STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES FOR RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

UNDP has partnered with the European Union for the second phase of the "Strengthening Local Capacities for Resilience and Recovery" project, which aimed at enhancing provision of basic services at local level and increasing access for most vulnerable groups from host communities - including Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) and returnees - as well as migrants and refugees.

OBJECTIVES

- Strengthening the capacities of municipalities in providing basic and social services, in particular in municipalities most affected by migratory flows, for resilient local service delivery;
- Improving access to quality basic and social services, in particular to the most vulnerable people living in the selected locations (including migrants, refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities, especially women and girls).

It will respond to the effects of the ongoing instability and difficult socio-economic conditions of most vulnerable populations in Libya aiming to answer to pressing community needs and to strengthen resilience through local governance structures, with a focus on municipalities located along the migration routes. The project also recognizes that women’s participation is necessary as participants and beneficiaries in local development planning that responds to the needs and concerns of all citizens.

24 municipalities with conflict mediation capacity strengthened;

600 people participating in conflict prevention and peace building activities, including of women and where feasible migrants, refugees, IDPs, returnees;

20 Institutions (National and local) and Non-State actors directly supported through capacity building on migration management;

20 municipalities supported for public service delivery;

2-7 million people receiving access to enhanced social services, including IDPs, migrants and refugees.*

EXPECTED RESULTS

KEY RESULTS TO DATE

- Identification of priorities and planning of interventions were finalized in the 20 municipalities. Eight municipalities will be targeted through this project in the West, seven in the South and five in the East.
- 30 social infrastructure rehabilitation projects and 710 sets of critical equipment were identified.
- 88% of equipment (626 out 710) have been contracted and expected to be delivered within 4 to 6 months. 84 other sets are currently under evaluation and expected be contracted within 4 to 6 weeks.
- 11 social infrastructure facilities in Ghat, Sabratha, Zawya and Garabulli are either contracted or currently under evaluation. 6 other civil works including in Benghazi as well as Zawya will be advertised within the next 6 to 8 weeks.
- Initial engagement with the first group of municipalities has started with the purpose of explaining the objective and scope of the capacity building component as well as seeking their initial feedback and potential support.

*2.7 million is the total number that will benefit from the implementation of the overall action by the three implementing partners, UNDP, UNICEF and AICS. UNDP’s estimated number of beneficiaries in the 20 targeted municipalities/communities will be 1.7 million.
COMMUNICATION & VISIBILITY PLAN

Update

With the aim of providing visibility to the project and the European Union as supporter of it for a diverse range of groups within Libya and the international community, UNDP Libya Communication Unit is following a plan which contain activities to raise awareness about the project, its purpose, activities, achievements, partners and beneficiaries.

ACTIONS

UNDP has sent to the media and published on its website five press releases in connection with the second phase of the “Strengthening Local Capacities for Resilience and Recovery” project, as well as has spread the messages of those communication products through its different social media platforms.

The fifth press release was sent to the media and published on UNDP Libya website on 4th September 2019. It was about the kickoff of the rehabilitation work at Albirkht Medical Center in Ghat. The communication product also highlighted the starting of the process to provide the city with two sewage trucks, and the upcoming rehabilitation of Othman Bin Affan and 17th February Schools.

UNDP Libya communication specialist worked together with the communication specialists of the organizations partners of the project, EU, AICS and UNICEF to create a joint Communication and Visibility Plan, which has the overall objective of maximising impact and visibility of the programme as well as the EU recognition among diverse target audiences in Libya and at the international level.

Within this communication plan, the first activity jointly organized by the three implementing partners and the EU, consists of a three-day training workshop to the communications officers of the 24 Libyan municipalities where the programme is being implemented.

The objective of the workshop is to deepen communication skills and competencies at the municipality level on how to effectively communicate with local communities and raise awareness about the progress and results of the RSDD-Libya work, as a crucial local governance nexus.

The activity will take place at the beginning of October 2019 and is the first step towards a community of practitioners that will roll out a municipality-specific communication strategy throughout and beyond the programme lifespan.

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1. 209 pageviews in UNDP Libya website; 2 tweets, 9 retweets, 15 likes.
   2 Facebook posts, 3,916 people reached, 72 likes, 7 shares, 8 comments.

2. 14 articles in media outlets.
   323 pageviews in UNDP Libya website; 3 tweets, 19 retweets, 70 likes.
   1 Facebook post, 4,597 people reached, 86 likes, 8 shares, 10 comments.

3. 11 articles in media outlets.
   100 pageviews in UNDP Libya website; 2 tweets, 17 retweets, 66 likes.
   2 Facebook posts, 1,370 people reached, 55 likes, 5 shares, 4 comments.

4. 4 articles in media outlets.
   108 pageviews in UNDP Libya website; 1 tweets, 22 retweets, 37 likes.

5. 3 articles in media outlets.
   99 pageviews in UNDP Libya website; 2 tweets, 11 retweets, 41 likes.
   2 Facebook posts, 2,375 people reached, 47 likes, 4 shares.