

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

For more information, visit our website www.migrationjointinitiative.org

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN APRIL

- In Burkina Faso, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative provided cash assistance for food, personal protective equipment and mental health and psychosocial support to over 1,400 Nigeriens stranded in Ouagadougou and Kogologho. These returned to Niger on 1 May.
- In Chad, IOM's awareness raising team trained dozens of town criers and troubadours in hygiene and COVID-19 prevention awareness, who were then deployed in rural communities which are often disconnected from cell phone and radio coverage.
- A 28% decrease in intra-regional travels was recorded in the Sahel and Lake Chad region during the first quarter of 2020, with Niger witnessing the largest decrease (-86%), followed by Guinea (-70%) and Mali (-63%).
- In Sudan, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative supported medical awareness raising sessions and distributed personal protective equipment as well as COVID-19 related information, education and communication materials.
- Over 20 migrants and community members were sensitized on COVID-19 prevention and response during three awareness raising sessions conducted by the Migrant Response Centers (MRCs) Bosaso and Hargeisa in Somalia.
- In Djibouti, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative procured 400 masks, 400 gloves and 4,000 non-food items/hygiene kits for distribution to MRC Obock staff and the migrants they assist in addition to stranded migrants in the country.
- In Egypt, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative, with the support of Egyptian Red Crescent and Psychosocial Services and Training Institute distributed food and non-food items, including hygiene kits, to 200 migrants to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In Algeria, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative plans to assist 369 irregular migrants in need of direct assistance through cash-based interventions amounting to DZD 10,000 (EUR 70) per adult migrant and DZD 5,000 (EUR 35) per child.
- In Morocco, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative assisted 25 beneficiaries with vouchers for food and non-food items. Awareness raising activities on COVID-19 shared practical information and guidance on publicly available support and prevention measures.

MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²

93,445

migrants assisted after their return



86 % male

14 % female



2.2% unaccompanied migrant children

VOLUNTARY RETURN

11¹ | 81,895²

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



732¹ | 35,020² 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



40¹ | 14,865²

Awareness raising activities organised

2,334¹ | 725,660²

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.

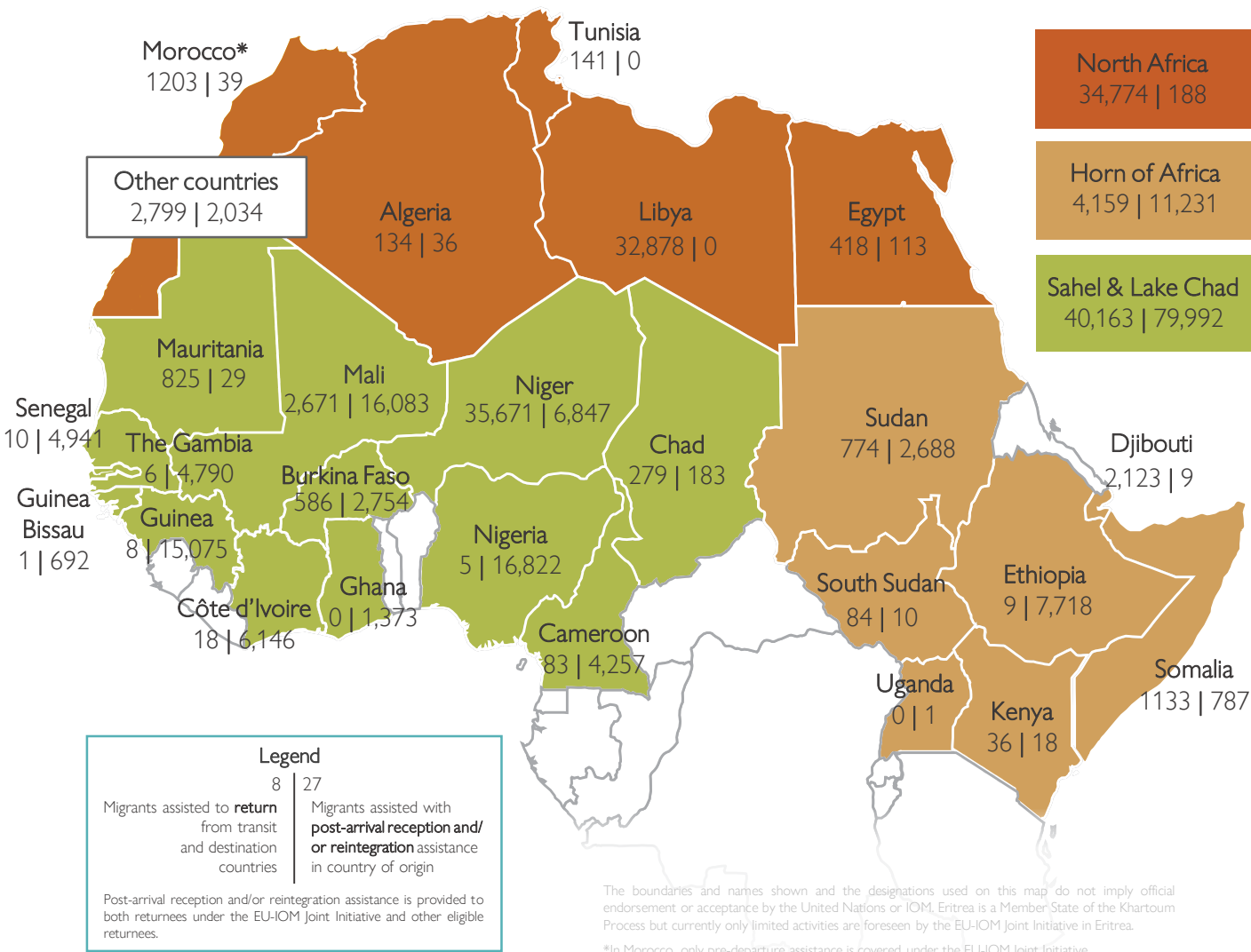
¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month

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

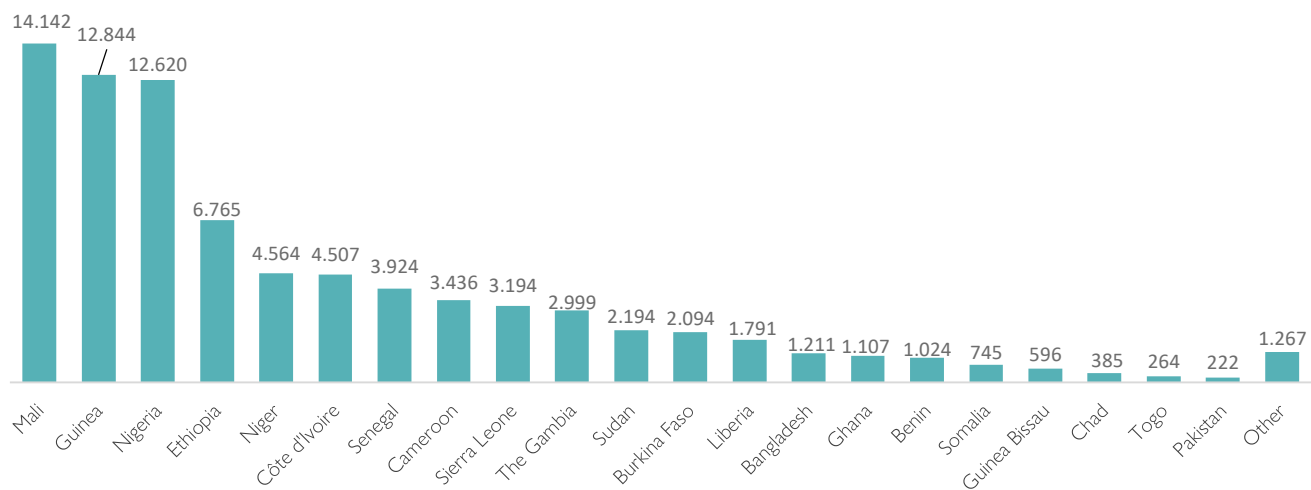
³ FMPs/ MRRCs supported and operating

⁴ FMPs/ MRRCs planned

RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE²



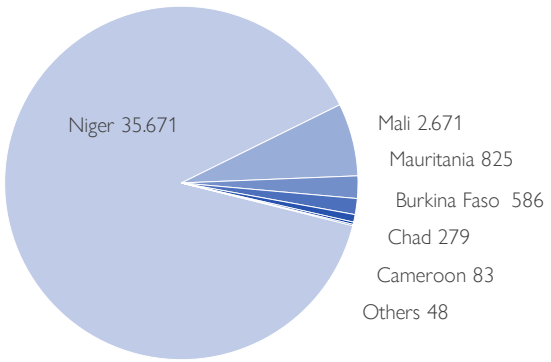
VOLUNTARY RETURNS TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN funded under the EUTF²



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



No voluntary returns were recorded during the current reporting month.

Cumulative until 30 April 2020

April 2020

GAMBIAN RETURNEES PRODUCE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR COVID-19 FRONTLINE BORDER OFFICIALS



As part of their reintegration assistance, 20 Gambian returnees are producing up to 2,000 protective suits and shoe coverings. These will be donated to the Ministry of Health for the use of frontline immigration and border officials. After the prototype's approval by The Gambia Standards Bureau, the returnees mastered the correct technique and specifications for producing protective items. The 20 participants, most of whom were stranded in Libya and Niger, were previously trained in tailoring and received sewing equipment as part of their reintegration assistance received under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative. Beyond contributing to The Gambia's COVID-19 response, this cash-for-work initiative further facilitates the reintegration of returnees with tailoring skills and businesses, as the pandemic's widespread impact on economic activity risks undermining gains returnees have made in settling in.

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

Check the [Weekly Digest](#) to learn more about the EU-IOM Joint Initiative in the Sahel & Lake Chad.

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

79,992² migrants were assisted after their return



0¹ | 79,341²

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)



407¹ | 63,870²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



654¹ | 34,350²

Economic support

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



61¹ | 11,784²

Social support

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



165¹ | 7,394²

Psychosocial support

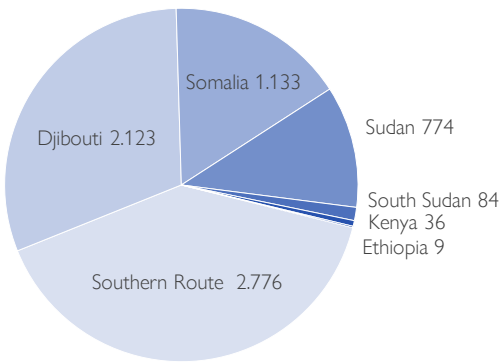
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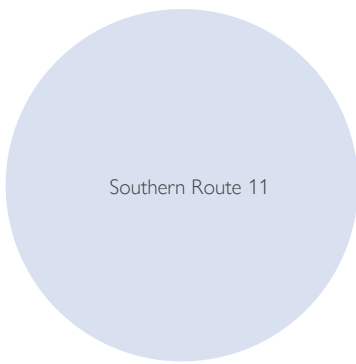
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2 Figure since the start of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (May 2017)

This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the 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 30 April 2020



April 2020

ETHIOPIAN SURVIVORS OF MIGRANT TRUCK TRAGEDY RETURN VIA EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE ASSISTANCE



The EU-IOM Joint Initiative supported the return of 11 Ethiopian nationals who survived when 64 others died of asphyxiation in a container behind a long-distance truck headed for South Africa. They were discovered soon after crossing over the Malawi-Mozambique border in late March. Their return to Ethiopia was coordinated with the Governments of Ethiopia and Mozambique. After the discovery by Mozambican authorities, IOM contacted the Ethiopian Consulate in Pretoria, South Africa, and provided translation services between the Consulate, the migrants and the local authorities, and worked to facilitate their voluntary return to Ethiopia, on 29 April. Prior to departure, IOM provided clothes, and personal hygiene items to reduce risks of exposure to COVID-19. In Ethiopia, they completed the mandatory 14-day quarantine for COVID-19 and were assisted by the EU-IOM Joint Initiative to return to their home communities in Oromia and Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' regional states, respectively some 250 km and 350 km from Addis Ababa.

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

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

11,231² migrants were assisted after their return



11¹ | 11,230²

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)



24¹ | 6,921²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



136¹ | 4,514²

Economic support

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



17¹ | 1,700²

Social support

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



27¹ | 5,111²

Psychosocial support

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

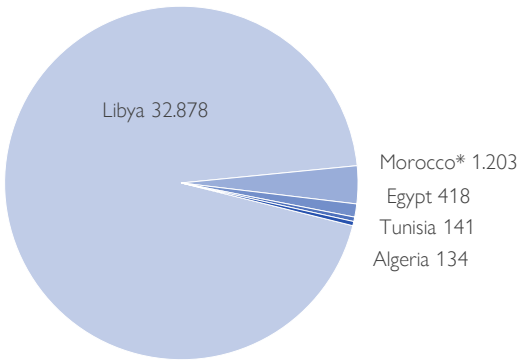
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This section presents results under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in North Africa. Countries covered in this region are Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

VOLUNTARY RETURNS FROM COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION



No voluntary returns were recorded during the current reporting month.

Cumulative until 30 April 2020

April 2020

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

TUNISIA: THE EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE SUPPORTS STRANDED AND VULNERABLE MIGRANTS DURING LOCKDOWN



Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, many migrants in Tunisia have lost their livelihoods and need various types of assistance. In response to requests from different local partners and individual migrants, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative has provided emergency support to those in vulnerable situations. As of 22 April, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative has distributed vouchers to 915 stranded and vulnerable migrants (488 women and 427 men) in different cities to cover their immediate needs. It has also delivered hygiene kits to IOM shelters across the country to help prevent COVID-19 in these facilities, and organised an 'Iftar' for 150 migrants hosted by IOM in its transit centre in Medenine, south-eastern Tunisia.

[For more details, see TV reports [here](#) and [here](#).]

To learn more about the EU-IOM Joint Initiative in North Africa, see [Quarterly Newsletter](#).

POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN NORTH AFRICA

188² migrants were assisted after their return



0¹ | 183²

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)



0¹ | 47²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



0¹ | 166²

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)



0¹ | 0²

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 **653,800** migrants in Libya (**88%** male, **12%** female)
- **1,439** migrants in detention in DCIM detention centres in Libya
- At least, **373,709** internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- At least, **448,573** IDP returnees
- **395** migrants returned to Libyan shores by the Libyan Coast Guard in April

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.

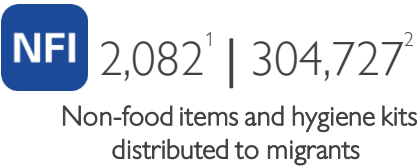


PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

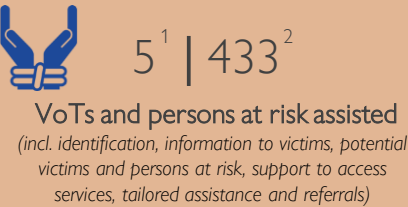
Community stabilization: In Sabha, drilling of 13 water wells continued, with three handed over to the General Water and Waste Water Company and another three completed and awaiting the results of water samples. In Qatroun, the Naqr Knemma and Qasr Masoud Guests Houses equipped with furniture, air conditioners and kitchen appliances are ready to be handed over to the municipality and used by local communities for meetings, social events and to house IDPs in cases of natural disaster or conflict. The Madrousa public garden site construction is continuing. In Kufra, the construction of the Bizima Al Jadida football pitch has started.

Labour Mobility and Human Development: In coordination with UNDP, IOM is undertaking a country wide Labour Market Assessment in Libya for which data collection has started. A feasibility study on the establishment of a Labour Market Information System for Libya to provide a basis for employment and labour policies is also underway.

HUMANITARIAN DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS



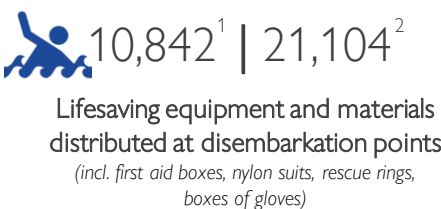
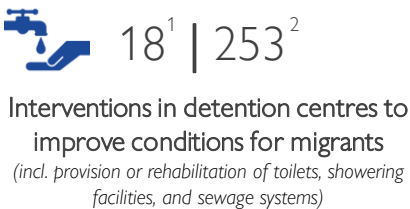
ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (VoTs)



ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION



IMPROVING MIGRANT CONDITIONS AT KEY LOCATIONS



1 Figure reflecting the reporting month
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