

## MONTHLY UPDATE no. 01

### 1. Description

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- *Name of grant beneficiary/ies: CEFA (European Committee for Training and Agriculture)*

- *Name and title of the contact persons:*

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- *Libyan municipality in which the activities take place: Zawiya, Libya*
- *Target service facility: Zawiya Teaching Hospital*

### 2. Last Month's Activities

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The HEALTHs project, implemented by CEFA and its partners in Zawiya community, begun on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The project's activities have started during a peculiar historical period: the convergence between the health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic (and the related economic consequences) and the new phase of the conflict, which saw the deterioration of Berlin peace negotiations, conditions that does not allow optimal beginning for the action. However, CEFA's experience in the country of Libya, a deep analysis of the local context of Zawiya Town and the positive efforts of field staff, allow CEFA to set off the activities respecting –for the moment- the expected chronogram.

Indeed, CEFA organized online coordination meetings with the main humanitarian actors working in Zawiya area and with the main local stakeholders both at international and local levels. These meetings are intended to avoid overlapping activities and to build in synergies on a field level to amplify action's impact.

In particular CEFA has meet UNDP, International NGOs working in Zawiya, the Municipality of Zawiya and the Direction of Zawiya Teaching Hospital. Participation to relevant coordination sectors (Health) and ad hoc working groups (risk communication and community engagement) is ongoing. CEFA has also been in contact with the donor to share information needed for a better setting of the project.

In order to formalize the collaborations and to better plan actions through a participatory approach, CEFA has negotiated and signed Memorandum of Understanding with the local partner IOCS, with Zawiya Municipality and with Zawiya Teaching Hospital's Direction. CEFA has also requested and obtained the official authorization from Tripoli's Ministry of Health for implementing the project activities in the community of Zawiya and in particular in the building of Zawiya Teaching Hospital (target facility for this project), which building and institution are under the supervision of central authority.

During this start-up phase, in order to be fully compliant on administrative level, CEFA has also taken contact with the Ministry of Finance in Tunis and in Tripoli to understand the administrative procedures to ask the taxes exemption for the project expenditures.

The procurement plan of the project has been defined and all preparatory activities for the launch of procurement procedures have already begun. The elements for the Conflict sensitive report have been defined and information will be collected during the second month, security SoPs matrix have been prepared and a security evaluation for the office location is ongoing.

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

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CEFA has quickly set the activities on the field and at management level. The organizational chart of CEFA in Libya has been set, two project's staff TOR have been prepared and contracts have been already signed, two more are on progress. The management staff (expatriate profiles) are based in CEFA Tunis office for security reason, while the field profiles are based in Libya to ensure the direct implementation of the activities. In particular, the Senior Field Officer is based in Zawiya while the Local Coordinator will work in both Zawiya and Tripoli areas to ensure also CEFA's participation at Humanitarian coordination meetings.

Technical and administrative management tools have been set for the good development of the project: a procurement plan has been developed in order to respect the PRAG 2019 of European Union for external actions.

CEFA field staff analyzed the local market in relation to service contracts and supply providers for which signature is foreseen in the next months of the project, according to the action plan. Indeed, the management staff in Tunis have developed the consultants' terms of reference for the Technical Need Assessment and the related tender files. Assessment tools for health facilities have been developed to give support and propose a framework guide for assessment in Zawiya Hospital. At the same time, CEFA field staff in Zawiya has identified a shortlist of Medical experts CVs and a shortlist of Engineers CVs. The service contract is planned to be signed in the next weeks after the conclusion of the single tender procedure.

According to the expected visibility outputs to be edited in the frame of the project, CEFA is going to select a local media expert who will be in charge to support CEFA staff for the production and post-production of communication outputs (beneficiaries stories, pictures, short and long videos, etc.). This is to ensure a good quality of the visibility during the all duration of the action.

### **4. Issues and Concerns**

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As mentioned in the first part of this monthly update, last month global and regional context gave a new challenge to be faced by humanitarian organizations in Libya.

In particular, adoption of mitigation spread measures for COVID-19 emergency have slowed down and complicated the logistics of the activities on the ground, especially for the curfew introduced from noon until the following morning. At this stage, CEFA internal procedures oblige local staff to adopt safety measures, so, for example, travels between cities and group meetings are forbidden. Unfortunately, for this reason, the Multi-Stakeholder Group cannot be activated and the first meeting is postponed until bans will be lifted. Anyway, CEFA has already identified main local stakeholders involved in health service and policy makers. Bilateral meeting will be organized by phone to ensure the preparation of the MSG. Also local CSOs will be involved in these activities to guarantee an inclusive approach in favor of vulnerable groups.

During the last month, 

  
As usual, blackouts and water cuts have complicated the daily activities in the field.