were identified to strengthen the cooperation between IOM and relevant government entities.

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POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN NORTH AFRICA

177² migrants were assisted after their return



10¹ | 173²

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)



Data not yet available.

Start of the reintegration support process

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



2¹ | 165²

Economic support

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



0¹ | 1²

Social support

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



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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 5.

MIGRANT SITUATION UPDATE

- At least **636,426** migrants in Libya (**93%** adults, **10%** women, **7%** children)
- **2,151** migrants in DCIM detention centres in Libya (including **1,350** in Tripoli and areas close to conflict)
- At least **343,180** internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- At least **447,388** IDP returnees
- At least **2,025** IDPs in January due to conflict in Sirt and Abu Qurayn
- **1,072** migrants returned to Libyan shores by the Libyan Coast Guard in January

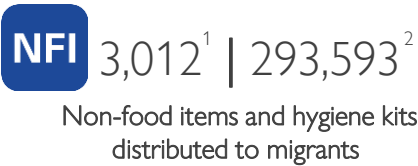
Source: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Libya, <https://dtm.iom.int/libya>
Figures presented in this section are the latest ones available at the end of the reporting month.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

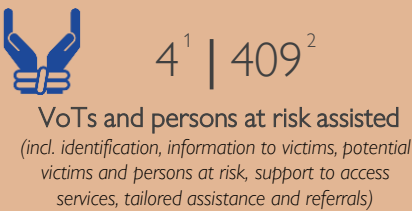


Community stabilization: In *Sabha*, IOM delivered a generator to the Al Manshiya Social Hall. Work continued on the 13 water wells being drilled in various locations around the city. They will contribute towards the General Water and Wastewater Company’s capacity to distribute water across the entire city. In *Benghazi*, the Ibn Khaldoun School was handed over to the contractor for work to start on the renovation of the bathroom facilities. The school has nearly 700 students and only 5 toilets; another 8 are being constructed.
Work is due to commence soon on the *Benghazi* University football pitch in *Kufra*, which will provide recreational facilities to the local *Zway* residents.
In *Qatroun*, generators have been installed with shades and foundations constructed at the Albakhi Primary Health Centre and the Qatroun Wastewater Station; work is ongoing to complete the installation of the Madroussa water well generator including a protective structure.

HUMANITARIAN DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS



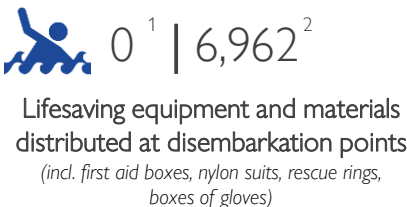
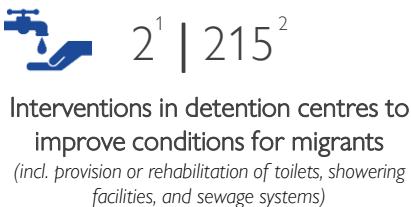
ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (VoTs)



ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION



IMPROVING MIGRANT CONDITIONS AT KEY LOCATIONS



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2 Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)
3 IOM Safe spaces supported and operating
4 Total IOM Safe spaces planned