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STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITY FOR RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY IN LIBYA



TATWEER RESEARCH READY TO BOOST ENTREPRENEURS

(3. Local Economic Recovery)

Aiming to identify areas of potential economic growth and support economic recovery strategies which will help to stabilize income generation, emergency employment, and the reintegration of migrants, IDPs, and returnees; as well as create sustainable and decent jobs, UNDP partnered with Tatweer Research to invest in the development of an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Libya, launch that was marked on 19 September by a joint event with the EU Delegation.

Together with selected partners from NGOs and private sector, UNDP will map the current entrepreneurial ecosystem, the existing start ups and support they need to be published on the website – www.eol.ly – Entrepreneurs of Libya. The project will set-up start-up incubators in Benghazi, Sabha and Tripoli, expecting to have at least 90 start-ups supported by 2020, creating 1,000 value-adding jobs. Focusing specifically on young people in Benghazi, Sabha and Tripoli this program will provide an alternative income generating opportunity for distressed young people. In parallel, the project will explore establishing vocational trainings programmes and helping with employment for IDP and returnees in target localities.

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ENHANCED LOCAL CAPACITY FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

Preliminary needs assessments on the ground:

UNDP regional coordinators continued detailed identification of needs in the East (Benghazi and Kufra), South (Sabha and Murzuq), as well as West (Tripoli and Sabratha) regions, looking for quick critical and visible projects for an impactful change on the ground. For the East, work was initiated with detailed technical specifications and bills of quantities for most projects. For the South, the sites visit were conducted to Sabha and Murzuq municipalities, meeting with key stakeholders on the ground (including with the Murzuq mayor based in Tripoli) and initiating the needs assessment visiting Murzuq General Hospital, Murzuq Public water and Sewage Company, Sabha Medical Center, as well as Sabha Radiology and Dialysis department. Initial needs assessment were conducted for Tripoli and Sabratha, as well as a number of coast municipalities, providing budget estimations and confirmation of the needs with local stakeholders.

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

To support municipalities in identifying, planning, leading and coordinating efforts for enhanced resilience in local service delivery and socio-economic recovery, a closed competition was announced on 18 July 2017 inviting eight organizations with experience in local community mobilization and conflict assessments to submit their applications by 2 August 2017. Further to thorough evaluation, a long-term agreement was signed on 29 August with the Peaceful Change Initiative (PCI). This organization has on-going partnerships in all six target municipalities in Libya, as well as four offices in Libya including one in Benghazi, one in Murzuq, one in Tripoli. PCI is headed and supported by an International team of experts and all its interventions in Libya are being led by Libyan staff on the ground.



PCI will have the following three major responsibilities:

- 1. Update (if available)/Conduct needs assessment** and identify most pressing needs in the 6 target localities with potential of integrating/provide services to target population and enhance local resilience.
- 2. Support municipalities in identifying, planning, leading and coordinating effort** to achieve resilience in local service delivery.
- 3. Update (if available)/Conduct conflict analysis** in six target localities to guide project implementation. Monitor conflict dynamics for the duration of the project.

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STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY SECURITY

Work continued within the Joint Steering Committee on rule of law and security assistance, comprised of the Senior Security Adviser to UNSMIL, the Country Director of UNDP, and the Head of EUBAM Libya; as well as the Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) comprised of the same entities.

- UNDP launched a tender to identify a company for a rule of law assessment to take place at municipality level in Sabha, Benghazi and Tripoli and based on which a capacity development and technical support component to be further shaped. As there were no applications, despite the wide outreach, the tender had to be relaunched. Potential contractors were contacted, expecting at least some applicants when the new tender closes on 3rd of October.
- Work on the Model Police Station continued on several fronts.

The joint technical working group which include UNDP, EUBAM, EULP and UNSMIL together with the project manager developed a timeline for MPS implementation. The JTWF organized a mission to Hai Andalus police station in Tripoli, which was identified by the Ministry of Interior. UNDP facilitated the presence of the local engineer who conducted initial assessment. A joint workshop, including Ministry of Interior and Police Commander will be organized 16-17 October in Tunis. In parallel, UNDP advances with infrastructure related preparations, working on tendering documents for the pre-design company.

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PROJECT COORDINATION

An introduction meeting took place on 24 August in Tripoli with the Ministry of Local Governance to discuss project details and agree on the date for the first Project Board Meeting, to be hold in Tunis, at the earliest availability.

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.

