

EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in Sahel and Lake Chad Region Induction Document for New Staff as of June 2022

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EU-IOM Joint Initiative Brief Background

Launched in December 2016 with funding from the [EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa \(EUTF\)](#) now replaced by the Neighborhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI), the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration funded by DG INTPA is the first comprehensive programme to save lives, and protect and assist migrants along key migration routes in Africa.

The EU-IOM Joint Initiative aims to save lives and make migration safer, more informed, and better governed for both migrants and their communities. The programme allows migrants who decide to return to their countries of origin to do so in a safe and dignified way, and to restart their lives through an integrated approach that has the potential to complement local development and mitigate some of the drivers of irregular migration. (For more information, see our website here <https://www.migrationjointinitiative.org/about-eu-iom-joint-initiative>, and our brochure [here](#)).

The EU-IOM Joint Initiative (JI) for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in the Sahel and Lake Chad region was launched in April 2017 and implemented in 13 countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal).

The EU-IOM Joint Initiative (JI) for Migrant Protection and Reintegration is a global, cross regional programme that covers Sahel and Lake Chad as well Horn of Africa regions for most of the operations (with ramifications in North Africa too) and includes complementary activities by HQ and GMDAC. The management of the actions lays at regional level (Dakar, Nairobi, Cairo). The Regional Coordination Unit ensures coordination in terms of: (i) Regional strategic decision making, (ii) Ordinary technical guidance to COs, (iii) Manage/coordinate the regional project (including delivery of regional activities), (iv) Monitoring, oversight and quality assurance of the programme, (v) Coordinate on management, implementation, and reporting, (vi) Harmonization and coherence among COs, (vii) Coordination with the EU-IOM Joint Initiative Actions, and (viii) Information and knowledge sharing. In terms of cross-regional coordination and liaison with the donor, RO Brussels is supporting the JI.



The EU-IOM Joint Initiative in the Sahel and Lake Chad contracts and implementation modality:

The first phase of the JI funded by DG INTPA under the EUTF started in April 2017 and is ending gradually between 2021 and 2023. It is composed of:

- **13 National contracts** which were nationally managed; each country mission has direct responsibility for its projects. These contracts started in 2017 and ended in 2021. (See here [relevant documents on country projects](#))
- **2 Regional Contracts**: A first regional contract (RT.1400) ended in December 2018, and a second contract (RT.1500 also called the 'Top-up') started 1 December 2017 and is gradually phasing out between November 2021 and 2023. Both contracts' geographical scopes are Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal. These contracts complement the national contracts.

The 2nd phase of the JI funded by DG INTPA under the NDICI started in November 2021 and is ending early 2023.

The Individual Measure of the EU – IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration (internally called the Special Measure Project, the SMP, with project code **RR.0027**) (See [here](#) for more information) is a bridging contract designed to phase out the JI while transitioning to the future new programme. The SMP regroups activities previously funded under national and regional contracts and covers Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal. It is a continuation of the first phase. The EU IOM JI is ending with the SMP. A new programme currently under development is taking over as of August 2022 up until the end of 2025. The **Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa (MPRR)** will have a similar geographical scope as the SMP but adding Sierra Leone.

Our team SharePoint is [here](#). You can find the focal points in the region in this excel Who is Who.

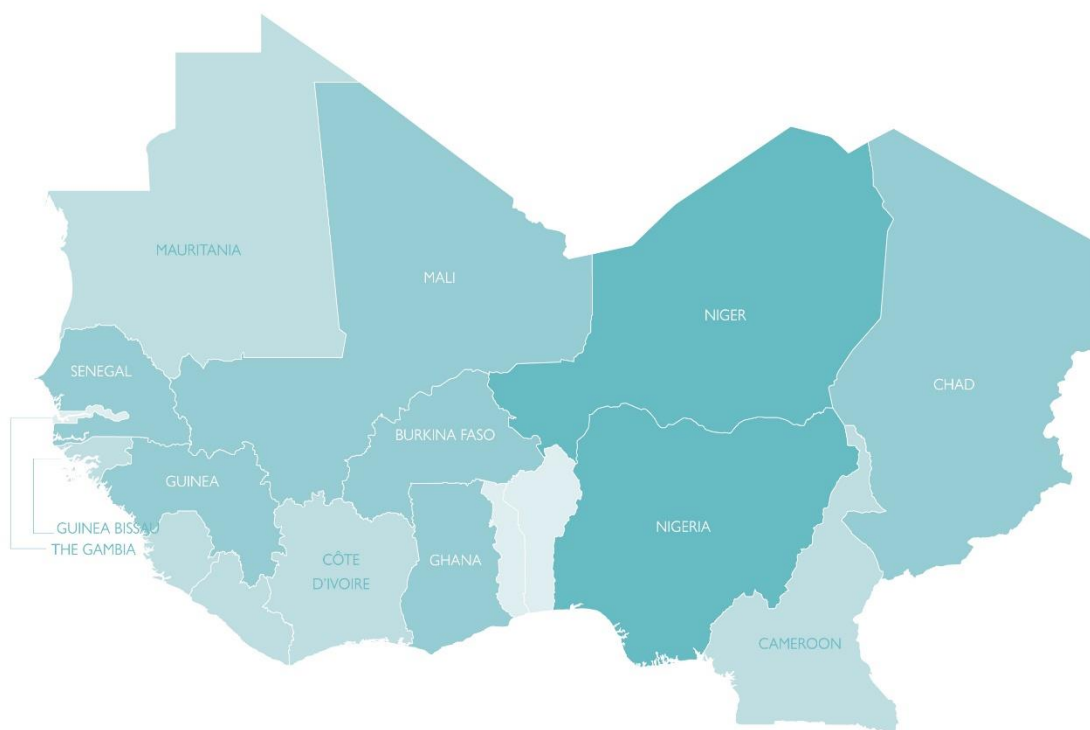
The EUTF – IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration: Regional action for the Sahel and Lake Chad region DoA can be founded [here](#)

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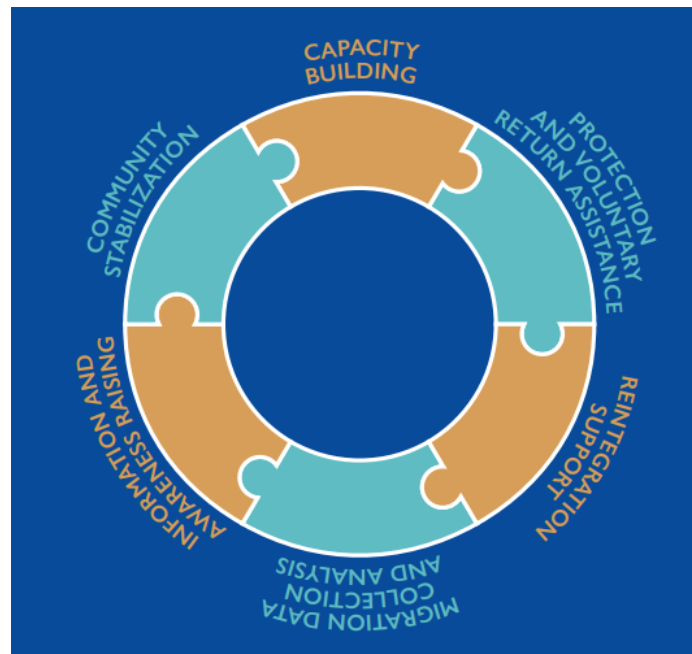
The Joint Initiative Operations

13 countries covered:

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, The Gambia.



SIX INTERLINKED PILLARS



OBJECTIVE I Protection and AVRR

“Improve **PROTECTION**, provide assistance and enable the assisted **VOLUNTARY RETURN** of vulnerable and stranded migrants”

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- **IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS:** *Migrants registered in centers or at mobile units will receive immediate assistance in the form of accommodation, food, necessary non-food items and/or health and psychosocial assistance.*
- **MIGRANT CENTERS:** *Dedicated spaces where migrants can subscribe and get access to orientation services, temporary accommodation or immediate assistance, including medical assistance.*
- **ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY RETURN (AVR):** *Migrants who want to return will receive AVR assistance in the form of pre departure counselling, travel allowance and transportation. They will also receive immediate assistance upon arrival.*

Important Information/documents on Protection

❖ **Organigram**

A **Regional Protection Officer** is **dedicated to the Joint Initiative**. For the time being it is Claire LAROCHE (claroche@iom.int). She works under Abraham's supervision and in close coordination with Nassima

CLERIN (nclerin@iom.int) Regional Protection Thematic Specialist and Clara PEREZ LOPEZ Project Manager. Whereas Manon CAGNARD works on all that's related to "protection in emergencies". She is also PSEA and GBV focal point for the regional office.

❖ Funds for direct assistance to migrants stranded in your country

In case migrants are stranded in Nigeria they might be eligible to receive assistance under the **EU-funded Regional Direct Assistance Fund (RDAF)**. The RDAF leaflet is available [here](#) it explains eligibility criteria, how to access and use the fund. Requests can be addressed directly to the RDAF team at WCAJIRDAF@iom.int.

A more comprehensive **overview of direct assistance funds** is [available online](#) if needed. This document is regularly updated and shared with all Protection Focal Points in the region (rodakarprotection@iom.int) and EUTF project managers (pmwcaeutf@iom.int). Kindly let Claire know if you would like to be added to the Protection Focal Points mailing list. To note that your protection team (IOM Nigeria AVM/CT iomnigeriaavmct@iom.int) is already part of it.

❖ Resources

In addition to the [JI Sharepoint](#), we save all MPA documents (guidance notes, training package, presentations, examples of operational tools developed at the country level... etc) on the [MPA WCA Sharepoint](#).

Below are a few interesting links with useful resources:

- For **transit centre management** - <https://migrantcentres.iom.int/en> (create an account the first time you connect using your IOM credential so you can have access to more material than non-IOMers)
- For **PSEA** - <https://weareallin.iom.int/materials> (connect using IOM network or VPN to access all materials)
- For **global policies and handbooks**:
 - [IOM Handbook on Protection and Assistance to Migrants Vulnerable to Violence Exploitation and Abuse](#)
 - [Framework of IOM Migrant Protection and Assistance Operational Pillars](#)
 - [IOM's Policy on the full spectrum of return, readmission and reintegration \(RRR\)](#)

❖ MHPSS

A **regional MHPSS officer** is **dedicated to the Joint Initiative**. For the time being the regional MHPSS expert is SEPULCHRE Emilie Sophie (esepulchre@iom.int). She works under Abrham's supervision. For resources on MHPSS please check the [dedicated folder of the JI Sharepoint](#) and the [dedicated folder of the MPA WCA Sharepoint](#)

OBJECTIVE II Reintegration

"Improve the **REINTEGRATION** of returning migrants and strengthen national structures and capacities in terms of managing reintegration in a dignified and sustainable manner"

MAIN ACTIVITIES:














- **REINTEGRATION ACTIVITIES:** *Following counseling and individual orientation of returnees, reintegration assistance is provided. The assistance can be individual, collective, or community-wide as appropriate. Evaluations are carried out in order to monitor and assess the success of these activities.*
- **GOVERNANCE OF REINTEGRATION:** *Strengthening of coordination and governance structures in the field of reintegration, and support to authorities and other stakeholders' technical capacity to ensure ownership of the process by national actors.*

Important Information and Documents on Reintegration

You can start by taking the [online reintegration training](#) (also available in FR) and have a look at the [reintegration handbook](#) and its module on the [reintegration of children](#) and their families and the annex on [environmentally sustainable reintegration](#).

You can also have a further look at and subscribe to the **return and reintegration platform** as they share [good practices](#) for RA, including through regular [webinars](#) and [seminars](#): : <https://returnandreintegration.iom.int/en/subscribe>

You can access all materials on the regional [SharePoint](#), including:

- Documents related to the  [regional contract](#)
- Our regional  [reintegration biannual reports](#), which present our activities in relation to capacity building, coordination with other stakeholders, implementation of RA assistance, etc. in the region
-  **[Operational guidance](#)**:
 -  [reintegration process and how to count cases](#)
 -  [Eligibility table](#) for reintegration assistance (RT.1500)
 - Information on  [Procurement](#) in relation to reintegration, including the list of material codes to be used in the online PRs for reintegration:  [RA Material codes - linked to MiMOSA activities.xlsx](#)
 - Information on the  [reintegration process and case closure](#)
 - Information on  [referrals](#)
 - Information related to the  [reintegration assistance when a migrant pass away](#)
 -  [PSS approach to counseling](#) and how to  [record mental health support on MiMOSA](#)
- All documents related to  [data protection](#) – **Important**: it is mandatory to include the proper data sharing provisions in any agreement with a partner with which IOM needs to share migrants' personal data (if no other agreement is signed with the partner, at least a data sharing agreement needs to be signed). It is also mandatory to obtain migrants' consent to share this data. To this aim, we shared this form to COs for migrants to sign upon arrival (to be updated with the information of the partners with which you'll share data). For activities in which government officials or other partners will be in direct contact with beneficiaries or their data, it is important to liaise with LEG to see if necessary for them to sign an undertaking form, or any other document, to ensure they respect our rules and code of conduct when dealing with our beneficiaries. Our






LEG focal point is KAVALAKAT Sindhu (skavalakat@iom.int): you can copy her in your email to LEG Contract Review (legcontracts@iom.int) and make sure to mention “EUTF” in the title of your email.

- For everything related to **cash assistance**, you can have a look at the [regional folder](#) and at the [HQ one](#).
- A **Regional Reintegration Officer** is **dedicated to the Joint Initiative**. For the time being the regional reintegration expert is GROCCIA Corantine cgroccia@iom.int. She works under Abraham’s supervision.

The Joint Initiative Programme Support and Compliance

Individual Measure Project (the so called SMP)

Important Information and Documents on the SMP

- The SMP sharepoint is [EU-IOM JI Special Measure Project - Documents - Tous les documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#) The contract including the Description of action, the LF, The C&V plan:  [EU Version received](#)
- The Logframe in word:  [Individual Measure - Appendix a to Annex I - DoA Logical Logframework.docx](#)
- The M&E guidance:
 - o [Regional ME Tool Summary and Sampling Guide FOR CO STAFF EN FINAL.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
 - o  [SMP M&E system pres.pptx](#)
- Financial Guidance:
 - o The EC label guidance and the JI MCM:  [JI Monitoring Compliance Mechanism](#)
- The Activity Tracker :  [SMP Activity Tracker - For RO inputs.xlsx](#) – It is not updated based on the latest budget changes so it should only be used as a basis for a general understanding.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Important Information and Documents on Monitoring and Evaluation

M&E STAFF

At Regional office, there is a regional M&E officer (ROMEO), Abdel EL MOULAT. The ROMEO role is to be the M&E focal point at regional level for all the COs covered by the region.

For the Joint Initiative, the M&E team of the RCU is composed of:

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- Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Consultant Filomena GIOVINAZZO (fgiovinazzo@iom.int)
- Junior M&E Consultants Yaya DIALLO (mydiallo@iom.int) and Souleymane (sofall@iom.int)

Country office M&E Staff: The updated regional M&E staff list is available [here](#).

Other HQ/M&E staff: A ‘Knowledge Management Hub’ has recently been developed in HQ. You can find their online platform [here](#) and the M&E Officer contact is Olta NDOJA.

Project logframes

The regional logframe for the Joint Initiative is available [here](#)

The logframe for the Special Measure Project (SMP - basically an extension of the JI) is available [here](#). The logframes are very similar but some indicators were simplified. A definitions guide to the indicators is [here](#).

Monthly donor flash reports are produced and available on the [project website](#).

Evaluations

All of the contractually required evaluations for the Joint Initiative projects have already been completed:

1. The 2020 Regional Reintegration Evaluation is available [here](#)
2. The Regional JI Final Evaluation report is available [here](#)
3. The Mauritania JI Final Evaluation (conducted separately as they have some different activities such as IBM) is available [here](#)

There is no final evaluation planned under the SMP.

M&E newsletter

The RO is producing an internal M&E newsletter 'Learning Lab' to share M&E news and tips and recognize an "M&E Staff Member of the Month" who has been working well. All of the past editions are available [here](#).