



Libya

Local Engagement and Empowerment through Human Security to Address the Impact of Protracted Conflict and COVID-19 in Libya

Background information

Within the context of a protracted national conflict underscored by prevailing tribal divisions, Libya remains confronted by weak and fragmented governance and security structures, a widespread lack of access to basic services, as well as high levels of food insecurity, growing unemployment, economic volatility, and civil unrest. These dynamics have a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable women, youth, migrants, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees and returnees. These groups are often embroiled in or fleeing conflict or persecution, lack access to basic social protection or support systems, and live in underserved areas. Promoting sustainable peace and development in Libya therefore must include ground-up strategies that address the multiple impacts of the protracted conflict and current risks such as COVID-19 in some of the most affected communities, namely in Sabha, in the Fezzan region.

Goals and objectives

The key objectives of the programme are to: (i) guide the development of a human security action plan by Sabha authorities, youth and community representatives, based on a comprehensive local assessment and the priorities of the community; (ii) support a cohort of local representatives and stakeholders in the implementation of the action plan; and (iii) strengthen the capacity of these local partners and community members in their engagement with local authorities toward the usage of human security in local planning.



DURATION
October 2021 — December 2023



UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
WFP, UNDP, UNFPA



OTHER KEY PARTNERS
Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Local Governance, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of State for Displaced Affairs, Ministry of State for Women's Affairs and Development, Sabha Municipal Council, local NGOs, youth leaders, media, CBOs; Sabha, Fezzan Region

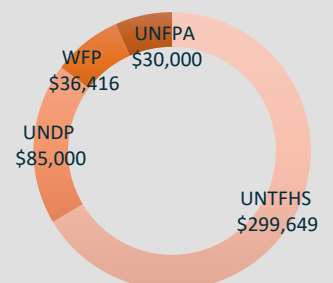


BENEFICIARIES
227,000



TOTAL BUDGET
US\$ 451,065

POOLING OF RESOURCES



Beneficiaries

The programme benefits 227,000 people in Sabha, including local media, social media and youth leaders as well as community representatives.

Applying the Human Security approach

As indicated in the Berlin Communique and endorsed by the United Nations Security Council, “only a Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process can end the conflict and bring lasting peace.” Realizing this strategy requires local-level peace and recovery processes that tackle the drivers of conflict and address community priorities for development progress in line with national peace and development goals. Given that Sabha is both a strategic location and an economic hub, the programme thus aims to facilitate the efforts of Libyans in the municipality to address the multifaceted challenges resulting from the protracted crisis and new risks such as COVID-19, including the underlying conditions creating vulnerability. Such an approach will better mitigate and address key conflict triggers at the local level that can undermine stability and prosperity at the national level.

Recognizing how conflict has frayed the social fabric and promoted division along tribal lines in Libya, the programme is leveraging human security’s emphasis on building trust and strengthening relationships between the state and society, and among communities. It recognizes how local partners can play a significant role in reinforcing national ownership of the country’s future, nurturing reconciliation and coexistence and restoring trust in the institutions that return stability to post-conflict situations. To this end, local communities are engaged in assessing their needs, articulating their priorities and developing solutions that will promote local development and stability, with a focus on inclusive processes that address the needs of the most vulnerable groups and incorporate the perspectives of youth leaders. Through a comprehensive human security assessment and multi-partner dialogue platforms, local stakeholders will take ownership of strategies to enhance stability and resolve conflict, give legitimacy to local advocacy initiatives, and ensure that local communities benefit from the dividends of peace and stability nationally.



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