



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

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Today, the Operational Committee of the EU Trust Fund for Africa adopted a new set of 13 programmes worth €174.4 million for the Horn of Africa region.

This new package complements 40 previously adopted actions amounting to EUR 665 million for the Horn of Africa. Approved in five packages in [December 2015](#), [April 2016](#), [October 2016](#), [December 2016](#) and [April 2017](#), these actions all contribute to improving stability and addressing the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement in the Horn of Africa region.

Of the previously adopted actions for the Horn of Africa, over €410 million have already been contracted. Among these are national projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda, and regional projects in support of the Khartoum Process.

Summary of the projects announced today:

Djibouti

- The programme "**Durable solutions for host populations, refugees and vulnerable migrants**" (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€15 million**) aims at supporting the government to help manage the effects of increased mixed migration flows. Support will be provided in the sectors particularly affected, such as social security, healthcare and sanitation, as well as to protect all vulnerable children, and to enable the national office for refugees to better respond to the needs of refugees and vulnerable migrants. This includes protection and legal aid, hence supporting Djibouti in the implementation of the pledges made for the [Common Refugee Response Framework](#) (CRRF). The programme will be implemented by the World Food Programme and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with other partners.

Ethiopia

- The programme "**Leather Initiative for Sustainable Employment Creation (LISEC) in Ethiopia**" (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€15 million**) aims at creating greater economic and decent employment opportunities, especially for young men and women through the development of the Ethiopian leather industry and the Modjo leather industrial park. This programme proposes a new vision towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development that protects the environment and supports social inclusion. The programme will be implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IPDC) and by a partnership of national and international non-governmental organisations.
- The programme "**Stimulating economic opportunities and job creation for refugees and host communities in Ethiopia in support of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in Ethiopia**" (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€20 million**) aims at supporting the implementation of the [Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework](#) (CRRF) to shift from a 'care and maintenance' or camp-based model of refugee assistance to an approach, which emphasises refugee self-reliance, refugee mobility in-country and the integration of refugees into regional and national development processes. The programme will be implemented by UNHCR, the World Bank and organisations with experience in private sector development.
- The programme "**Shire Alliance: Energy Access for Host Communities and Refugees in Ethiopia**" (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€3.05 million**) aims at improving the living conditions in host and refugee communities by creating livelihood opportunities, enhancing local capacity building and improving access to energy services. The **beneficiaries** are around 40 000 members of the host and refugee communities in and around Adi-Harush, Mai Aini and Hitsats refugee camps. The programme will be implemented by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID).

Somalia

- The programme "**Building Resilience in Northern Somalia - RESTORE 2**" (EU Trust Fund contribution: **EUR 13.5 million**) aims at addressing the impact of the severe drought affecting

northern Somalia and to strengthen the resilience of the most affected communities in northern Somalia. This project will achieve this by scaling-up the current RESTORE project through cash transfers, construction of productive infrastructure and assets and capacity building of local authorities and communities. The programme will be implemented by NGOs and the FAO.

- The programme **"Enhancing security and the rule of law in Somalia"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€40 million**) aims at increasing the presence and efficacy of police throughout the Federal Member States whilst at the same time connecting this increased law enforcement to a more accessible, reliable and competent justice provision. The primary beneficiaries will be those individuals who are or who will become police officers and/or judiciary personnel as well as those who will benefit from the increased law enforcement and access to justice. The programme will be implemented by the UN's multi-partner trust fund office and/or other UN agencies.

South Sudan

- The programme **"Education in Emergency Programme in Four Former States in South Sudan"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€22.4 million**) will focus on school-age children attending primary schools in South Sudan (aged 6-18), primary school teachers, school staff, Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and the education system in general in the former four states Northern Bahr el Ghazal (NBEG), Western Bahr el Ghazal (WBeG), Warrap and Eastern Equatoria. It aims at improving access to quality learning opportunities for 75 000 children, including by providing them with daily school meals throughout the academic year. The programme will be implemented by UNICEF and the World Food Programme.
- The programme **"South Sudan Rural Development: Strengthening Smallholders' Resilience – SORUDEV SSR"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€7 million**) aims at contributing to strengthening resilience of communities, improving governance and conflict prevention and reducing forced displacement due to loss of livelihoods. Its specific objectives are to improve food security of rural smallholders in Greater Bahr el Ghazal and to empower them to cope with environmental volatility and insecurity. The programme will be implemented by FAO.
- The **"Technical Cooperation Facility for South Sudan 2018-2020"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€2 million**) aims at contributing to an efficient and effective use of the development funds the EU implements in South Sudan, focusing also on the transition and/or complementarity between the humanitarian response and the medium-long term development response.

Sudan

- The programme **"Fostering Smallholder Capacities and Access to Markets in Food Insecure Areas of Darfur"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€8 million**) aims at enhancing the food and income security of smallholder farming households in Darfur. Its specific objectives are to: i) Increase household food availability by reducing pre-farm gate losses; ii) Empower smallholders to sell surplus grain at higher prices; iii) Strengthen capacity of smallholders and farmer's groups to access markets and value chains. Approximately 65 000 farmers are to be reached by the Action, which will target South, West and Central Darfur States. It aims to develop and test a model that can be amended and replicated across the range of contexts that exist for smallholder farmers in Darfur. The programme will be implemented by the World Food Programme.
- The programme **"Integrated Measures to promote rural-urban value addition and Employment (IMPROVE-EU)"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€8 million**) aims at contributing to improved livelihoods of refugees, migrant workers and host communities in Eastern Sudan. Its specific objectives are (1) to increase farmers' incomes; (2) to provide viable solutions to adapt farming systems to markets and to climate variability; (3) to provide farmers with new techniques to increase their production. The action will address 1,600 farmer households and around 30 high potential small and medium local enterprises working in the selected value chains will be engaged in project activities. The project will be implemented by GIZ, the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GmbH).
- The programme **"PROTECT – Protection of Persons of Concern and vulnerable migrants along migratory routes in Sudan"** (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€4 million**) aims at contributing to improve the management of mixed migration flows in Sudan. Its specific objective is to improve the protection of Persons of Concern, including refugees, returnees, stateless people, internally displaced people and asylum-seekers, and other vulnerable migrants along the Northern migration route through 1) improved access to assistance and protection, 2) enhancing the capacity of police and judiciary to respond to the needs of Persons of Concern (PoC), including asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants and 3) the improvement of the referral system. The project will be implemented by Danish Red Cross and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

Uganda:

- The programme "**RISE – Response to increased demand on Government Service and creation of economic opportunities in Uganda**" (EU Trust Fund contribution: **€20 million**) aims at strengthening the abilities of local authorities to cater for refugee populations in planning social service provision in their areas (e.g. access to water services and education), hence supporting Uganda in implementing the [Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework](#) (CRRF) and supporting Refugee and Host Population Empowerment ([ReHope](#)). Its specific objectives are 1) to strengthen local authorities' coordination and development & contingency planning, as well as local authority-led service delivery to refugees and the host populations and 2) to increase economic self-reliance of refugees and host populations. The programme will be implemented by GIZ and civil society organisations.

The Trust Fund for Africa is being continuously monitored, in order to most effectively respond to changing needs. This is why today, **amendments** to reduce the funding for two projects by €22.6 million have been approved ([IMPACT South Sudan](#) – now €31.961 million and support to stabilisation through improved resource, economic and financial management in South Sudan ([PFM](#)) – now €3 million). The above mentioned amount serves to contribute to the financing of new actions approved at the same Operational Committee held in December 2017 (education in emergency and food security actions). The re-orientation of our interventions follows a continuous assessment of the situation in South Sudan after violence erupted again in July 2016.

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