

MONTHLY UPDATE no. 1

The monthly project status report provides an overview of the key developments of the project and monitors the quality of outputs, the risks and challenges faced during the implementation. Kindly try to keep this report within one to two pages maximum.

“Restoring quality health care services in Zawya and Ghat District in Libya”

1. Description

- Name of grant beneficiary/ies: **Helpcode**

Name and title of the contact person: [REDACTED] Program Manager

- Libyan municipality(ies) in which the activities take place: **Libya, Zawya (Center, South and West) municipality in the Western Littoral and Ghat Municipality in the South West**

- Target service facilities:

Ghat district:	Zawya district:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ghat Health Center*• Awainat Health Facility• Tahala Health Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abu Sorrah village hospital• Bir al Ghanam village hospital• Al Harsa Health Center

**in the proposal Ghat Health Center was sometime referred to as Ghat Hospital by mistake*

2. Last Month's Activities

Give a global overview of the action's implementation for the reporting month, and key activities carried out in your assigned area of intervention. What is your assessment of the progress of the action so far? In case of underperformance, please explain the reasons.

The first month of the project implementation was dedicated to build the project management team, meet with AICS and familiarize with the EUTF/AICS procedures and set up the partnership with the local partner ODP – Organization of Development Pioneers.

The effect of the COVID19 pandemic and the restriction to the mobility in Tunisia, Libya and worldwide somehow affected the second half of the month activities (i.e. preventing the Program Officer to fly in Tunisia, requesting the Program Manager to return to Italy).

On a positive side, it fuelled the construction of remote program management environment that is demonstrating to work smoothly and effectively.

3. Accomplishments for the Month: listed by municipality/target service facility/operation

Kindly summarize information on project implementation and operations on the ground, including achievement of outputs, visibility actions undertaken and, where applicable, synergies developed with other organisations involved in implementing the action and/or other actions.

In details the tasks conducted were:

- a) **Building up Helpcode program team** – Program Manager, Program Officer and Finance Officer were deployed on the program
- b) **Rethinking the project delivery in relation to Covid 19** – analysis of impact of COVID 19 in terms PHC, mobility and stakeholders engagement
- c) **Setting up the partnership with the local partner ODP** – signing a framework MOU; developing detailed budget for ODP operations; overseeing recruitment of ODP staff (1 Project Coordinator, 2 Medical Project Managers, 2 Field Officers, 1 Accountant and 1 Communication Officer were recruited and will start the 1st of April 2020).
As consequence two field teams, formed by 1 Medical Project Manager and 1 Field Officer each, are ready to engage the stakeholders on the ground starting from the next month.
- d) **Analysis of the financial structure** – discussion with the donor/ODP/other stakeholders on constraints for financial management and setting up a financial structure
- e) **Entering into coordination with key stakeholders** – meeting with Health Sector Coordination, OCHA, IMC (as NGO implementing an EUTF project), several INGOs
- f) **Updating security arrangements** – analysing the security situation and discussing with key stakeholders the main risk and possible mitigation measures
- g) **Applying tools for remote management** (ginasystem.com & gmv.com)

4. Issues and Concerns

Please explain briefly problems encountered (e.g. delay, cancellation, postponement of activities, access restrictions, issues arisen with the authorities etc.) and mitigation measures if any. How can AICS support?

It is not clear yet how much the COVID19 pandemic will affect the program, in terms of mobility, availability of supplies on the local market, engagement of local stakeholders (i.e. health facility staff). It must be carefully monitored through a risk analysis.
An open communication channel with AICS, and other implementing agencies on the ground, is advisable in order to constantly monitor the effect on the program delivery.