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## EUROPEAN UNION EMERGENCY TRUST FUND FOR AFRICA (EUTF)

### What is the EUTF?

The European Union Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa (EUTF) is one of the means that the European Union uses to enhance cooperation between the EU and African partner countries.

The EUTF has a budget of €5 billion that it uses to fund projects in 26 African countries across three regions: Sahel and Lake Chad, Horn of Africa, and North Africa. The projects are implemented by EU Member State agencies, agencies of the United Nations (UN), and other non-governmental organisations.

The EUTF was launched at the Valletta Summit on Migration on 12 November 2015 by European and African partners. Its participants include the European Commission and 25 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland.



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### What is the aim?

The EUTF fosters stability and peace and contributes to better migration management in Africa by addressing the root causes of destabilisation, forced displacement and irregular migration. Its projects seek to:

- **Increase people's chances of finding better economic opportunities**, for example by giving training and stipends, or by supporting Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that provide economic opportunities to vulnerable populations, youth and women.
- **Strengthen the resilience of communities** by supporting people's access to basic services such as food, clean water, health centers and schools.
- **Improve migration management** by assisting vulnerable migrants along migration routes, for example by organising search and rescue missions and providing health support, by helping migrants return home if they wish to do so, and by protecting and assisting victims of human trafficking and smuggling.
- **Improve governance and prevent the risk of conflicts** by supporting partner countries in the fight against terrorism, trafficking and organised crime, by preventing radicalisation and violent extremism through dialogues and by continuously protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms.



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### Who benefits?

The EUTF focuses on supporting some of the most vulnerable and poorest populations of the regions such as refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons who have had to flee their countries due to conflicts, terrorist attacks, scarcity of jobs, climate change or a lack of food and water. The EUTF also supports vulnerable local communities and victims of human trafficking and smuggling, while women and young people are a key target group of all programmes. National and local authorities as well as civil society and community-based organisations benefit from training activities under the EUTF, and play a key role in the implementation of its projects.

### Key figures

- With support from the EUTF, more than 132,000 jobs have been created in the Sahel and Lake Chad and Horn of Africa regions.
- More than 9.3 million people now have better access to basic social services, such as health, and education.
- More than 5,900 refugees and asylum-seekers have been evacuated out of Libya.
- More than 1.8 million people have participated in conflict prevention and peace building activities in the three regions where the EUTF works in Africa.

For further information on the EUTF, UNHCR and UNICEF:

- [https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/index\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/index_en)
- <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations>
- <https://data.unicef.org>

The European Union supports refugees also by other means and projects.

You can find more information here:

[https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/topics/migration-and-forced-displacement\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/topics/migration-and-forced-displacement_en)

The numbers above date from May 2021.



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