WORKSHOP TO TURN THE HAI AL-ANDALUS INTO A MODEL POLICE STATION

(02. Strengthened Community Security)

From 16 to 17 October, the project held a workshop in Tunis to establish a road map for Hai Al-Andalus Police Station, which is to become the first ‘Model Police Station’ (MPS) in Libya.

The participants were officers and civilian personnel from the Tripoli Police Directorate and the Ministry of Interior including ranking female police personnel.

Hay Al-Andalus Police Station Commander, Mr. Nouri Aldaek; H.E Ms. Bettina Muscheidt, EU Ambassador to Libya; UNDP Country Director, Ms. Nora Hamladji; Lieutenant-General Paolo Serra, UNSMIL Senior Military Advisor; and EUBAM Senior Police Adviser, Mr. Robert Nerud; inaugurated the event.

During the workshop, participants created a Detailed Roll-out Plan (DROP), which after the approval of the MoI, will be used as the basis of planning further activities to activate the pilot model police station.

The Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG), composed by UNSMIL, UNDP Libya, EUBAM and EULPC, was the host of this two-day event.
ENHANCED LOCAL CAPACITY FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

Preliminary needs assessments on the ground:

UNDP regional coordinators continued detailed identification of needs. The coordinator for the South visited Sabha and Murzuq municipalities, and met with key stakeholders on the ground (including with the Murzuq mayor based in Tripoli). The sectorial needs assessment started at Murzuq General Hospital, Murzuq Public water and Sewage Company, Sabha Medical Center, as well as Sabha Radiology and Dialysis department which recently affected by unstable electricity. On October 5, the coordinator met formally with the Head of Sabha Medical Center to revise the needs based on the request made to the GNA to avoid duplication. Most critical needs that were reconfirmed refer to: Double the capacity of hospital rooms (40 vs 20 patients); establishing a physiotherapist center and sterilization system; CT and MRI equipment; and voltage stabilized for the Medical Center.

In the West, engagement was initiated with the Municipality of Tripoli, while Sabratha was postponed for now, given the ongoing fights.

In the East, the regional coordinator met in Al-Kufra with the newly formed Toubo municipal branch headed by Mr. Abdullah Mardagy. They discussed the needs in their areas to make sure those were included in the priorities list. After the meeting they visited several related locations. Among key priorities reconfirmed were: Supply of two ambulances; Kufra General Hospital repairs; renovation of Shora Clinic for Toubo community; renovation of several schools; supply of sewage trucks spare-parts; supply of fire trucks spare-parts; installation of solar-power for water pumps; and supply of 500 desks to the University of Kufra. They are being reviewed now from engineering perspective.

On-going support for community mobilization, conflict analysis and participatory needs assessments

Regional coordinators from Tripoli and Sabha/Murzuq met with local authorities’ representatives and Peaceful Change Initiative (PCI) on 18 October in Tripoli.

The meeting was important for acceleration of delivery and understanding of priority needs.

During the same week, our partners from PCI conducted needs assessment in Al-Kufra and the regional coordinator for Benghazi/Al-Kufra joined for confirmation of key priorities with all relevant groups from the community.

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LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Visual identity for the Tatweer Entrepreneurship Campus (TEC) was developed.

The team of researchers working on Entrepreneurs of Libya screened the Libyan entrepreneurial ecosystem during Oct 1st–26th, 2017. The screening phase was carried out in two stages, the first was online mapping to identify active actors in the ecosystem. The second stage was an on-field screening to collect data from the ground and to discover new actors that were not identifiable through online mapping. The findings are: 17 start-ups, 20 technical support organizations, nine facilitators and seven programs that support entrepreneurship.

Tatweer team are in an advanced stage looking at viable incubator business models with TEC Incubator Inception. Within TEC Incubator Operation, 'Operation Pour was held. A eight-week coding boot-camp to teach university students and graduates how to develop web and Android app applications.

Opportunity of cooperating with Toyota Libya is being explored. It would boost employ ability and provide greater access to sustainable income opportunities.

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Overall background

To respond to the many challenges people in Libya are facing, UNDP approach is to help the country get on a more robust development path by helping the local authorities to restore security, essential services delivery and livelihoods opportunities. UNDP works in key communities on the migration routes – from Sabha and Murzuq, to Kufra, and Sabratha, not least Benghazi and Tripoli - engaging local municipalities, identifying entry points to integrate key community members, enhancing local stability and community security, advancing municipality socio-economic development and providing income generation opportunities for communities, and especially young people. With adequate support, municipalities in Libya can better plan, lead and coordinate efforts at achieving progress where people need it most - services, social cohesion and security, economic livelihoods.