



STRONGER FOUNDATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

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FOREWORD



Mr. Marc-André Franche
Resident Representative

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

We are glad to share highlights of UNDP and its partner's work in 2022 to accompany Libya to become more united, democratic and prosperous. Despite the lack of progress towards a political agreement and the organization of elections to renew institutions, establish legitimate authorities which can develop a national development plan with a national budget, UNDP continued to adjust its programming to alleviate the burden of division, instability and the fragile security situation at a national level and in communities in the East, West and South. While working with authorities at policy and central levels, UNDP continued placing people, their rights and needs at the centre of efforts to achieve peace and prosperity at a local level.

The report also features UNDP's efforts to build stronger foundations for development throughout 2022. These efforts meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, balancing economic growth, social progress, and environmental protection.

This has been done through continuous support to municipalities in peacebuilding efforts and promoting economic recovery, while also investing in democratic governance and strengthening institutions. Additionally, UNDP's work with Libyan authorities to transition to a more sustainable energy system is crucial for balancing economic growth and environmental protection.

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Full operations restored in Tripoli after 7 years

This year we also launched our new Country Programme contributing directly to the United Nations Development Cooperation Framework for 2023-2025 based on extensive consultations around Libya as well as reviews on what worked best in the previous cycle and what we could do better. The new programme reinforces the efficiency and effectiveness of UNDP's commitment to building peace and strengthening governance and adds a new programme on climate change adaptation and energy transition to promote sustainable growth in Libya. The new programme strengthens UNDP's engagement at the local level in the most vulnerable municipalities, notably in the South. It also seeks to deepen partnership with those institutions which can foster positive change despite the political context. It finally sets ambitious goals to bring together a wider array of resources, notably counting on greater contributions from the Libyan government.

40%

New recruits are women

In addition, UNDP launched a significant recruitment campaign to build a strong corps of national colleagues to deliver on the new programme. We are glad that 40% of the new recruits are women. We are also thrilled to have moved into our new Country Office in Tripoli which will allow the full operation of the Country Office in Tripoli for the first time in seven years and enable growth and closer partnerships.

We are grateful to our partners for their continued trust and the support of local communities. We look forward to the upcoming year as we launch new initiatives in rule of law, local governance, energy transition and climate change adaptation, while deepening our engagement on local peacebuilding in the East and South.

UNDP Libya Team

LOCAL PEACEBUILDING

A decade of political crisis, conflict and division has heavily affected Libya and its progress towards the 2030 Agenda. The unprecedented impact of conflict illustrates the critical importance of consistent investment in sustaining peace through prioritizing development and peacebuilding at a local level.

According to UNDP's Global Human Development Report 2021/2022, launched in Tripoli in November 2022, the last decade of conflict and instability has eliminated 20 years of progress in human development. The loss has not been suffered equally across municipalities. The ongoing lack of political consensus and the lack of a national budget means development funding has been limited, and the work to build peace at a local level in the most vulnerable municipalities is even more critical.

Counting on over 50 years in Libya and in close cooperation with authorities and local communities, UNDP supports inclusive approaches and established an area-based Local Peacebuilding and Resilience Programme to mark the transition from immediate stabilization towards longer-term development and peacebuilding. This transformation has been vital in ensuring that the gains made in the short term are sustainable over the long term. By strengthening the capacity of communities to cope with shocks and stresses, UNDP can help to reduce the risk of conflict and instability in the future and promote investment in the outcome.



have improved access to basic services



Empowering communities to thrive and prosper

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Throughout 2022, UNDP assisted local authorities in restoring essential services and infrastructure to promote economic recovery in areas most vulnerable as a result of conflict, displacement, pressure from migration, or erosion of state legitimacy leading to limited services, job opportunities, conflict trafficking and smuggling.

Localizing knowledge and expertise is crucial to building long-term sustainability and ensuring that communities can continue accessing basic services. By laying the ground for strong local partnerships with municipal authorities, CSOs and other development partners, UNDP assists in building the capacities of these institutions and promotes equitable access to basic services for all, including vulnerable groups.

UNDP economic recovery work focuses on supporting Libyan partners to promote economic growth and job creation. The role youth play in promoting economic recovery and strengthening peacebuilding, contributing to employment and effective participation in local economic recovery. UNDP supported young women and men with vocational and business skills with professions that support reconstruction and promote an entrepreneurial culture. These initiatives will contribute to livelihood restoration and economic recovery for the improved well-being and resiliency of young Libyans.



Resulting in improved access to water and sanitation, community security, public space, health, and education. Emsaed Solar Street Lights

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BALADIYATI



As part of UNDP's local peacebuilding and resilience efforts in the East of Libya through the EU funded "Baladiyati" programme, UNDP is supporting the municipality to restore essential services, enhance peacebuilding, and contribute to economic recovery. To further support this growth, 1 km of solar streetlight panels were installed in the Al-Andalus neighbourhood of the city to provide safety and opportunities for existing and new businesses



H.E. José Antonio Sabadell
Ambassador of the European Union to Libya

"We are very happy that during 2022 UNDP remained one of our main partners. Together we have worked to ensure national unity, local stability and social cohesion in all of Libya. EU UNDP future cooperation will continue. Together with the World Bank, we are supporting Libyan authorities to formulate a Recovery and Peacebuilding Assessment that will be the basis of a much-needed long-term National Development Plan"

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With UNDP support



Kikla became the first municipality to develop its strategic development plan, with the aim to rehabilitate and reequip much of its essential services and infrastructure, promoting reconciliation. Followed by successful development plans for the municipalities of Bani Walid, Derna and Ghat.



14 Training Departments

UNDP, in partnership with the Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation supported the Libyan Korean Centre establish 14 training departments, such as tailoring, sewing, health plumbing, car maintenance, and a computer lab that would provide support to young entrepreneurs' boost economic recovery, contributing to peaceful coexistence in the country.

Additionally, UNDP is working to establish a Career and Business Centre within the Libyan Korean Centre, from which selected graduates will receive grants to turn their ideas into successful businesses.



Mr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Shakshak Chairman of the Local Council of Tawergha

Through our partnership with UNDP Libya, we work to rebuild and rehabilitate the city's infrastructure, promote economic growth and job creation, and foster social cohesion and reconciliation. Our goal is to create a prosperous and inclusive community that can overcome the challenges of the past and thrive in the years ahead.



450 People

In **Tawergha**, **Kikla** and **Ubari**, a Cash for Work programme has been launched to create conditions that will provide temporary job opportunities to approximately 450 vulnerable people and encourage the return of displaced families. This contributed to social cohesion and the rehabilitation of schools, health facilities, public spaces and recreational spaces.



Investing in 56 municipality



80 Youths

Benefited from vocational training and apprenticeship courses including IDPs, through a three-month training programme in partnership with Toyota Libya covering car maintenance, computer skills, English language, marketing and customer care.



Mr. Sharaf Al-Din Kenshil Coordinator of the Bani Walid Task Force

The Municipal Council of Bani Walid in Libya has developed a strategic development plan with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme. The plan, prepared within a year and a half, reflects the priorities and needs of the region and has gained broad community participation. It serves as a framework for the council's work, and they have already implemented multiple projects.

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DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

As institutional division and intermittent conflict have continued, diminishing citizens' trust in state institutions, UNDP maintained its critical investment in Libya's democratization process, good governance, transparency and building towards an inclusive social contract.



Highlighting the many routes towards effective and accountable governance, UNDP worked closely with national and local authorities and civil society institutions to tackle these emerging complexities in improving rule of law and justice in Libya.



UNDP also invested in more effective ways to ensure access to justice for those most in need by extensive consultations at community, municipality, and national level. This has been the foundation of the new Rule of Law and Justice project to start in March 2023. UNDP also invested in the relationship between the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior to ensure the justice chain serves people and decreases the current culture of impunity. In the new initiative UNDP will build upon good experience in the Local Peacebuilding and Resilience Programme and for the first time work on localized solutions for justice, a people-centered approach and working at a municipal level on small-scale solutions to upgrade rule of law that will impact people on the ground.

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UNDP has been involved in several initiatives aimed at improving the criminal justice system in Libya. Key deliverables include a one-week study tour to Italy for 12 members of the Libyan judicial police to learn about best practices in investigations and prison reform. While also developing and supporting a coordination mechanism through a joint programme to identify capacity-building and reform initiatives for criminal justice institutions. Additionally, UNDP has enhanced the capacity of law enforcement agencies to respond to and investigate Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), improved prison infrastructure, and established media communications offices to enhance public outreach and awareness. The joint programme has also supported the establishment of a vocational training centre inside Al-Jadeida prison to provide livelihood opportunities for inmates, developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) for prisons, and developed specialized training curricula for police patrolling.



eMonitor+, a digital platform developed by UNDP's Regional Bureau of Arab States designed a platform that helps scan online media posts to identify, electoral violations, misinformation, hate speech, political polarization and pluralism, and online violence against women. Such data analysis enables election commissions and media stakeholders to observe the prevalence, nature and impact of online violence.

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HNEC

High National Election Commission



As 2022 was a non-election year, UNSMIL and UNDP continued to support the High National Election Commission (HNEC) to sustain its capacity and preparedness to conduct inclusive, credible and transparent elections. Including capacity development training focused on election-specific and general professional training of HNEC staff and expanding the Commission's regional and international networks, while also expanding the quantitative data and qualitative evidence that will inform the cultivation of a more inclusive electoral environment.

Raising awareness on HNEC's work on:



Informing the public of democratic principles and improve understanding of the electoral process.



Strengthening the objective delivery of authoritative and evidence-based information.



Preventing and mitigate the impact of election misinformation and disinformation campaigns



Mr. Panto Letic
Chief Electoral Advisor to UNSMIL

Through technical assistance and capacity building, UNSMIL and UNDP continue to support the HNEC to ensure that elections are credible and transparent, and that Libyans all over the country have the opportunity to participate in shaping their future.



54

Judges



54

State Lawyers

Were trained in the legal framework for local elections and electoral dispute resolution mechanisms. This included case studies on electoral dispute resolution in Libya, simulations of how the voting process would work and training on international standards for free and fair elections.



H.E. Giuseppe Buccino
Ambassador of Italy to Libya

"Italy highly values UNDP commitment to fostering sustainable development, inclusive economic growth and local peace building in Libya. We are very glad to be able to renew our support to UNDP and its new three-year country programme for Libya"



H.E. Michael Ohnmacht
Ambassador of Germany to Libya

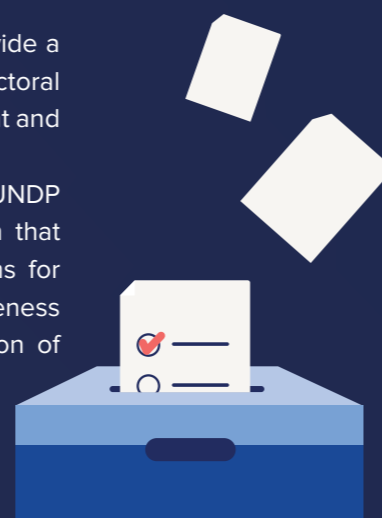
"Concrete actions are necessary if we want to reach the objectives of the Berlin Process as the key framework of the political and peace process in Libya. Thus, Germany proudly supports UNDP programmes to enable Libyan institutions to hold national as well as local elections in order to give a voice to the Libyan people."



"No one is safe until everyone is safe"

UNDP is working with the High National Election Commission (HNEC) to provide a safe environment for women and enhance their participation in the electoral process by gathering quantifiable data to understand the causes of harassment and violence against women and identify solutions.

In response to rising online hate speech, disinformation, and misinformation, UNDP and HNEC collaborate to combat this global issue of information pollution that affects social cohesion in Libya. The partnership includes training programs for identifying and reporting hate speech and disinformation and public awareness campaigns to encourage responsible media reporting and critical evaluation of information.



17 Municipalities

Benefit from enhanced dialogue between municipal councils and citizens

UNDP enhanced 17 municipalities democratic participation in municipalities. Strengthening and broadening the dialogue between municipal councils and citizens, including with representatives from civil society organizations - in line with the provisions of Law 59 on community participation.

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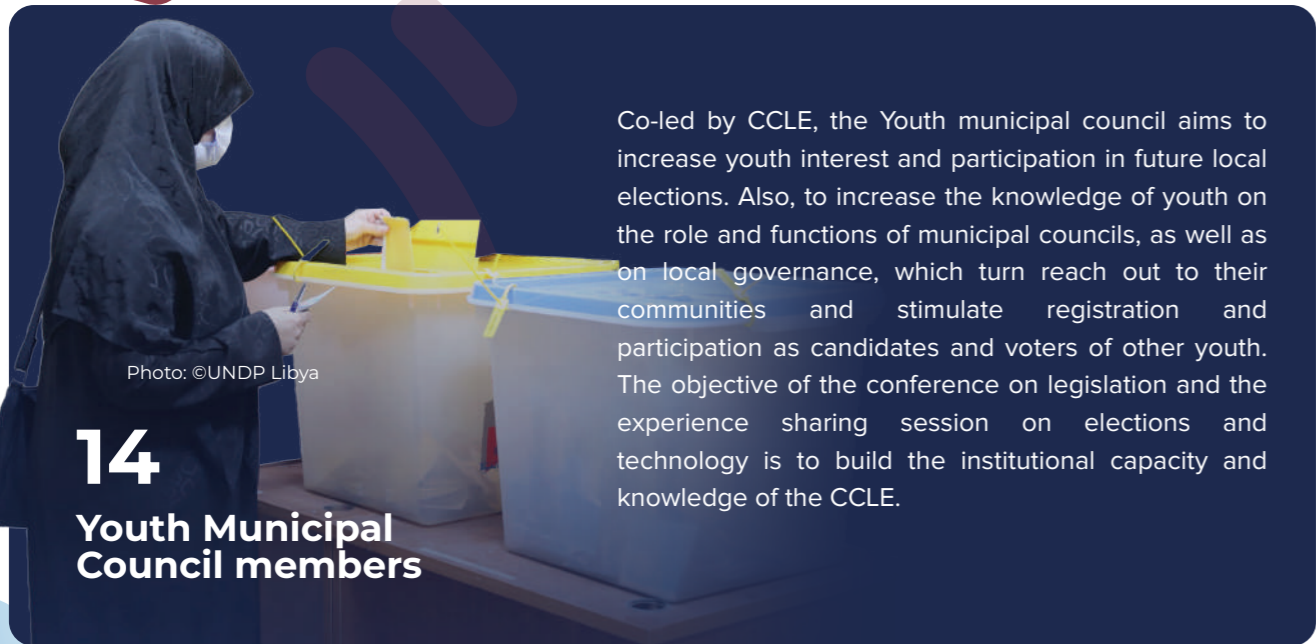


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Youth Municipal Council members

Co-led by CCLE, the Youth municipal council aims to increase youth interest and participation in future local elections. Also, to increase the knowledge of youth on the role and functions of municipal councils, as well as on local governance, which turn reach out to their communities and stimulate registration and participation as candidates and voters of other youth. The objective of the conference on legislation and the experience sharing session on elections and technology is to build the institutional capacity and knowledge of the CCLE.



25 Mediators from different Regions

In efforts to build reconciliation and reintegration, UNDP enhanced the role of a network of local mediators through virtual and in person capacity-building training on conflict analysis, conflict resolution, peace agreements writing, and gender mainstreaming.

UNDP promoted the institutionalization of reconciliation efforts through technical support to the Libyan Presidential Council in establishing the required legal and political framework and mechanisms to create the high commission of the national reconciliation in



Dr. Badr Al-Din al-Toumi
Minister of Local Government

In 2022, through our partnership with UNDP, we achieved diverse programs that had a positive and effective impact on Libyan municipalities. We extend sincere greetings to the UNDP team and affirm the Ministry's support for this fruitful partnership. We look forward to completing projects next year and benefiting municipalities in Libya

52 Officials from 14 municipalities

To advance green and digitalization, UNDP joined forces with 14 municipalities to train 52 officials on content creation and community participation through information and communication technology tools. Improving municipal council members and media office focal points for effective and impactful outreach to citizens.

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ENHANCING YOUTH POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Underlining the importance of youth political participation, UNDP supported five young Libyans from different regions to travel and participate in a regional conference on "Youth Participation in Electoral Processes in the Arab Region" hosted by the Organization of Arab Electoral Management bodies in partnership with UNDP. During the conference, the young people launched the Arab Network for Youth in Elections.



Sama Al-Boueshi
Formal candidate for the municipal council of Souq Al-Juma'a
"If you want to make a change, you can do it anywhere."

Mohamed Al-Sanusi
Humanitarian worker
Youth have a responsibility to contribute to the democratic transition and determine the country's future.

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GREENING LIBYA'S DEVELOPMENT

CLIMATE ACTION

As climate change impacts are experienced across the world, rapid transformation is necessary to uphold countries to their pledge towards the Paris Agreement goals to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change. As its effects are becoming more apparent, including rising temperatures and sea levels as well as more extreme weather events, the demand for action, especially among youth, is increasing. In Libya, climate change has led to heat waves and is expected to further degrade vital services, such as electricity and water.

UNDP has consistently worked on tackling the effects of climate change in the region and has focused its efforts in 2022 on developing its new programmes in Libya as a key pillar of its new Country Programme Document 2023-2025.

A shift is necessary for climate protection and the survival of future generations. The energy transition needs to ensure a balance between environmental, social and economic progress. UNDP worked with the National Economic and Social Development Board on leading the Energy Efficiency Committee on the development of the Minimum Energy Performance Standards. Applying these standards for air conditioners can save up to 30% of energy consumption, while for household electrical appliances, it can save 9% of total energy consumed in 2035.

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As part of the work in 2022, UNDP is developing a new strategy aimed at providing an integrated response to environmental challenges, identifying mutually beneficial responses that are based on understanding the synergies of water, energy and climate change. The strategy is focused on three main areas:



UNDP works with the authorities to support the transition to a more sustainable energy system. This includes policy and regulatory reform to create the conditions for energy efficiency and investment in renewable energy and promoting the use of renewable energy sources like solar power, as well as improving energy efficiency across all economic sectors. To improve water security UNDP promotes sustainable water management practices, the protection of water resources, and the development of water infrastructure. UNDP will support the Ministry of Water Resources on policy and national strategy implementation and the Man-Made River Authority by improving pipeline performance and lifespan extension, and solar energy and energy storage for key asset autonomy.



Mr. Mahmoud Al-Futaisi
 Director General National economic and social development board

Our partnership with UNDP on energy and environment is a vital step towards achieving our shared vision of sustainable development. Together, we are harnessing our expertise and resources to address pressing environmental challenges and promote the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency, ultimately working towards a more resilient and prosperous future for Libya.

PARTNERING FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT IN LIBYA

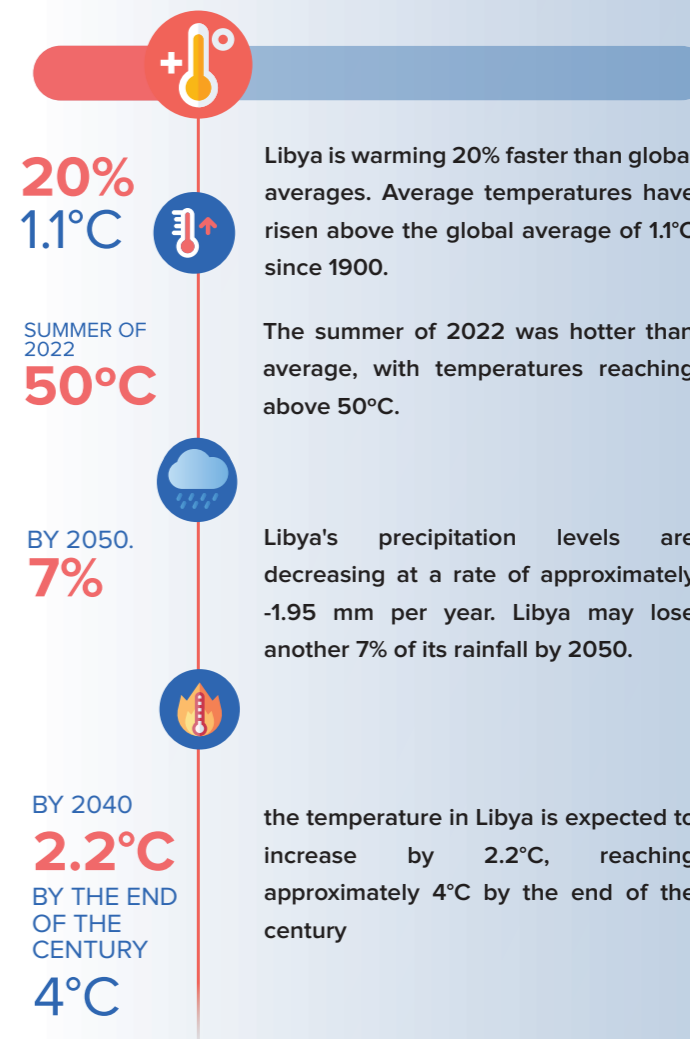
UNDP is a key partner in global efforts to address climate change and protect the environment. In Libya, UNDP is partnering with the Climate Change High Committee in Libya to develop the country's first National Determined Contribution (NDC). This plan will outline the country's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change aligned with its development priorities. While also working on building the capacities of national and local institutions in Libya to adapt to the impacts of climate change. By building resilience to climate impacts, UNDP aims to help Libyan communities become more sustainable and self-sufficient.



UNDP is partnering with the **National Oil Corporation (NOC)** and its **International Oil Company (IOC)** partners in Libya to reduce emissions of methane and other greenhouse gases from the oil and gas sector. This includes supporting efforts to reduce the amount of natural gas that is wasted during oil production, which can instead be used for domestic purposes or exported.

UNDP aims to establish an inclusive green economy, reduce emissions and promote renewable energy to build forward better. A large part of this effort is focused on sustainability and the development of the National Sustainable Energy Strategy until 2035 through analysis and evaluation of the development approach expected for the energy systems, a part of the overall development process, particularly ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all and Libya's climate pledge under the Paris Agreement.

CLIMATE NUMBERS



Libya has the highest greenhouse gas emissions per capita in Africa, at approximately 8.5 tons of carbon per person per year. The vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions come from electricity production and the oil sector.

Libya ranks as the eighth largest flaring country in the world, with around 4.7 billion cubic meters (BCM) flared in 2018. Libya's flare intensity per unit of oil produced is estimated at 12.8 m3/barrel. Fugitive gas emissions from leaks and irregular releases account for a substantial proportion of total emissions, especially in situations of inadequate routine maintenance.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

While women constitute half of Libya's population, they represent the largest marginalized population, UNDP is at the frontline supporting women's empowerment in the country, through targeted, gender-focused activities and by working to ensure that development efforts consider the needs of experience of women to yield better outcomes for their communities. As empowering women to take a more active role in their communities can improve outcomes for society as well as marginalized groups.

EMPOWER WOMEN, EMPOWER LIBYA.



UNDP helped improve women's political participation, raising their civic awareness through technical and advisory support to the High National Election Committee Women's Support Unit to advocate and facilitate inclusive participation in elections:

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Building evidence-based knowledge by collecting gender-disaggregated data
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Raising awareness of the importance of inclusive participation
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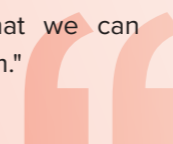
Contributing to a wider understanding of inclusivity as a democratic value
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Developing capacities for the effective application of gender-inclusive principles



Mrs. Rabab Halab
Commissioner of HNEC

UNDP has created technology for tracking online violence against women in elections. This has equipped the election commission to understand deterrents to women's participation so that we can better address them."



UNDP Activities were designed specifically to meet the needs of women

UNDP engaged female participants in community consultations and actively contributed to identifying local needs and priorities. Activities were designed specifically to meet the needs of women, such as the rehabilitation of Ubari Women's Center and the rehabilitation of schools and clinics which employ largely women, alongside the rehabilitation of Tawergha Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Center.

Ms. Bata Shagoul
Social affairs officer in Ubari

"I was very happy when the Women's Center was rehabilitated, the space supports women in various aspects, such as helping them to improve their skills so that they could get jobs and empowering them to defend their rights and to be active in their community, both economically and socially"

UNDP is strongly committed to empowering women and girls as key individuals of progress in the country, now a principal direction in our 2023-2025 Gender Equality Strategy.



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Economic opportunities for
40k
women in Ubari

The rehabilitation of the Ubari women's center served as a safe space for women, and the community as a whole, to share and generate ideas, learn, improve and acquire new skills which may result in income generation.

Empowering communities through participation in decision making

 **29**
Libyan CSOs

In 2022, UNDP empowered 29 Libyan CSOs through a capacity-building programme to become powerful platforms for promoting local initiatives that empower women, youth, and vulnerable populations.



H.E. Isabelle Savard
Ambassador of Canada to Libya

Through Canada's partnership with UNDP's PEPOL project, we are making sure women in Libya are better equipped to express their democratic right either as candidates or as voters in an electoral process. Libyan voices must include women's voices.

1.8k
Citizens

780
Youth

782
IDPs

Through comprehensive trainings and small grants, CSOs engaged more than 1800 citizens - including 780 youth and 782 internally displaced persons - in activities like filmmaking, awareness campaigns, and peacebuilding workshops. The programme is part of UNDP's local peacebuilding and resilience efforts, in partnership with the Ministry of Local Government and with funding from the EU, aiming to foster trust in government and among communities by giving citizens a platform to advocate for change and a voice to the most vulnerable. By doing this, UNDP is also addressing the challenges of Libyan CSOs face related to organizational capacities, information-sharing, and access to technical and financial resources. One example is Women Forum for Development, which is empowering youth and women in Zawia, Sabratha, Zuwara, and Zultun as key pillars to build peace and provide economic opportunities for those who are most in need.



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OUR COMMITMENT TO GENDER EQUALITY

Contribute to gender equal and sustainable economies:

UNDP worked towards expanding access to essential services and promoting livelihood opportunities. This includes providing services for economic empowerment, well-being, and fostering sustainable economic growth.



Help reinvigorate inclusive governance, participation, and women's leadership:

Effective and inclusive governance is vital for meeting people's needs and realizing their rights. UNDP recognizes the benefits of gender equality in governance, including restoring trust in government, increasing attention to social welfare, legal protection, and promoting transparency in government and business. Actively supporting women's participation and leadership in politics.



Support equal societies to build resilience:

UNDP focuses on building resilience to various shocks and crises, such as conflict, climate change, disasters, environmental degradation, and epidemics. Long-term resilience requires empowering individuals and communities to make decisions and reducing structural inequalities in social and state institutions. Additionally, UNDP promotes resilient economic recovery to advance gender equality, creating opportunities for women's full and equal participation in economic life.



The Country Programme Document
Gender Equality Strategy and
Gender Equality Programme Document



15%

Of the total program expenditures are dedicated to promoting gender equality and empowering women

Towards achieving gender equality:

UNDP is committed to achieving progress towards gender equality. Through its gender equality initiatives, the organization emphasizing women's leadership and their active participation in peacebuilding and recovery processes. UNDP draws from lessons learned over the past four years, incorporating insights from evaluations and consultations with women's organizations. By consistently advocating for women leaders and supports the direct participation of local women's organizations in the peace and recovery processes.



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

PROGRAMME DELIVERY BY PARTNER IN 2022



European Union
\$ 24,696,000



Italy
\$ 3,686,000



Germany
\$ 3,176,000



Japan
\$ 2,332,000



UNDP
\$1,723,000



Netherlands
\$ 1,305,000



Republic of Korea
\$ 1,233,000



Libya
\$ 783,000



France
\$ 558,000



Norway
\$496,042



United Kingdom
\$ 406,000



**United States
of America**
\$404,712



Switzerland
\$ 166,000



Czech Republic
\$154,000



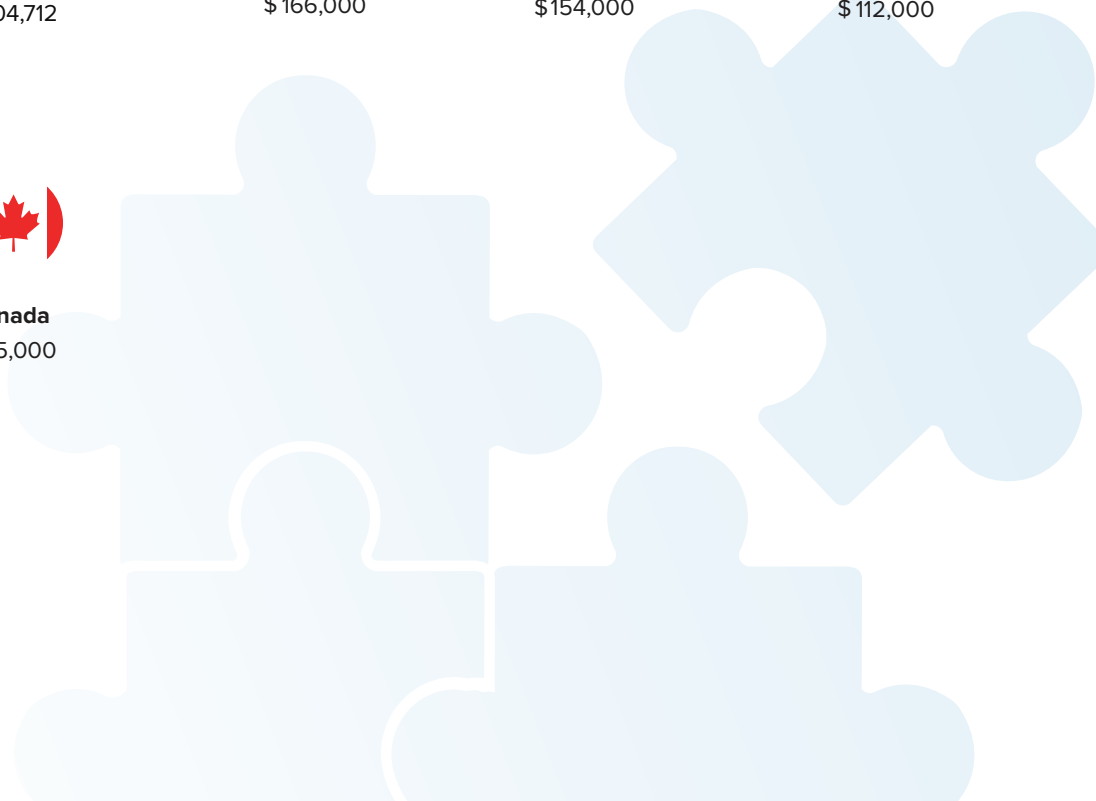
Spain
\$ 112,000



Qatar
\$ 85,000



Canada
\$75,000





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