Building Resilience and Improving Livelihoods in Eastern Libya

Restoring trust between citizens and institutions and supporting local institutions to deliver critical services

2017 - 2021

118 Initiatives

92 Basic services

15 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

34 Health

10 Education

13 Public spaces

16 Municipalities

1,454,990 People supported

17.4 M US$ Invested

LOCAL ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE
Benghazi Municipality developed a Capacity Development Action Plan that includes trainings for municipality officials and small grants to enhance service delivery.

Derna Municipality with key local stakeholders developed mid-term development plans and resource mobilization strategies.

Awareness raised on local elections by engaging municipal councils in democratic representation workshop on Law 59. Increased voter participation, visibility and knowledge of local elections and critical functions of municipal councils through civic and voter education and info, campaigns with six CSOs.

IMPROVING DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES
Above 1.2 million people have better services in education, healthcare (including COVID-19 response), energy, water, sewage and solid waste management sectors. Investments were prioritized through community consultations and conflict analysis in coordination with municipalities and local stakeholders.

Social cohesion and communal interactions were enhanced through rehabilitation/construction of safe public spaces and youth/sports facilities - i.e. rugby field, handball court, scout office, public library, Benghazi Corniche.

Boosted local economy and security in Benghazi by installing solar streetlights (244km), allowing businesses to operate in dark hours.

REVIVING LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY
33 entrepreneurs in Benghazi utilized small grants, training and mentoring, then created 142 jobs (140 women) by re/starting their businesses affected by the conflict and/or COVID19.

40% improvement

50 youth and women received job trainings on digital literacy, customer service, CV writing and car/bike maintenance in partnership with CSOs and Toyota Libya.

552 temporary jobs were created through rehabilitation of war-damaged infrastructure and improvement of basic services.

RECONCILIATION AND SOCIAL COHESION
The Eastern Network of Local Mediators (17 women, 30 men) was established with community representatives, tribal leaders, legal experts, youth and human rights activists. Peer groups in the east and south learned conflict analysis, conflict resolution, mediation, peace agreement drafting, soft skills and gender sensitivity.

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPS) consultations in Benghazi ensured psychosocial wellbeing in the recovery process for conflict-affected communities including women, IDPs and vulnerable groups.

Strengthened capacity of CSOs in project management, conflict management, resolution, social cohesion and local peacebuilding. This enables local actors and community leaders to assess needs, implement community-based projects and build stronger civil society networks.

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