

UNDP Results

Libya



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Approach

After 42 years of authoritarian rule and the Declaration of Liberation by the new authorities on 23 October 2011, the situation in Libya continues to be dynamic and challenging as the country transforms into a functioning democracy.

As Libya's key partner during its period of transition, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) quickly reopened its office when the civil war ended, and refocused its programming on elections, early recovery, civil society support, rule of law and governance. UNDP is now playing a critical role in economic recovery, local governance and mine action.

RESULTS

Support to elections

In partnership with the Government, the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) and other UN agencies, UNDP provided crucial support to Libya's first free, multi-party parliamentary elections in six decades, held on 7 July 2012. UNDP continues to work with Libyan authorities to prepare for and conduct well-administered, transparent and credible elections in future.

- UNDP provided timely delivery of essential election materials, under an extremely tight deadline; it also assisted in designing ballots and establishing a coordinated election security plan.
- UNDP worked with the International Organization for Migration to administer out-of-country voting, enabling 8,000 Libyans from the diaspora to cast their ballots.
- UNDP trained members of the judiciary, enabling them to plan for, develop and deliver an effective and transparent mechanism for electoral disputes.
- UNDP provided equipment, salaries and expert support to a media-monitoring effort dedicated to identifying campaign violations in the media.
- UNDP and UNSMIL provided electoral expertise to the Elections Commission and on-the-job training for Commission staff. UNDP also organized elections-related training, including on procurement, to prepare Commission staff for the next elections.

- With UNDP support, more than 21,000 national observers and members of the media observed polls and guarded against irregularities, representing a substantial achievement in a country where civil society and political organizations had, until recently, been suppressed.

- UNDP organized seminars on voting systems and the political inclusion of women and minorities to inform public debate on the electoral law for the Constitutional Assembly.

Support to civic engagement

Following the revolution, UNDP began a programme of civic education to engage Libyans, in particular youth, women and marginalized groups, in the democratization process.

- UNDP hosted workshops on political campaigns and media management for 170 women candidates in Benghazi, Sabha and Tripoli; eight of these women are currently members of the General National Congress (GNC).
- A UNDP-supported campaign called *My Voice for Her* was launched to support women candidates for the GNC elections; the launch event hosted around 300 people, including women candidates, top government officials and local and international reporters.
- UNDP produced voter education material and trained 300 Libyan civil society organizations (CSOs) on how to bring about greater voter awareness and civic engagement.
- With UNDP's support, 51 facilitators were certified through the BRIDGE training programme on electoral processes, and formed a national network to deliver civic education awareness campaigns.

Support to the Parliament

UNDP helped Libya's transitional Government strengthen the GNC Secretariat for neutral, permanent and effective parliamentary administration.

- The inaugural session of the GNC in August 2012 received draft by-laws crafted with UNDP's help; UNDP also helped the GNC create tailor-made procedural guides on legislative powers, Parliament structure and the responsibilities and rights of elected members.

- UNDP organized an induction training for GNC members to help strengthen their understanding of parliamentary principles.
- UNDP provided comparative experience and lessons-learned papers as requested by the GNC, including on parliamentary communication, remuneration and codes of conduct.
- UNDP helped develop internal regulations for the Parliament, which formed the basis of the internal regulations that the GNC formally adopted.
- UNDP provided over 700 key legal publications to help establish a Parliamentary library and research centre.

Support to the national Constitution

In February 2013, the GNC agreed that members of the Constituent Assembly mandated to produce a Constitution, would be elected. As the country prepares for the election of the Constituent Assembly, in partnership with national counterparts and UNSMIL, UNDP's support is focused on promoting citizen's participation.

- UNDP supported an extensive survey covering 22 governorates, and targeting the general public, politicians and decision makers, academia and CSOs, to capture the opinions of Libyans on different aspects of the Constitution.
- UNDP launched the *I Want in My Constitution* initiative, where over 900 Libyans shared their views and formulated recommendations for the Constitutional Drafting Assembly on a number of critical issues.
- UNDP organized workshops to enhance understanding on legislative and constitutional processes, with the participation of women CSOs and political parties.

UNDP Activities in Libya 2011-2013

Theme	Funders	US\$
Civic Education	Libya, Norway, Peace Building Fund, UNDP	4,089,500
Elections	Australia, Denmark, Libya, The Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency	27,850,000
Mine Action	UNDP	500,000
Justice	Denmark, UNDP	2,100,000
Transitional Governance	Japan	5,050,000
Economic Recovery	Department for International Development/United Kingdom	1,600,000
Support to Transition	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency	5,000,000
UNDP's support to UNSMIL	Belgium	1,078,000
Total		\$47,267,500

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