

Migration Initiatives Appeal 2009

LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

Migration issues

Extensive land and maritime borders expose the country to continuous and sustained migration challenges as a transit and destination point, with over a million irregular migrants among a total population of barely six million. IOM has been present since April 2006 supporting government efforts and addressing a number of issues, such as capacity building, assisted voluntary return and reintegration of stranded migrants, border management, counter-trafficking and research. Partnerships with relevant General People's Committees (Ministries) and major charity institutions have been effectively put in place to attain coordinated objectives.

Coordination with the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CENSAD) has also been established to address migration issues from a regional perspective. In this context, addressing the root causes of irregular migration in countries of origin, which are mainly poverty and unemployment, is a key part of the country's approach to migration management.

PROGRAMME AREAS

Migration Health

Health Promotion and Assistance for Migrants

Capitalizing on the vast amount of information gathered through direct contact with migrants through various assisted voluntary returns and reintegration (AVRR) projects, IOM aims to create a support system for migrants in need

Total Funding Requirements for Libyan Arab Jamahiriya - USD 2, 770, 000

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of medical assistance. This would be achieved through the creation of a network that involves IOM experts, national health institutions, and Libyan civil society.

One of the main priorities is to provide training on issues related to migration and health for institutions responsible for healthcare the country (notably, the Ministry of Health, Red Crescent, and relevant NGOs). The personnel trained by the envisaged project will be called upon to operate in the existing AVRR Centre and in the selected areas of the country.

- **Health promotion and assistance for migrants – USD 200,000**

Regulating Migration Counter-trafficking

IOM is active in creating a referral system to coordinate each phase of the counter-

trafficking process. The proposed initiative aims to follow-up and build on the outputs of previously implemented CT projects and channel them into a consistent, reliable referral system. IOM will organize joint trainings and workshops with the goal of including important interlocutors in the referral system.

Such counterparts have been identified by religious personnel actively working in Libya and in the North African region.

- **Religious personnel against trafficking (REPAT) — USD 170,000**

Technical Cooperation on Migration Management and Capacity Building

Since June 2006, together with the Italian MoI, IOM has been implementing programmes to enhance local capacities in migration management. The proposed project will provide training to governmental officials and civil society representatives on the management of migration centres, the provision of assistance to VoTs and vulnerable migrants, and the implementation of AVRR schemes.

- **Enhancement of the Migration Management Capacities (EMMA) — USD 2,000,000**

Facilitating Migration Labour Migration

While labour migrants are an essential asset of the Libyan economy, the adaptation of legislation and labour migration schemes to the evolving requirements of the labour market represents a key challenge in migration management. Labour migration schemes with countries of origin should be developed to allow labour migrants to enter those sectors where there is an insufficient local workforce. IOM is currently implementing an EC-funded project aimed at building a network among actors involved in labour migration management in the West African region. In this context, IOM proposes to facilitate study tours and exchange programmes with the

public and private sector in order to follow-up on the results achieved by the on-going AENEAS programme.

- **Labour Migration to Libya (LAMIL) — USD 400,000**