



EU Trust Fund for Africa: new actions worth €174.4 million to support refugees and foster stability in the Horn of Africa

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The European Commission has announced today 13 new actions worth €174.4 million under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa to support refugees and host communities in the Horn of Africa region.

At this occasion, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven **Mimica** said: *"The European Union stands by refugees and local populations in the Horn of Africa. With today's new actions worth €174.4 million, we are stepping up our support – to protect vulnerable migrants, to create economic opportunities on the ground and to foster stability in the region."*

The Trust Fund was established in 2015 in order to address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement. A total of 13 new actions have been approved today, each of them tailored to the specific needs on the ground.

In **Ethiopia**, three new projects will focus on creating employment opportunities and providing energy access to refugees and local populations (total of €38.05 million). In **Uganda**, the EU will support local authorities to deliver basic social services in the refugee-hosting districts (€20 million). The EU will support **Djibouti** in managing the effects of increased migration, and enable them to better respond to the needs of refugees and other vulnerable migrants (€15 million). Three new projects in **Sudan** will focus on protecting vulnerable people along migratory routes, provide employment opportunities, and support smallholder farmers (total of €20 million). In **South Sudan**, three new actions will help to provide education in emergencies, as well as promote the use of new agricultural technologies and better nutrition to strengthen smallholders' resilience to drought, flooding and other catastrophes. A technical cooperation fund will be set up to enable feasibility studies, support the preparation of projects, and provide training for local institutions involved in project implementation (total of €31.4 million). In **Somalia**, the EU will support the rule of law and contribute to building resilience in Northern Somalia (total of €50 million).

These actions build on previous packages of actions, worth €665 million, aimed at providing regional sustainable solutions to irregular migration and forced displacement under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa.

Background

The European Commission launched an "Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa" (EUTF) at the [Valletta migration summit](#) in November 2015.

Resources currently allocated to the EUTF are €3.3 billion: over €2.9 billion from the European Development Fund (EDF) and EU financial instruments, and €375 million from EU Member States and other donors (Switzerland and Norway).

For More Information

[The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa](#)

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Previous sets of actions approved:

- [Fifth package of actions](#) in the Horn of Africa under the EU Trust Fund for a total amount of €59 million approved in April 2017
- [Fourth package of actions](#) in the Horn of Africa under the EU Trust Fund for a total package of €170 million approved in December 2016
- [Third package of actions](#) in the Horn of Africa under the EU Trust Fund for a total package of €66.5 million approved in October 2016
- [Second package of actions](#) in the Horn of Africa under the EU Trust Fund for a total package of

€117 million approved in April 2016

- [First package of actions](#) in the Horn of Africa under the EU Trust Fund for a total amount of [€253 million](#) approved in December 2015

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