

The U.S. Government Pledges US\$ 1,500,000 to Support Child Protection and Health Service Delivery in Libya

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TUNIS, 4 December 2019 – The U.S. government through the U.S. Department of State has allocated US\$ 1,500,000 for a UNICEF-supported Child Protection and Health programme in Tripoli, Tawergha, Misrata and Benghazi. The partnership extends for 18 months and aims to improve child protection and health care services for Libyan and non-Libyan in the targeted cities.

With the generous funds received from the U.S. government, UNICEF will provide gender-based and child protection services to communities and crucial health and nutrition services to the conflict-affected populations in the four municipalities.

The programme also includes providing essential medicines and equipment to children under five and to pregnant and lactating women and rehabilitate water and sanitation facilities to benefit some 10,000 people, including 4,000 girls and boys.

“The U.S. government affirms its strong support for the people of Libya and for UNICEF’s humanitarian mission through this contribution from the American people, which will be used to provide essential services to children in Libya, in cooperation with the government and local partners. It is important to remember that the most vulnerable victims of conflict and displacement in Libya are children.” said U.S. Ambassador to Libya, Richard B. Norland.

“We are grateful for the U.S. government’s partnership and support in improving health care and child protective services for the most vulnerable children in Libya”, said Abdel-Rahman Ghandour, UNICEF Special Representative for Libya. “A key aim of UNICEF’s programmes in Libya is to ensure that more children are protected, have access to the health services that they need and able to live in a safe and protective environment.”

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Notes to Editors

The programme funded by the U.S. government will support Child Protection and Health care services in conflict-affected communities in Tripoli, Tawergha, Misrata and Benghazi

The programme aims to:

- Provide women, men, boys and girls specialize Gender Based Violence and child protection case management;
- Provide psychosocial activities and safe spaces to 5,000 women and girls;
- Provide key message on Gender Based Violence to 5,000 women, men, boys and girls;
- Build the capacity of government and nongovernmental organization service providers working to prevent and respond to Gender Based Violence;
- Provide essential medicine and equipment to 10,000 people, including children under five, pregnant and lactating women;
- Rehabilitate water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in two primary health facilities;
- Support implementation of District Health Information System (DHIS) in four health facilities

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