

Brief description of the Facility

The Stabilization Facility for Libya (SFL) is an immediate stabilization initiative implemented by UNDP to support the Government of National Accord (GNA) to build legitimacy among the Libyan population through providing quick rehabilitation of critical infrastructure, by boosting the capacity of municipalities and the engagement between the central government and municipalities and supporting local authorities in taking a more active role in peace-building. The light infrastructure rehabilitation within the conflict affected areas will reverse the physical disruption caused by the conflict, and enable the reopening of key services at the municipal level. The capacity boost of municipalities will enable municipalities to take leadership in local stabilization efforts as the legitimate local governance authorities over the implementation period. Finally, partnerships will enhance the capacity of municipalities and local communities to mediate local conflicts and start promoting a culture of peaceful resolution of conflicts to counter the violent trend. The Facility focuses on connecting the GNA to Municipalities, connecting Municipalities with local social partners, and connecting Government with engaged citizens. It works across the whole of Libya, helping the GNA to demonstrate a balance in its delivery of citizens' requirements.

Background

The Stabilization Facility for Libya was launched on 12 April 2016 at the Senior Officials' Meeting in Tunis in the presence of members of the Libyan Presidency Council (PC), H.E. Dr. Taher Al-Jehaimi, Minister of Planning of the GNA, and over 40 countries and international organisations.

So far, five locations were approved by the SFL Board, Benghazi, Kikla, Obari, Sebha and Sirte. UNDP has finalized the assessments and proposed packages of interventions that were reviewed and approved by the Board as follows:

- First round locations approved on 19th August: Benghazi, Obari and Kikla
- Second round locations approved on 9th December: Sebha, Sirte

Update on project implementation: Output 1

Update on project implementation for first round locations

UNDP completed by the end of 2016 the majority of advertisement of equipment for the first round of locations (Benghazi, Kikla and Obari); with the exception of more sophisticated technical equipment such as medical equipment requiring Ministry of Health agreement, equipment for Civil Defense Department and mobile pesticide sprayers. Tenders for majority of civil works approved in first-round locations have been launched except for cases in Benghazi where the task was changed (*see below*). As shown in the summary table below, Benghazi is more advanced than other sites, in part due to the fact that a full team of Field Coordinator and Field Engineer were quickly recruited. Obari was delayed due to difficulty to find qualified candidates willing to live in such a remote location.

Table 1: Procurement & Civil Works summary by location (as of 3rd February 2017)

Municipality	Board Approved Budget	Expenditure	Balance	% Spent
Benghazi	6,660,000	3,183,633	3,476,367	47.80 %
Kikla	2,000,000	521,027	1,478,973	26.05 %
Obari	3,900,000.00	427,211	3,472,789	10.95 %
Sebha	2,000,000	115,881	1,884,119	5.79 %
Sirte	7,640,000	1,431,395	6,208,605	18.74 %
TOTAL	22,200,000	5,679,147	16,520,853	25.58 %

Mine risk reduction in the three first round locations

Through consultations with the municipalities, UNMAS, LibMAC and mine action NGOs working in Libya, it became clear that all three locations – Benghazi, Obari and Kikla - will require some level of surveying for mines. UNDP has signed small grant contracts with the three key NGOs working in the three locations to ensure that non-technical surveys, NTS, can be conducted in the project locations promptly when needed and to avoid any risk of mines in the implementation localities. Contract has been signed with Danish Demining Group, DDG, to begin NTS and awareness raising in Obari and contracts will be finalized with Handicap International (HI) for Kikla and DanChurchAid, DCA, for Benghazi.

UNDP has established a partnership with Peaceful Change Initiative (PCi) to conduct for the Facility social peace assessments and damage assessments in a range of locations.

Benghazi

The August Board meeting approved the full package recommended by UNDP, including all three priority tiers, with a value of \$6.66 million. This includes civil works and equipment supply for five hospitals, a school, a court house, and two electrical substations as well as equipment for the emergency services, refuse and sewage disposal, water supply, and street lighting and road safety.

Donors have made it clear that any engagement with the military Governors in the East is unacceptable. To work within that guidance, the Facility will work at technical level, dealing with the Municipal Director of Projects (identified as point of contact by the Municipal civil servant who heads the Office of the Mayor).

UNDP have recruited a programme coordinator and an engineer in Benghazi, and Tatweer Research (a Benghazi-based subsidiary of LLIDF) are providing them with office support.

UNDP completed by the end of 2016 the advertisement of equipment for Benghazi, except for the medical equipment and procurement is fairly advanced.

- Five garbage trucks and eight ambulances have already been handed over to the municipality.
- Solar panels have already been procured and the installation has started in Benghazi while generators have arrived to Tobruk port.
- The specifications of more specialized equipment (e.g. pumps, emergency vehicles, medical devices) required confirmation from the local partner (e.g. the sewage company, the emergency unit, or the relevant hospital Director) and in some cases the Ministry in Tripoli. The confirmation has been obtained by SFL, except for medical equipment requiring Ministry

of Health agreement. Tenders for the pumps and emergency vehicles were launched in late October and early November.



Delivered Ambulances



Out of a total of ten civil works for Benghazi, eight have been brought to tender with bids received and under evaluation. Awarding of those contracts is expected between end of January and early February. It should be noted that two out of the seven civil works (one hospital and one school) were brought to tender but the municipality indicated that it had already initiated rehabilitation with its own budget; a process is in place to replace these two civil works.

Three out of ten civil works have been awarded and contracts signed (Court House, Radio Therapy Centre, and Civil Defense Office) and a fourth was awarded and signed at the end of January (Kidney Centre).

Below are photos from the first three sites and before – after photos of civil works in at the Radio Therapy centre, rehabilitation of Court House.

Ongoing Rehabilitation Work in the Benghazi Radio Therapy Centre



BEFORE



AFTER

Benghazi Court House Rehabilitation



Civil works on roof of hospitals for solar panel



Kikla

The assistance package approved for Kikla amounts to USD 2 million. This includes 14 equipment and 4 civil works for rehabilitating a hospital, a provision of a prefabricated structure for the hospital, a university and a sports centre.

Of the 14 items to be procured, 5 were already procured and arrived to Libya. A fire engine, 2 ambulances and 60 desktop computers have already been transferred to local authorities while 2 generators have already arrived to Tripoli. Solar panels were installed 7th January at the municipal building which will provide electricity for lighting for the offices and capacity of Kikla Municipality to power computers and other office equipment as well as have stable access for communications including via the Internet.

5 have gone to tender, the bids received and under evaluation while 4 specialised equipment requiring detailed specification from the relevant local authority, and sometimes approval from Tripoli has taken longer. The specifications of this specialized equipment are being finalized and their clearance from authority is expected by end of January.

UNDP has secured the services of an engineer resident in Kikla and **all the 4 civil works have been brought to tender of which two contracts have been signed** (Kikla University and Kikla Sports Centre rehabilitations) while remaining two under evaluation.

Transfer of Fire Truck to Kikla Municipality



Solar panels installation in Kikla, 7 January 2017



Obari

The assistance package for Obari amounts to USD 3.9 million. This includes three schools (plus prefabricated classrooms in one school), the main hospital, a women's centre, rehabilitation of the public market and assistance with refuse collection, among other equipment.

Out of 5 items to be procured, 3 have been completed and arrived to Libya. 1 garbage truck and 2 ambulances were transferred to representatives of Obari Municipality (see photos on following page) while 6 generators have arrived to Tripoli and will be transferred to Obari municipality in January. 2 specialized equipment has taken longer to procure although clearance from relevant authorities for the specification is being completed.

UNDP has contracted an engineer based in Obari. **Out of 7 civil works planned, 7 have been advertised by the end of 2016 with bids already received and under evaluation.** The contract followed by the start of the works is expected between the end of January and early February.

Transfer of ambulances and garbage trucks to Obari municipality



Update on project implementation for second round locations

The second round was approved on 9th December 2016. Some equipment such as ambulances, garbage trucks and generators have already been completed, shipped and arrived to Tripoli waiting to be transferred to the respective municipality. Civil works tenders are under preparation except for Sirte as the sites are not yet cleared of mine and accessible to engineers.

Sirte

Since the Board meeting, a Mayor has been elected and endorsed by the Ministry of Local Government. PCi have begun to develop a programme of consultation, and UNDP are recruiting an engineer to conduct more detailed damage assessments of the sites approved in principle. The package of intervention approved for Sirte amounts to USD 7,64 million. This includes rehabilitation of the main hospital, 4 health centres, 2 schools as well as a number of equipment such as mobile clinics, ambulances, generators, solar panels and water systems repairs.

6 ICU ambulances, 4 regular ambulances and generators have already been procured and shipped and are in UNDP warehouse waiting to be transferred to Sirte. Additional equipment is being procured.

Ambulances in UNDP warehouse Tripoli for Sirte



Sebha

The package of interventions approved for Sebha amounts to USD 2 million. This includes the main hospital and 2 health centres as well as equipment for garbage collection and water supply. The garbage truck for Sebha has already been procured and shipped and is in UNDP warehouse to be transferred to Sebha municipality shortly. Additional equipment for the water system is being procured. UNDP mobilised an engineer to conduct initial site inspection for the 3 civil works envisaged and is in the process of hiring an engineer to conduct in-depth damage assessment.

Garbage trucks in UNDP warehouse Tripoli for Sebha



Update on project implementation: Outputs 2 and 3

In addition to civil works and equipment, the SFL is required to deliver immediate capacity boosts for Municipalities needing, and support to local capacity for conflict analysis, management and reduction, though facilitation and mediation skills enhancement.

Output 2: capacity boost

The Facility has supported both PC / GNA and Municipality capacity. At central level, UNDP has recruited a Stabilization Delivery Advisor to help the PM to define his stabilization priorities, linked to the SFL, and to drive delivery. The project has initiated a recruitment process for a Municipal Liaison Officer, selection has begun and it is expected to have the candidate in place before the end of February.

Output 3: local peace structures and conflict management capacity

In Benghazi, Kikla and Obari, UNDP's responsible partner PCi used their local experience of social structures and Municipal relationships to conduct the social peace analysis and conflict mapping. Building on this, UNDP have contracted PCi to conduct work under Output 3 in these three locations. This has started with the identification of local social structures which can be used as the foundation for conflict monitoring and for the planning of peace support and conflict management mechanisms.

In Obari and Benghazi, these structures build on the "social peace partnerships" which PCi have already established. PCi will use the Facility's additional resources to broaden these and to extend their capacity to monitor early warning signals. They will also help them to develop conflict reduction plans and to implement them, providing training in mediation and peace-building.

The SFL's delivery of practical assistance goes alongside support for Municipality communications teams, to enhance the Municipalities' connections with citizens; that support is also helping to connect Municipalities with the relevant parts of Government in Tripoli.

Monitoring and Evaluation

UNDP contracted Voluntas / Diwan to conduct a survey of perceptions of service delivery and Government legitimacy in the three first-round locations (Benghazi, Kikla and Obari) and three control locations (Bayda, Gharyan and Sebha). Face-to-face interviews took place in November and December 2016 with 350 households in each location (total 2,100 households surveyed), and preliminary results became available in early January. A presentation of this baseline data will be provided at the Board meeting.

Communications

UNDP recruited a communications specialist. As delivery has picked up in November, UNDP issued press releases, tweets and website stories which have generated extensive coverage. A more detailed presentation on the outreach of UNDP communications of SFL delivery will be provided to the February Board meeting.

The SFL team also conducted a one-week training programme bringing together communications officers from all five SFL locations with the GNA communications team from Tripoli. This course, which took place in Tunis in January, led to the production of a shared outline communications strategy and practical technical guide book addressed in the workshop – organization and management of press conferences, production of press releases, and development of communication strategy.

Financial Position

Donor contributions as of 14 February 2017 (in USD)

	2016	2017	STATUS
CANADA		1,134,450	Allocation approved, contract being prepared
EUROPEAN-UNION		5,610,500	Contract signed
FRANCE	991,168		Contract signed
GERMANY	5,664,514	5,610,500	Contract signed
ITALY	2,212,389		Contract signed
NORWAY	1,043,073		Contract signed
REPUBLIC OF KOREA		1,000,000	Contract signed
JAPAN		1,480,000	Contract signed
QATAR		2,000,000	Contract being prepared
SWITZERLAND	250,000		Contract signed
THE NETHERLANDS	2,173,000		Contract signed
UNITED KINGDOM	1,000,000	608,970	Contract signed
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4,000,000		Contract signed
TOTAL	17,334,144	17,444,420	34,778,564