

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

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

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS IN MAY

- A beneficiary in Niger who established a recycling and reprocessing of waste materials into leather and rubber products shared his experience on how he improved his financial status during this uncertain time.
- In Ghana, two male beneficiaries have made enough savings through profits from their photocopy centre and tricycle operation to financially support themselves through tertiary education.
- In Djibouti, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative assisted 505 stranded migrants in Obock with non-food items (NFIs) and 195 migrants with medical assistance.
- In Somalia, seven awareness raising sessions were conducted by MRCs Bosaso and Hargeisa to sensitise migrants and community members on COVID-19 symptoms and prevention, border closure measures and the services available at the MRCs. Two handwashing stations were also set up at the Hargeisa MRC.
- In Sudan, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative distributed farming tool kits to 91 returnee women and conducted seed distribution and technical training for 200 women under the fruit tree community-based reintegration project.
- In Algeria, with COVID-19 travel restrictions on hold, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative has actively engaged with consular authorities to discuss the resumption of Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) through chartered flights with promising outcomes for Mali as first Country of Origin (CoO).
- In Egypt in response to COVID-19, IOM has bolstered its efforts to provide tailored services to migrants to accommodate their needs. These services include the provision of food bags to vulnerable migrants, housing assistance and medical assistance.
- In Morocco despite movement restrictions, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative followed up with 25 reintegration assistance beneficiaries for the timely start of implementation of their reintegration plans in the coming weeks.

MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²

95,719

migrants assisted after their return



86 % male

14 % female



2.2% unaccompanied migrant children

VOLUNTARY RETURN

1,605¹ | 83,500²

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



260¹ | 25,501² 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



78¹ | 14,943²

Awareness raising activities organised

22,081¹ | 747,741²

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). This Flash Report only covers operations funded exclusively and/or cost-shared through the EU-IOM Joint Initiative. For Libya, the Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism (MRRM) is implemented by mobile protection teams.

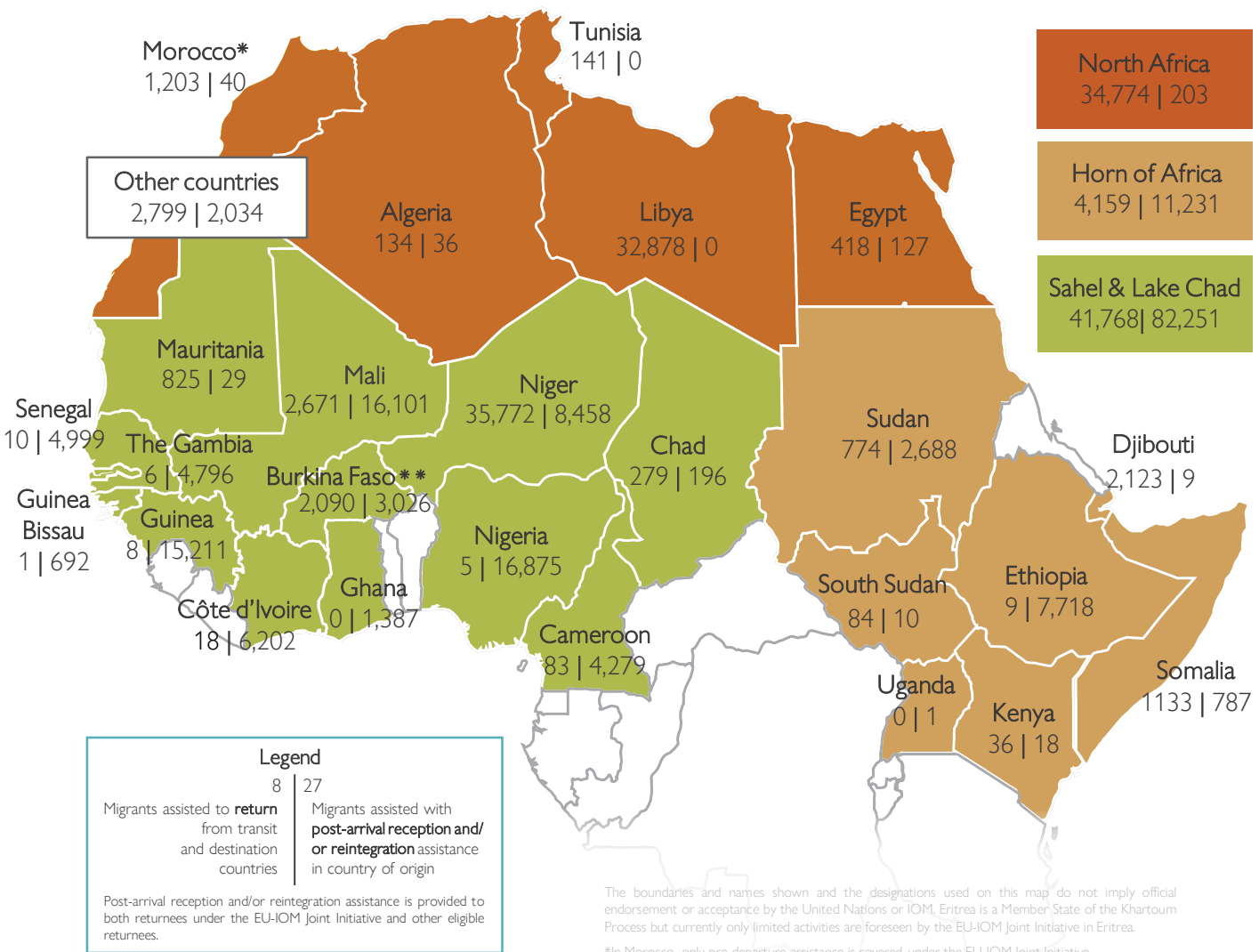
¹ Figure reflecting the reporting month

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

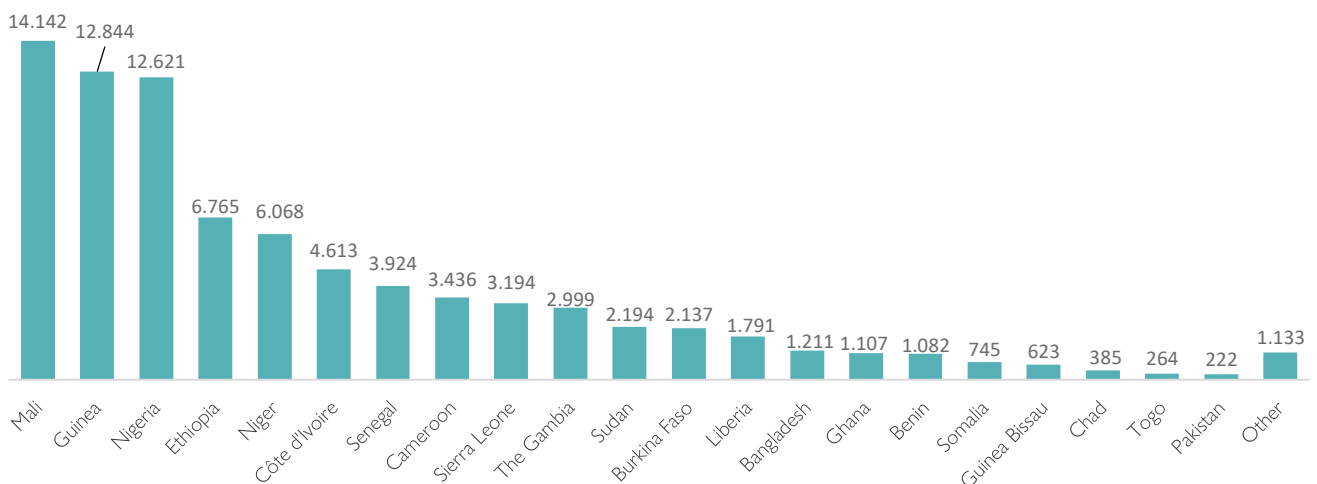
³ FMPs/ MRRCs supported and operating

⁴ FMPs/ MRRCs planned

RETURN AND POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE ²

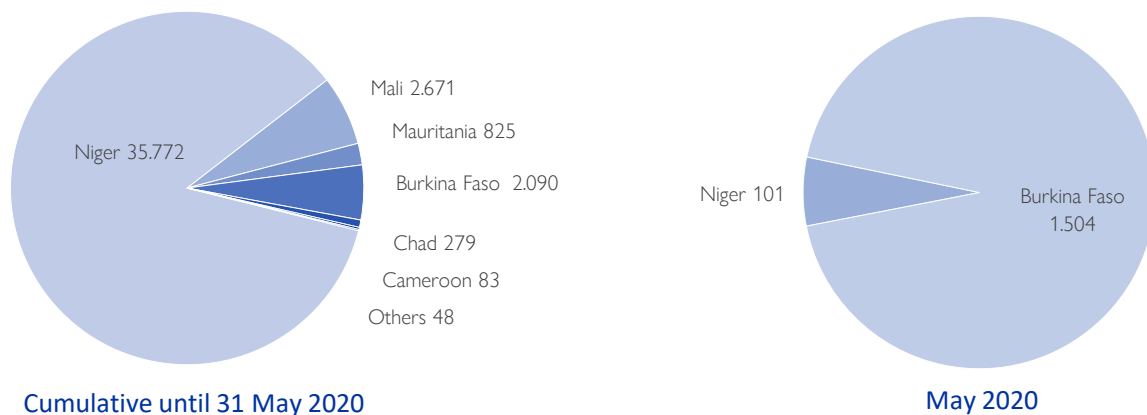


VOLUNTARY RETURNS TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN funded under the EUTF ²



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



SENEGALESE ARTISTS PAINT THE WORLD OF TOMORROW ON THE WALLS OF DAKAR



IOM and EU Delegation in Senegal joined forces with ten Senegalese urban artists to paint the post-pandemic world on the walls of Dakar, the capital of Senegal, to raise awareness among the population, including young people, of the COVID-19 and solidarity that must be demonstrated amid the crisis. Xibaaru Mbedd (street information in Wolof) is an awareness-raising campaign involving visual and graffiti artists from around the country. Ten Dakar-based artists built on their talent to serve the community by painting over graffiti on themes including the compliance with barrier measures, stigmatization, and fight against misinformation. The campaign, initiated by IOM in collaboration with the EU and The Playwall, an artistic exchange platform based in Dakar, offers an opportunity for young artists to express their vision pertaining to the current crisis.

[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

82,251² migrants were assisted after their return



43¹ | 79,384²

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 | 64,232²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



64¹ | 34,414²

Economic support

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



32¹ | 11,816²

Social support

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



443¹ | 7,837²

Psychosocial support

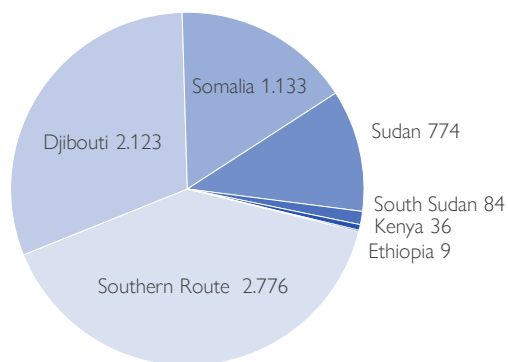
(incl. psychosocial counselling, focus group discussions, family mediation, community mediation, special security measures)

The same beneficiary of the programme can appear in multiple categories, but not multiple times within one category.

1 Figure reflecting the reporting month
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 31 May 2020

No voluntary returns were recorded during the current reporting month.

May 2020

EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE PROVIDES FREE MEDICAL CARE TO MIGRANTS IN ETHIOPIA



In May 2020, St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College in Addis Ababa received medical consumables worth over USD 21,000, at a time when it suffered from supply chain disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The medical supplies were donated by the EU-IOM Joint Initiative in the context of the recently established partnership with the hospital which ensures medical care and lifesaving treatments for migrant returnees at no cost. As stated by the hospital's director, Dr Wondimagegn Gezahegn, this partnership "is a perfect fit to respond to migrant returnees with medical needs", who would otherwise be unable to afford treatment.

[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)



41¹ | 6,962²

Start of the reintegration support process

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



232¹ | 4,746²

Economic support

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



6¹ | 1,706²

Social support

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



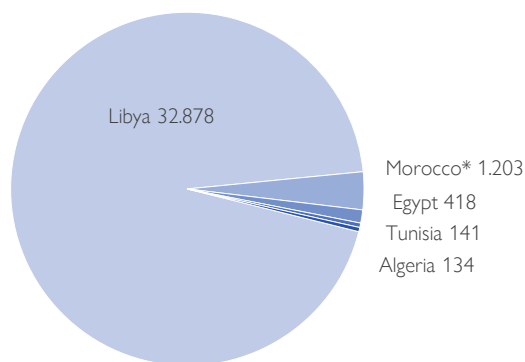
17¹ | 5,128²

Psychosocial support

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

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 31 May 2020

May 2020

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

EU-IOM JOINT INITIATIVE PROVIDES SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN: OUSMANE'S STORY



Ousmane, a 36-year-old Guinean national, was supposed to return home from Morocco in March through the EU-IOM Joint Initiative in North Africa. Because of travel restrictions adopted in Morocco to slow the spread of the COVID-19, his trip was cancelled, and he remained stranded in the country until borders would reopen and returns resumed. To help him during the lockdown period, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative provided Ousmane with vouchers to cover his immediate needs for four weeks. Last year, Ousmane contacted IOM and signed up for AVRR but he was referred for a health assessment and offered medical assistance to get ready for his trip back to Guinea.

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

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

POST-ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN NORTH AFRICA

203² 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)



14¹ | 180²

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)

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)
- **1,256** migrants in detention in DCIM detention centres in Libya
- At least, **373,709** internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- At least, **448,573** IDP returnees
- **774** migrants returned to Libyan shores by the Libyan Coast Guard in May

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**, the drilling of 13 water wells continued. Of these, three have been handed over to the General Water and Waste Water Company while four others have been completed and received positive water test results.

In **Qatroun**, the Naqr Knemma and Qasr Masoud Guest Houses, equipped with furniture, air conditioners and kitchen equipment, have been handed over to the municipality for ongoing management.

In **Benghazi**, medical equipment has been delivered to the Psychiatric and Mental Health Hospital in Al Hawari muhalla.

In **Sabha**, the construction of Al- Nasriyah football pitch has started in the presence of municipality members.

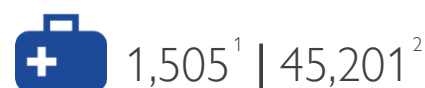
HUMANITARIAN DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS



Emergency food assistance distributed to migrants
(number of meals distributed)



Non-food items and hygiene kits distributed to migrants



Healthcare services provided to migrants

ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (VoTs)



VoTs and persons at risk assisted
(incl. identification, information to victims, potential victims and persons at risk, support to access services, tailored assistance and referrals)

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION



IOM safe spaces for vulnerable migrants established



Vulnerable migrants hosted in alternatives to detention

IMPROVING MIGRANT CONDITIONS AT KEY LOCATIONS



Interventions in detention centres to improve conditions for migrants
(incl. provision or rehabilitation of toilets, showering facilities, and sewage systems)



Lifesaving equipment and materials distributed at disembarkation points
(incl. first aid boxes, nylon suits, rescue rings, boxes of gloves)

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