

BUILDING BACK FORWARD FOR LIBYA ANNUAL REPORT 2023

#### FOREWORD

As we present the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Libya annual report for 2023, we reflect on a year that has been both challenging and inspiring. Our journey has been marked by the resilience and determination of the Libyan people, particularly in the face of the devastating floods in the northeastern region, especially for the city of Derna. The unprecedented spirit of unity and solidarity demonstrated by volunteers from across the country, coming together to support their fellow citizens, has been a beacon of hope and a testament to the compassion inherent among Libyans.

The complex political landscape and economic instability have posed significant challenges, further compounded by the catastrophic impact of the floods. These adversities have emphasized the urgency of our work and the importance of our commitment to supporting Libya in its pursuit of sustainable development, peace, and prosperity for all its citizens.

Local peacebuilding, strengthening local governance, and the energy and environment sector.

In local peacebuilding, we have endeavoured to foster social cohesion and promote dialogue among diverse communities while also prioritizing youth economic empowerment. Our initiatives have aimed to create platforms for reconciliation, provide young people with economic opportunities, and address the root causes of conflict, laying the groundwork for a more peaceful and inclusive society.

Strengthening local governance has been another key area of our work. Recognizing the importance of e ective and accountable institutions, we have supported e orts to enhance the capacity of local authorities, improve public service delivery, and ensure that citizens have a voice in the decisions that a ect their lives.

The energy and environment pillar has seen significant progress, with a focus on promoting sustainable development and addressing the impacts of climate change. We have supported Libya in its transition to renewable energy sources, the conservation of its natural resources, and the implementation of strategies to mitigate environmental risks. Empowering women and girls remains a central commitment of our work as we continue to support initiatives that promote the economic and political participation of women and address the challenges faced by women and girls in all spheres of life.



Our response to the floods has been a testament to UNDP's agility and commitment to crisis management. Our collaboration with the Benghazi-Derna Reconstruction Fund and the deployment of a SURGE team have been crucial in addressing immediate needs and planning for long-term recovery.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to supporting Libya's path towards sustainable development, peace, and prosperity. We are grateful for the continued partnership and support of the Libyan government and all our partners. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of the Libyan people, and we remain committed to building a brighter future for all.

This annual report is not just a record of our activities and achievements; it is also a testament to the resilience, hope, and potential of the Libyan people. We are proud to be part of this journey and look forward to continuing our work alongside our partners.





**Dr. Christopher Laker,** Resident Representative a.i.

#### **COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT**

# A SHARED VISION FOR LIBYA'S DEVELOPMENT

#### **ENABLERS**

- Strong presence throughout Libya with strengthened operational capacity in Tripoli, Benghazi and Sebha.
- Co-located experts in key ministries and counterparts. Strong cohort of national staff with local knowledge and networks.
- Strengthened capacity to pool resources from international partners and government.
- Improved monitoring and communications of results.
- Greater focus on 20-30 priority municipalities which demonstrate most vulnerability, with greater emphasis on South of country.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Focus on learning by doing and capacity building of authorities and civil society.
- Create networks of agents of change.
- Use participatory approaches to ensure local ownership.
- Strong emphasis on sustainable peace.
- Embrace innovation.
- Ensure human rights-based approaches, promoting conflict-sensitive programming.
- Follow an area-based approach to address context specific vulnerabilities.

# BUILDING BACK BETTER

In 2023, UNDP Libya proactively responded to the devastating impact of Storm Daniel, which struck northeastern Libya on September 10th, causing significant loss of life, displacement, and widespread destruction, with the city of Derna being the hardest hit. The humanitarian response, activated by the UN Resident Coordinator and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, included the Early Recovery group chaired by UNDP with over 35 members.

UNDP established a Crisis Response Team and a SURGE response, allocating funds for coordination and programming. The deployment of SURGE advisors, including a Senior Crisis Coordinator, Senior Early Recovery Advisor, and specialists in housing, debris management, and water infrastructure, provided essential support for the crisis response and early recovery efforts.

UNDP's strategic positioning involved proactive engagement with the Ministries of Planning and Local Governance and the Benghazi-Derna Reconstruction Fund (BDCF). High-level advocacy and engagement with UNCT and international partners were crucial in addressing the immediate needs and planning for reconstruction. The Early Recovery Working Group, activated and headed by UNDP, facilitated coordination among UN agencies and NGOs, leading to the revision of the existing project to the new "Recovery, Resilience, and Local Peacebuilding in the East Project" adapting the project to address the urgent needs arising from the disaster. UNDP also supported the development of operational manuals and systems for the Benghazi Derna Construction Fund and engaged local experts for planning, monitoring, and implementation support.

#### **CRISIS RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY**





## **CRISIS RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY**

As part of its early recovery programme, UNDP focused on strengthening coordination and institutional capacities, rehabilitating community infrastructure and basic services, and supporting emergency employment and livelihood restoration. Key activities included the development of an operational manual for the Benghazi Derna Construction Fund, rapid socio-economic and environmental impact assessments, and identifying priority infrastructure rehabilitation needs.

UNDP's partnerships and resource mobilization efforts were instrumental in addressing the crisis. The organization engaged with a range of stakeholders, including affected municipalities, UN agencies, NGOs, and international partners, to prioritize interventions and plan the response. The high-level donor briefing and round table on Libya Reconstruction Funds were key platforms for presenting organizational readiness, reconstruction plans, and preliminary findings.

#### UNDP's Rapid Response are concentrated in three key areas:





#### Strengthened Coordination

Enhanced institutional capacities for assessments, planning, and implementation of early recovery and reconstruction activities.

#### Infrastructure Rehabilitation

Focused on rehabilitating community infrastructure and basic services to restore normalcy.

#### Emergency Employment

Supported livelihoods restoration in flood-affected areas, prioritizing youth, women, and vulnerable groups.

Within the framework of developing an early recovery plan for Derna and conducting a rapid early recovery assessment, UNDP has signed an MOU with the University of Derna. A training was conducted for **15 enumerators,** including senior university students and graduates, on data collection, data handling, different assessment methodologies, tools and principles of humanitarian data collection, among others.

The enumerators were then sent to the field with a structured questionnaire, spanning questions on infrastructure and services, livelihoods, social tensions, and assistance. They interviewed key informants representing civil society, Mukhtars (Community Leaders), authority officials, and university professors. The results of this quick assessment will feed into the ongoing Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA) led by the World Bank in collaboration with the EU and the UN.

# BUILDING BACK, TOGETHER!



The need for sustained investment in peacebuilding at a local level is at an all-time high. 2023 has been a challenging year, marked by the devastating floods in northeastern Libya and the ongoing social and economic challenges. In close cooperation with authorities and local communities, UNDP has been at the forefront of addressing these challenges through its area-based Local Peacebuilding and Resilience Programme. This tailored approach allows for targeted interventions that address the specific needs of each community, fostering a sense of ownership and ensuring the sustainability of peacebuilding efforts.

## "LEAVE NO-ONE BEHIND"

UNDP's support to municipalities in improving public infrastructure and creating jobs has played a pivotal role in restoring normalcy and providing much-needed support in vulnerable communities across Libya. By providing spaces for cultural and learning activities, UNDP has helped create a space for youth and families to enjoy a peaceful time and has contributed to reviving local tourism and enabled them to venture into economic venues.



H. E. Hilde Klemetsdal Norwegian Ambassador

"We are proud to continue Norway's support to UNDP Libya, and the efforts to strengthen local peace building and promote resilience and development in local communities in Libya. We value our partnership, starting in 2016, and look forward to seeing more positive results on the ground, not least from UNDP's efforts to empower women and youth."



UNDP's commitment to support Libya's economic diversification and improving economic opportunities for the most vulnerable is evident in the creation of 704 jobs in 2023, including for women migrants, and internally displaced people. The organization has also enhanced the access and quality of basic services for over 832,859 people across 21 municipalities. These efforts are crucial in ensuring that communities, especially those affected by natural disasters and conflict, have the support they need to recover and thrive As we move forward, UNDP will continue to work closely with national and local partners, as well as the international community to build on these achievements and address the ongoing challenges faced by Libyan communities.

The launch of the Local Peacebuilding and Resilience Programme for the South of Libya, in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Governance and the Ministry of Planning marked a significant milestone in UNDP's efforts to build trust in local institutions in nine priority municipalities in the South of Libya.

This programme seeks to enhance opportunities for local authorities, civil society actors and the private sector to contribute meaningfully to local peacebuilding and development processes.





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#### **BUILDING RESILIENCE**





**H.E Nicola Orlando** 

"As we navigate the complex

paramount. The partnership

between the EU and UNDP

important and contributes

significantly to promoting

responsive governance, strengthening the rule of

growth, facilitating the

political dialogue and

agents of change to reinforce social cohesion.

Through empowering

law, stimulating economic

conditions for meaningful

empowering and engaging

communities and addressing

vulnerabilities, we aim to

mitigate the risk of future

committed to overcoming

obstacles and creating an

environment conducive to

long-term stability, peace

development for all Libyans."

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sustainable growth.

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EU Ambassador



SUPPLYING 26 528 SETS CIVIL WORKS

26 civil works & supplying 528 sets of equipment in various sectors, such as education, health, public space, renewable energy, water supply, sewage management, solid waste management, women's empowerment, youth and sports in 2023







#### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

In 2023, in partnership with the Ministry of Planning, UNDP expanded its local peacebuilding efforts by partnering with new construction funds in Murzuq, Sirte, and South Tripoli/Sahel Jfara. These partnerships focus on rehabilitating conflict-affected areas and improving public services.

#### **UNDP Support Includes:**

**Technical and management** support for transparent and accountable operations.

Strengthening operational

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**Resource** mobilization through multi-partner fund

mechanisms.

#### DERAYA ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE

In partnership with the Ministry of Local Governance, the Deraya Entrepreneurship Initiative promotes innovative entrepreneurship in Libya. It included hackathons and startup weekends across Tripoli, Benghazi, and Sebha, fostering skills development in financial management, creative thinking, problem solving, and marketing.



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Dr Martin Longden

British Ambassador

"UNDP play a vital

journey to stability It

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demographic of people is left behind that lasting peace

and resilience can

#### **TEC+ ACCELERATOR** INITIATIVE

This initiative, in partnership with the Ministry of Local Governance and funded by the EU, provides training to 50 selected startups over an eight-week program to enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Libya.



Art can provide a venue for entertainment, joy, remove barriers, heal trauma and build bridges. UNDP supported CSOs across the South to launch Arts for Peace campaign that supports the revival of music, literature and other forms of art and culture to promote peacebuilding and community development.

LOCAL PEACEBUILDING

TRAINED 157 MUNICIPAL STAFF

Trained 157 municipal staff (including 29 women) from 20 municipalities in conflict management, project management, service delivery, communications, and media.

#### 704 JOBS CREATED

Through improving livelihoods and economic opportunities for Libyans, especially women, youth, and migrants. (temporary construction works, cash for work, asset recovery and start-up hackathons)

#### 21 MUNICIPALITIES

Across the East, West and the South of Libya benefited from enhanced local peacebuilding and service delivery.

#### ECONOMIC REVIVAL In Tawergha and Kikla through business assets recovery to returnees enabling returnees to reopen their shops and

businesses.





#### 58 WOMEN

UNDP supported the acquisition of new digital skills for income generation among 58 women (including 5 migrants) in the creative sector,

9 MUNICIPALITIES In the South set to implement priority community projects in 2024 with Developed Local plans

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LOCAL COMMITTEES Empowered 84 community members, including 39 women and 16 youth, through training in 9 local committees.



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#### START-UP EMPOWERMENT

Advanced financial competency of Libyan start-ups and their access to investors through a series of trainings and pitching to Angel Investors.

EMPOWERED

# **84** WOMEN

In partnership with UNFPA and Alwaha Training and Consultation, we empowered 84 women and university students in Tripoli, including nine migrants from North Africa, with creative economy training.

HACKATON 74 CSO

Staff in crowdfunding, and 59 youth (including 18 women and 2 migrants) in hackathons.

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# **STRENGTHENING** DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

As Libya navigates a complex political landscape marked by intermittent conflict and political stalemate, the slow progress in the electoral process poses challenges to national security and stability, weakens the economy and erodes institutional capacities. In response, UNDP has focused on strategic investments in good governance, transparency, and fostering an inclusive social contract. These initiatives are at the forefront of our efforts to lay the groundwork for a more democratic and inclusive society.

#### STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

In 2023, UNDP launched the Rule of Law and Justice in Libya project, marking a significant advancement in governance and addressing crucial challenges in the country's pursuit of stability and justice. This three-year initiative is designed to increase access to justice for all by enhancing the capacities of key institutions, fostering collaboration with local government actors, and supporting the efforts of civil society organizations and universities.

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WOMEN LAWYERS

The Rule of Law and Justice project trained 98 women lawyers across eight municipalities as part of a broader initiative to empower female legal professionals and promote women's empowerment in the justice sector.

In addition, UNDP launched

#### THE ADDRESSING MISSING PERSONS PROJECT



In partnership with the UNSMIL Human Rights Section and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (HRS/OHCHR). This initiative is a component of the Rule of Law and Justice Project.

Focused on supporting meaningful victim participation and strengthening the capacity of justice and security sector institutions, contributing to the country's peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts.

# HUMAN RIGHTS **MECHANISMS**

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As part of the Rule of Law and Justice project, UNDP has aimed to improve delivery of justice and strengthen human rights mechanisms in Libya. The capacity of the national rule of law institutions has been enhanced with UNDP support, contributing to the efforts of the Ministry of Justice and the National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF) to implement human rights recommendations. Additionally, UNDP has supported drafting Libya's initial periodic reports by five drafting commissions and trained 21 individuals, including 16 women, on international reporting mechanisms through an empowerment initiative involving UNDP, UNSMIL/HRS, and OHCHR.



H. E. Mostafa Mihraje, French Ambassador

"Amidst challenges, UNDP stands firm in its commitment to fostering unity, democracy, and prosperity in Libya. Alongside with dedicated partners including France, UNDP work reflects an unwavering focus on people's rights and needs, driving peace and prosperity at both local and national levels. France remains steadfast with UNDP in the pursuit of inclusive, credible and transparent elections, sustainable development, inclusive growth and rule of law, with optimism and determination."

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#### **ADVANCING INCLUSIVE ELECTIONS THROUGH DIGITAL SUPPORT**



In close collaboration with the High National Elections Commission (HNEC), UNDP has played a crucial role in advancing digitalization and electoral support across Libya. This partnership led to the development of an voter registration system, facilitating SMS voter registration and facilitated the distribution of voter rolls to 2,000 polling centres nationwide. With more than 2.8 million registered Libyan voters—of whom 43% are female the new system helps to ensure that all registered voters have improved access and ease of participation in elections, underscoring UNDP's commitment to inclusivity in Libya's electoral framework.



"Together with UNDP, we are cultivating a foundation in which peace can grow strong roots. Through inclusive electoral processes, we establish a precedent for collective decision-making, legitimate governance and leadership that represents all Libyan people."

**RESOLUTION OF** ELECTORAL DISPUTES





STATE JUDGES AND LAWYERS

WOMEN

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This initiative trained 192 state judges and lawyers, including 55 women, enhancing their ability to address electoral disputes effectively at both municipal and national levels, thereby significantly strengthening their expertise in this critical area.

Ms Amna Muhammad Abu Salah

Chairman of the Electoral Appeals Committee

"We are committed to offering technical support and training programs to our administration members in collaboration with esteemed international partners. Our partnership with UNDP focuses on addressing electoral disputes and bolstering local governance."

MOBILIZING YOUTH **TO LEAD MUNICIPALITIES** 

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Together with the Ministry of Interior, UNDP delivered two training sessions that equipped 73 officers, including 4 women, with skills in applied security planning for democratic elections.

UNDP delivered on its commitment to empower Libyan youth to participate and take on leadership roles at the municipal level by engaging 61 elected youth municipal councillors, including 18 women, in lively discussions and training sessions. Youth councillors debated approaches to working with communities, sensitizing youth on elections, and managing the workflow while at the council.

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## **STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNANCE** AND RULE OF LAW

## **ENHANCING** ELECTORAL **INTEGRITY WITH EMONITOR+**

eMonitor+ platform, a tool designed to enhance the integrity of Libya's electoral processes. eMonitor+ scans online media posts to identify electoral violations, misinformation, hate speech, political polarization and pluralism, and online violence against women. This data analysis enables election commissioners and media stakeholders to observe the prevalence, nature, and impact of online violence, particularly against female candidates.



H. E. Gianluca Alberini Italian ambassador

"Italy is proud to be a major supporter of UNDP Libya. Together in key projects for elections, justice and rule of law, environmental sustainability, culture and social cohesion. Italy stands by Libya on its path towards sustainable and lasting stability."

#### SUCCESS STORY

#### THE RA'IDAT PROGRAM

#### **EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN** FOR INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

ACHIEVEMENTS The Ra'idat program equipped 30 young Libyan Til women with essential skills in communication, advocacy, and election knowledge. This year-long initiative, led by UNSMIL in collaboration with UNDP, UNICEF, and UN Women, fosters inclusive leadership from diverse backgrounds through monthly in-person sessions and experienced mentorship.

"Democracy is about power belonging to all, not just men, the wealthy, or the most influential," said Hugo Salamanca Kacic, UNDP Promoting Elections for the People of Libya **Programme Manager.** "Elections depend on everyone's participation, and that includes women."

42 ACHEVENENTS

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The year-long initiatives aims to unlock the potential of young women in political engagement, empowering them to advocate for themselves and their communities.



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#### 81 YOUNG LIBYANS

Including 16 women, were trained in democratic citizenship, electoral processes, and the role of youth in KEY ACHIEVENIEVIS

98 **FEMALE LAWYERS** 

Empowered 98 female lawyers from eight municipalities.

governance. This initiative showcased the active participation of youth in the democratic process and underscored their potential as future leaders.



#### 57 **TRAINED WOMEN**

Trained 57 HNEC

resulting in a 27%

knowledge level on

electoral awareness.

increase in

women ambassadors,

2,000 **POLLING CENTRES** Enabled SMS voter registration and generated voter rolls.

YOUNG WOMEN

Libyan women are benefiting from a year-long leadership programme.



6 SENATE SEATS

Reserved for women in future elections.

Photo: UNDP LIBYA

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#### DRIVING SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

The escalating impacts of climate change, including rising temperatures, sea levels, floods, and droughts, have heightened the need for rapid transformation worldwide. Countries are called upon to honour their commitments under the Paris Agreement, strengthening the global response to this existential threat. The urgency for action has been amplified by a growing global outcry, particularly among youth, prompting significant commitments from major nations.

In Libya, the effects of climate change have become increasingly evident, with heatwaves putting a strain on vital utility services such as electricity and water. The devastating floods in north-eastern Libya revealed the region's vulnerability to climate-related disasters. This event resulting in significant loss of life and displacement, highlighting the critical need for enhanced climate resilience and disaster preparedness in Libya.

#### **GHG EMISSION**

2.3 to 5.9 MILLION M3/YEAR BETWEEN 2016 AND 2019



87% GOVERNMENT REVENUE

95%

OF FOREIGN CURRENCY ARE GENERATED FROM OIL AND GAS EXPORT.



**Libya has the highest per capita GHG emission in Africa** and is among the highest polluters in terms of its barrel-to-flare ratio. This ratio increased from 2.3 to 5.9 million m3/year between 2016 and 2019 (GGFR, 2020). Furthermore, 87% of government revenue and 95% of foreign currency are generated from oil and gas export.

Since the global temperatures have risen by 1.02°C above pre-industrial levels in 2020, Libya has observed a temperature increase of 1.5°C. The country has densely populated regions (coastal areas, low mountains, and scattered oases in the desert) facing high levels of land degradation and desertification, representing a significant threat. It is worth mentioning in this regard that 80% of the freshwater is from non-renewable fossil water.



UNDP supports the transition to renewable energy and improving energy efficiency and water security in a multifaceted approach. Through strategic partnerships and targeted initiatives, UNDP aims to build a sustainable and resilient future for Libya. This will address both the immediate challenges posed by climate change and the long-term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



## PROMOTING ENERGY TRANSITION

A key aspect of our work has been supporting Libya's transition to renewable energy and enhancing energy efficiency. UNDP has provided technical assistance for policy and regulatory reforms, contributing to the development of the National Sustainable Energy Strategy. This strategy aims to increase the use of renewable sources like solar power and improve energy efficiency across sectors.

This should lead Libya along a pathway that will reduce its domestic dependence on fossil fuels while making it more capable of addressing the impacts of climate change, promoting co-benefits, including economic diversification, decentralisation, improvement in vital services, climate change mitigation and women and youth participation.



"Through several meetings and a detailed presentation, we've strengthened the National Committee to Combat Desertification and aided the ministry in adapting to climate challenges. Together, we've developed national studies and strategies, conducted awareness workshops, and implemented executive programs. Notably, our partnership includes a monitoring program using geographic information systems to track desertification in Libya."

# STRENGTHENING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

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UNDP is promoting economic growth and increased resilience to the impact of climate change on all people's lives and livelihoods in Libya, including the most vulnerable and marginalised, through the

combination of Policies and Strategies development, integrated approach to Climate Change at local and national levels and support national efforts on Methane Reduction in oil and gas industry. The expected results are for the Ministry of Environment (MoE) and other stakeholders to actively participate in international climate processes, including developing a national climate strategy (NCCS) and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) with broad public engagement supported, enabling the National and local institutions and systems to operate as a more integrated and resilient system to adapt to climate change impacts and the Libyan National Oil & Gas sector with the capacity to measure, track and reduce methane emissions.





#### **CLIMATE ACTION**

## **IMPROVING WATER SECURITY**

In partnership with the High National Water Committee and esteemedmember institutions, including the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Water Resources, and the Man-Made River Authority, UNDP is enhancing Libya's water governance and regulatory framework. Our efforts are focused on improving water infrastructure and extending the lifespan of non-renewable groundwater resources. By diversifying water sources and enhancing the management of resources and supply infrastructure, we aim to build a more sustainable water future for Libya.



Technical assistance for the formulation of the National Water Security Strategy.

Supporting the Strategic Planning and
Organizational Development of the Man-Made River
Authority (MMRA).

UNDP's climate action initiatives in 2023 have contributed to building a more sustainable and resilient future by supporting the transition to renewable energy, enhancing energy



Mr Ali M. Juhaydir President, National Meteorological Centre ( NMC )

"The ongoing collaboration with UNDP Libya is strongly enhancing and strengthening the LNMC's capabilities to tackle climate challenges through supporting the organization of capacity building workshops for our technical staff in different fields such as systems configuration, data flow and protocols, sustainability of meteorological networks, operation and maintenance, WIGOS tools, Early Warning System, etc.

"Support to Environment and Climate Change Mitigation" is the most rewarding project that UNDP / Libya has launched and is being achieved with the LNMC. This project includes some of our urgent requirements, and it supports our capacities to monitor and predict weather conditions, provide accurate early warnings and tackle climate change challenges."





# WORKING FOR WORKING FOR WITH WITH WOMEN

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In Libya, women continue to be the largest marginalized group, facing numerous challenges that hinder their full participation in society. In line with the UNDP Libya.

Women Empowerment Strategy for 2023-2025, UNDP sustained its commitment to prioritize women's empowerment, recognizing that women's active involvement in communities leads to improved outcomes for all of society.

Through targeted, women-focused activities and an integrated approach, UNDP aims to ensure that development efforts consider women's unique needs and experiences, leading to better outcomes for their communities. By recognizing and addressing these diverse needs, UNDP fostered greater social and economic inclusion, leading to more resilient and prosperous communities.





## LAWYER HAWA'S JOURNEY

"Since I was little, I dreamt of becoming a lawyer and pleading before the judge," says Hawa, one of the 56 entry-level female lawyers who participated in UNDP's August training program. This initiative, alongside previous sessions, equips aspiring legal professionals like Hawa with essential skills to represent marginalized groups, particularly women affected by conflict-related violence.





# FOSTERING FUTURE LEADERS RA'IDAT PROGRAMME

pioneering initiative aimed at nurturing the next generation of female leaders in Libya. As the first youth programme of its kind for the UN in Libya, Ra'idat is a testament to our commitment to fostering inclusive and resilient societies.

#### ♥ UNSMIL unicef ♥ women ¥

Jointly delivered by UNSMIL, UNICEF, UNDP, and UN Women, the year-long training programme is designed to enhance the communication, leadership, and advocacy skills of young women. It also aims to deepen their understanding of critical issues such as elections, women's rights, human rights, and reconciliation.

Ra'idat is aligned with Pillar 1 of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2025, which focuses on supporting people in Libya, particularly youth and women, to better exercise their rights in an inclusive, stable, democratic, and reconciled society. Through this initiative, UNDP has played a pivotal role in empowering 20 young Libyan women, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to emerge as leaders, decision-makers, advocates, and potential future candidates.



## POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AND ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION:

UNDP provided technical advisory support to female representatives of the House of Representatives and the High Council of State. This collaboration resulted in the reservation of six out of 90 seats in the Senate for women in future elections, marking a step towards ensuring inclusive representation in Libya's political landscape.



Trained in the BRIDGE methodology to promote inclusive electoral participation. This training emphasizes UNDP's commitment to empowering women to actively engage in electoral processes.

UNDP is dedicated to empowering women and advancing equality as crucial drivers of progress in Libya. By concentrating on areas such as legal empowerment, youth leadership, and electoral participation, UNDP is helping to forge a more inclusive, stable, and democratic society. This environment enables women to fully exercise their rights and contribute significantly to national development.

# COMBATTING ONLINE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

Through tailored initiatives like eMonitor+, UNDP is equipping electoral authorities with the knowledge, skills, and tools to combat online violence against women. By collecting and analyzing data, UNDP informs electoral commission strategies and awareness campaigns, fostering a supportive online environment for women in politics.

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# PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Strengthening alliances with national and international partners for greater impact.

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Netherlands	UNDP	Norway	Peacebuilding Fund	United Kingdom
\$1,683,466.00	\$1,271,120	\$909,025.00	\$887,184.00	\$816,251.32
			AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP	
Republic of Korea	Canada	MPTF-JP Libya LNCB	AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	France
\$630,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$464,887.76	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	UN Trust Fund for Human Security	Spain		
\$112,103.00	\$65,512.50	\$53,304.90		