

THE RETURN OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA

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PROTECTION OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANT WORKERS

**1990: EVACUATION OF OVER 17,000
VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN IRAQ**

**2006: RETURN OF OVER 400
VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LEBANON**

**2011: RETURN OF MORE THAN 10,000
VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA**

OPERATION TO EVACUATE VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA

**FORECAST AND
SITUATION
ASSESSMENT**

**COORDINATION
MECHANISM**



FORECAST AND SITUATION ASSESSMENT

DECEMBER 2010:
**Complicated
situation in Tunisia
and in the region**

- MOFA reported to the Prime Minister
- MOFA instructed Vietnamese Embassies in Tunisia and Egypt

FEBRUARY 2011:
**Escalating tensions
in Libya → A
possible civil war**

- MOFA coordinated with relevant Ministries and agencies to seek joint solutions
- MOFA instructed Vietnamese Embassies to closely follow the situation and protect Vietnamese nationals

COOPERATION MECHANISM



STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA

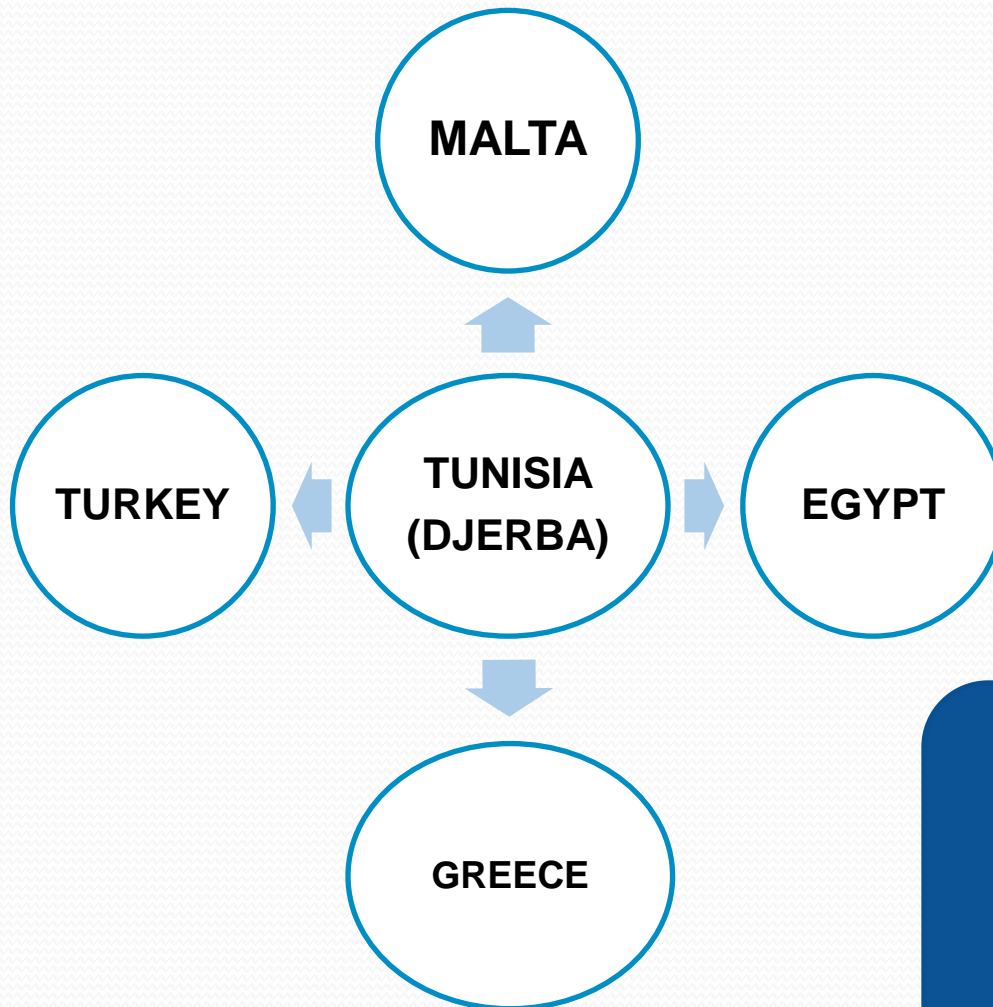
Established on February 24, 2011

Chairman was Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Pham Gia Khiem

Vice Chairwoman was Minister of War Invalids and Social Affairs

Officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of War Invalids and Social Affairs, Ministry of Transportation, Vietnam Airlines, etc.

5 WORKING GROUPS



Establish Frontline headquarters in Djerba, Tunisia

Set up air bridge with 7 continuous and safe flights (plus 3 flights from Egypt, Turkey and Algeria)

Provide shelter, food; mobilize financial support of IOM and UNHCR; persuade local authorities to grant entries and exits to those who do not have passports





OUTCOMES

09 days

- Safely returned more than 10,000 workers from Libya.



POLICY ASSISTING VIETNAMESE WORKERS RETURNING FROM LIBYA

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

- Loans from National Employment Fund for vocational training courses
- Job offers and priority selection for working overseas
- 16,000 vacancies in the construction sector

AID RELIEF

- VND 1 million (VND 20,000=US\$ 1) per returnee
- Further aid categorized by 4 levels

EXTENDED REPAYMENT TERMS

- Returnees working in Libya for less than 6 months would have repayment extended if they could not pay off pay debts

LESSONS LEARNED

Forecasting

Coordinating
among agencies

Mobilizing
support from
international
organizations
and relevant
governments



THANK YOU!