

The Stabilization Facility for Libya (SFL) is an immediate stabilization initiative to support the Government of National Accord (GNA) to build legitimacy among the Libyan population through providing quick rehabilitation of critical infrastructure, by boosting the capacity of municipalities and the engagement between the central government and municipalities and supporting local authorities in taking a more active role in peace-building. The project intends to achieve three main outputs:

- 1. Rehabilitation of light infrastructure and recovery of critical businesses
- 2. Immediate capacity boost to municipalities
- 3. Local peace structures and conflict management capacity

Background

The Stabilization Facility for Libya was launched on 12 April 2016 at the Senior Officials' Meeting in Tunis in the presence of members of the Libyan Presidency Council (PC), H.E. Dr. Taher Al-Jehaimi, Minister of Planning of the GNA, and over 40 countries and international organisations. So far five locations have been approved by the SFL Board: Benghazi, Kikla, Obari, Sebha and Sirte. UNDP has finalized assessments and proposed packages of intervention, and these were reviewed and approved by the Board. In the 5th Board Meeting on 14th June in Tripoli, four new locations were agreed to apply SFL investments conditioned on available funding and security situation. These four sites are: Tripoli, Bani Walid, Kufra and Derna with the latter not expected to be reached in the next year due to high-level of insecurity.

Output 1: Rehabilitation of light infrastructure and recovery of critical businesses

In the first-round locations (Benghazi, Kikla and Obari), since the March-April update the SFL has signed two new contracts for civil works in Benghazi, and completed final technical inspection for a further 3 civil works, 1 in Benghazi and 2 in Kikla. Five ambulances were transferred to the Municipality of Sirte on 14th June and 3 rehabilitations have been brought

to tender. It has delivered more equipment, and completed the tendering for all but the most complex medical equipment; full details are in the city-by-city notes below.

The SFL has also completed consultations with representatives from Sebha and Sirte to agree on priorities for their equipment and construction works, and a Coordinator and Engineer have been recruited in each of these two sites.

Given the lack of request under output 1 of rehabilitation of main businesses in the locations of intervention, the SFL has developed and in the process of finalizing a tender for a review of economic opportunities in each Municipality, aiming to identify the most promising sectors and sub-sectors for Municipalities to explore for economic growth and job creation. This will include a focus on business start-ups and sectors that take advantage of each area's natural resource endowments.

Location	Board approved budget (\$,000)	Spent to date
Benghazi	6,660	4,881
Kikla	2,000	1,303
Obari	3,900	3,214
Sebha	2,000	n/a
Sirte	7,640	384
Totals	22,200	9,782

Table 1: Use of funds to date

Table 2	: Delivery	overview
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	Equipm	ent		Civil Works						
Location	# Lots	Contracts signed	Transferred	# Lots	Contract Signed	Completed				
Benghazi	9	2	2	10	8	3				
Kikla	14	8	8	4	3	2				
Obari	5	4	3	7	4	0				
Totals	28	14	13	21	15	5				

Mine risk reduction in the three first round locations

Through consultations with the municipalities, UNMAS, LibMAC and mine action NGOs working in Libya, it became clear that all three locations – Benghazi, Obari and Kikla – will require some level of surveying for mines. UNDP has signed small grant agreements with Danish Demining Group, DDG, to begin non-technical survey (NTS) and Risk Education (RE) in Obari and with Handicap International (HI) for Kikla.

UNDP have agreed in principle with DanChurchAid, DCA, to conduct NTS and RE in SFL locations in Benghazi. However, DCA is experiencing delays because they are not currently permitted to recruit and train any more personnel in NTS. According to new guidance from LibMAC, DCA must contact the Army Engineers in Benghazi and hire their staff that have been trained in non-technical survey in 2016. DCA has not been able to progress with hiring staff of the Army Engineers and subsequent approval from LibMAC. When DCA has official approval, the project and DCA will review the need for NTS/RE in Benghazi.

In Obari, DDG has delivered Risk Education to 1,207 students in Obari (730 girls and 477 boys), and conducted NTS at Al-Quraniya school as well as Wahda Arabiya School (not a project site); once hazards were identified, removal activities were initiated and risk education then carried

out as a follow up. All three Obari schools being refurbished by the SFL have been cleared of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) by EOD teams, as has the public market.

Benghazi

Benghazi's package of assistance, totalling \$6.66 million, has continued to make progress. The field team expects practical completion of the Kidney Centre by mid-June, in addition to the Radio-therapy Centre and East Benghazi Court House whose completion featured in the last update. In May, contracts were signed and site handed over for the rehabilitation of the Liethi electrical sub-station and the al-Kwefia Hospital. A contract for the Buatni electrical sub-station was also signed during May. Supplier changed the specifications for the solar street lighting which was approved by GECOL – the procurement process was finalized in May and manufacturing of light poles has been initiated. Progress in Benghazi is presented in the table on the following page.

Benghazi – Sanitation equipment & Court House after civil works





Benghazi priorities approved by Board (August 2016)

				Equipment		Civil Wor	ks
	Value US\$	Tendered	Contract Issued	Received	Transferred	Started	Completed
First tier priorities							
Benghazi Al-kwefia Hospital (replaced Psychiatric Hospital)	650,000	V	٧				
Benghazi Kidney Centre - Civil works 90% completed; specification of medical equipment with Ministry in process	560,000	V	V			V	
Al Gwarsha clinic (replaced Al-Jala Trauma Hospital) – Contract issued in May	900,000	V	٧				
Benghazi Garbage Collection (trucks & bins)	620,000	V	V	V	V	n/a	n/a
East Benghazi Court House, Rehabilitation completed in May	110,000	٧	V	n/a	n/a	V	V
Benghazi Civil Defence Department – <i>Civil</i> works completed in May; contract signed for Rescue Vehicle; tender for boat launched	600,000	V	V			V	V
Repairs of Alaroba Street Railing – <i>evaluation and contract to be issued in</i> <i>June</i>	580,000	V					
Airport Street light posts civil works pending manufacturing of lamp posts & shipping to Libya; tentative start date August 2017	670,000	V	V				
Benghazi Radio Therapy Centre - Civil works completed in May; Contract for radio therapy equipment to be issued week of 12 th June	320,000	V	V			V	V
Sub-total, 1 st Tier	5,010,000						
Second tier priorities							
Aljeel Al Waed (replaces Almajed School) Contract to be issues week of 12 th June	270,000	٧					
Sidi Mansour Water Pumps - bid evaluation on-going	180,000	٧					
BenghaziDermatologyHospitalspecificationofmedicalequipmentclarification with Ministry in process	90,000	V					
Benghazi Sewage Network - bid evaluation on-going	700,000	V					
Sub-total, 2 nd Tier	1,240,000						
Third tier priorities							
Laithi Electrical Substation (Bobtaina)	90,000	٧	v			v	
Abu Atni Electrical Substation (sent for regional approval	320,000	٧	V			٧	
Sub-total, 3 rd Tier	410,000						
Grand Total, Benghazi	6,660,000						

Kikla

The assistance package approved for Kikla amounts to USD 2 million. This includes 14 lots of equipment (of which 8 contracts have been signed and equipment transferred to government) and 4 civil works of which 3 contracts have been issued and two completed (see below). Procurement of medical equipment and school laboratory equipment have been delayed by the need to confirm details with relevant ministries. Equipment specifications for sports equipment, school and university furniture have been submitted and tenders will be launched by 13th June.

Two sites were handed over in May, Kikla University and the Kikla Sports Centre. The handover was conducted by the co-Chair of the SFL Board, Minister of Planning H.E. Dr Taher Al-Jehaimi, and other officials from the GNA. The final rehabilitation of the Kikla Hospital was approved on 1st June and contract should be awarded by 9th June.



H.E. Dr Taher Al-Jehaimi speaking at the handover ceremony, Kikla Sports Centre



The newly-refurbished University lecture theatre was brought back into use

Kikla Board Approved Priorities (progress to date)

Equipment	Value US \$	Tendered	Contract	Received	Transferred
			Issued		
Ambulances (2)	130,000	V	V	V	V
Fire Engine (1)	100,000	V	V	V	V
V sat connection for Municipality	50,000	V	V	V	V
250 Kva Generators (2)	100,000	V	V	V	٧
5 KVA Solar Power System for Municipality Internet	50,000	V	V	V	V
Minor Medical Equipment (Main hospital) - <i>specification of medical</i> equipment with Ministry in process	50,000	N/A			
Major Medical Equipment (Main hospital) <i>specification of medical equipment</i> with Ministry in process	260,000	N/A			
School Furniture (five schools)	200,000				
2 Video projectors and 6 printers (for Martyrs & Khalifa Ahmed Schools)	40,000	٧	V	V	٧
60 Desktop computers	60,000	V	٧	V	٧
School laboratories for two schools – Specification of lab equipment with Ministry in process	100,000				
University lab furniture and equipment	50,000				
Sport center equipment	50,000				
Civil Works	Value US \$	Tendered	Contract Issued	Started	Completed
Main Hospital Rehabilitation Civil works – contract to be signed 9th June	350,000	٧	V		
Prefab Medical Care Center for main hospital <i>Contract signed in late May;</i> site handover scheduled for 4 th June	150,000	٧	V		
University Building Rehabilitation	150,000	٧	V	٧	٧
Sports center building repair Civil works completed in May	100,000	V	V	V	٧
4 Air conditioners (18,000 BTU for two school computer labs)	10,000	V	V	V	V
Total	2,000,000				

Obari

The assistance package for Obari amounts to USD 3.9 million. Of the seven civil works, four contracts are already under way. Of the five equipment lots, three have been approved and transferred to government (ambulance, garbage truck and generator). The mobile pesticide sprayer will be delivered within the next two months while medical equipment is pending confirmation of specifications by health authorities.



Deliveries of the ambulances to Obari Hospital



Rehabilitation on general hospital, Obari

Obari Board-Approved Priorities (progress to date)

First tier priorities				Equi	oment	Civil Wo	orks
	Value US \$	Tende red	Contract Issued	Rece ived	Transf erred	Started	Completed
New prefabricated school (on grounds of Qurania School)	600,000	٧	V			V	
Qurania School – contract to be signed 9 th June	500,000	٧	V				
Obari Almarkazeiha School	400,000	٧	٧			v	
Obari Althanwia - bid evaluation completed; regional approval forthcoming	450,000	V					
Obari general hospital & staff accommodation – work progressing well specification of medical equipment clarification with Ministry in process	1,000,000	V	V			V	
Refuse disposal - Provision of one large garbage truck	100,000	٧	V		٧		
Women's centre – work progressing well	150,000	٧	٧			٧	
Public market - bid evaluation completed; regional approval forthcoming	650,000	٧					
Pesticide cars - Mobile pesticide sprayers; contract issued; manufacturing started	50,000	V					
Sub-total, Obari	3,900,000						

Sebha

The priorities agreed in the consultation in Tunis in February co-chaired by the Mayor were submitted to the 5th SFL Board Meeting held in Tripoli on 14th June 2017.



Sebha consultation in Tunis (14th – 17th February 2017)

A Coordinator and Field Engineer have been recruited and have received office space in the Municipal Building. In Sebha there are a total of 3 civil works planned. During the period, 3 Bills of Quantity were produced, one of which has been brought to tender and pre-bid site

conducted. The remaining rehabilitations should be put to tender in the month of July. Specifications have been produced for water and sewage pumps as well as for the Mortuary Freezer and Medical Waste Incinerator.

Sebha Priorities, Approved	by Board 14 th June 2017
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		Value			Equ	ipment	Civi	l Works
		US\$	Tendered	Contract Issued	Received	Transferred	Started	Completed
1.	Water Sector	830,000						
1.1	35 HP Submersible pump (20)							
1.2	40 HP Submersible pump (15)							
1.3	60 Kva Generator (30)							
2.	Sewage Sector	480,000						
2.1	22 Kw Submersible pump (6)							
2.2	45 Kw Submersible pump (2)							
2.3	70 Kw Submersible pump (2)							
2.4	160 Kw Superficial pump (2)							
3.	Secondary Education	270,000						
3.1	Portable classroom (10)							
3.2	Sunshade 400 m ² (20)							
3.3	Water tank 30000 cubic meters (13)		V	V				
4.	Higher Education	150,000						
4.1	Rehabilitation of student dormitory, Sebha University		٧					
4.2	Rehabilitation of 2 English language labs		V					
4.3	Audio visual equipment, 2 English language labs		V					
5.	Health	270,000						
5.1	Procurement & Installation of Mortuary freezer (2)							
5.2	Rehabilitation, Sebha Medical Center							
5.3	Procurement & installation of eco-friendly Medical Waste Incinerator							
	Total	2,00,000						

Sirte

As presented in the April-May monthly update a consultation workshop was organized on 12th – 13th March and priority interventions were identified. These priorities were presented for Board approval in the 5th Board meeting in Tripoli on 14th June. The Mayor of Sirte, Mukhtar al-Maadani, was released by his captors after the consultation organized in Tunis. UNDP has subsequently supported a meeting between him and the Municipal Council at which the

priorities were discussed and broadly agreed. In these meetings, the Mayor confirmed that the Government is providing the Municipality with funds to invest in rehabilitation in the education and health sectors in Sirte. The SFL is working closely with the Municipality to ensure that funding through the SFL project complements their rehabilitation plans. An update on progress in Sirte is presented in the table on the following page.

Sirte Priorities, Approved by Board 14th June 2017

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4.	Education Sector	2,540,000				
	School Rehabilitations / Civil Works					
4.1	Alkoloud school		V			
4.2	Alfteh school					
4.3	AL Yarmouk school		٧			
4.4	Khawla bent Alazwar school					
4.5	Oqba ben nafea school		٧			
4.6	Alittihad school					
4.7	Aljeel Aljdeed school					
4.8	Talea Alnasar school					
4.9	Sana Yosuf school					
4.10	Alduhair school					
4.11	Almarkazyia school					
4.12	Tagrift martyrs school					
	Other Rehabilitations / Civil Works					
4.13	Building institute					
4.14	Institute of comprehensive professions for Girls					
4.15	Exams administration building					
	Sub-total, Education Sector					
5.	Ibn Sina Hospital	500,000				
5.1	Medical waste incinerator (1)					
5.2	Ambulances (2 ICU)					
	Sub-total, Ibn Sina Hospital					
6.	Roads & Transportation	600,000				
6.1	Repairs of damaged internal roads					
	Sub-total, Roads & Transportation					
	Grand Total, Sirte	7,640,000				

Output 2: Immediate capacity boost to municipalities

A Municipal Liaison Advisor has been contracted to support liaison between Municipalities and the GNA on the logistics of SFL delivery and on communication of the GNA's role in supporting municipalities through the SFL. An expert has been recruited to start in early June. The Liaison Advisor will be based in the Ministry of Planning and will play a key role in communicating implementation of stabilization activities from municipal level to central level. (S)he will provide technical support and expertise to the municipalities in the development of logistics plans for clearance, reception, acceptance, storage and transfer of equipment to the municipalities. The Advisor will also support coordination of communications in support of equipment delivery to ensure wide coverage of SFL interventions and ensure messaging is in line with PC and GNA messaging on stabilization. (S)he will also help to enhance vertical connection between the Government and Municipalities.

Aa an additional boost in capacity of Municipalities where the SFL is working, the Facility has agreed with some Municipalities to embed the SFL coordinator and engineer within the Municipality. Agreement was reached in Kikla, Obari and Sebha. In Sirte, agreement was originally reached with the Polyclinic to house the SFL team in their administrative building. However, the Mayor of Sirte is now providing office space for the Coordinator and engineer.

Output 3: local peace structures and conflict management capacity

The SFL's Output 3 implementing partner in the three first-round locations, PCi, have held a series of "town hall" meetings in Kikla and Obari to enhance local peace process, to explain the workings of the SFL, and to ensure that local tensions are addressed rather than exacerbated by GNA support through the SFL. In Obari this has been important in the light of concerns by the Tebu community that they had not won any of the SFL contracts; the Social Peace Partnership organs are helping to explain the SFL process and to ensure that such concerns are allayed. In that case, the SFL is exploring how the Social Peace Partnership can provide a level of social accountability (for example by representatives from all communities accompanying the SFL engineering team on milestone site visits) to reduce the concerns that one community is benefitting inappropriately.

In the second half of April PCi also held a training workshop for the relatively newly-formed Kikla Social Peace Partnership on peace-building, dialogue processes and conflict analysis. This was followed up in May with a training workshop on vertical communication, to enhance the connection between citizens and the Municipal authorities, and between the Municipality and the Government in Tripoli. Similar training in vertical communication is planned for Obari's Social Peace Partnership after Ramadan.

In Obari the Social Peace Partnership has also mobilized to address other potential flashpoints. For example, a man thought to be a "non-Libyan Tebu" shot the (Arab) supervisor of Obari's only fuel station in early May in a dispute over when the station would provide fuel. Members of the Partnership spoke with the family of the wounded man to minimize the risk of escalation, and the Partnership is drawing up a plan to deal with the risks associated with the arrival of resources which have been expected but for some while have been scarce or unavailable (*e.g.* deliveries of fuel to the fuel station, supplies of cooking gas *etc.*)

Monitoring and Evaluation

The SFL project commissioned a perception baseline survey in November 2016. A total of 350 face-to-face surveys were conducted in each of six locations (Benghazi, Kikla, Obari, Bayda, Gharyan and Sebha) and findings produced in January 2017. While the findings are informative as to how the GNA is perceived by the population and thus provides useful information as to the outcome of the project which is to enhance legitimacy of the GNA, the subsequent surveys will be more useful in that it will show how perceptions of the population are changing (either positively or negatively). The findings of the baseline survey should also be interpreted with caution because of the inevitable "social desirability bias" – the tendency of respondents to give what they think a desirable answer – which can distort comparisons between the baseline and subsequent rounds of the survey. The general perception of legitimacy of the GNA, service delivery and representativeness are key areas that will be monitored as they relate very closely to the goal of enhancing the legitimacy of the Government of Libya.

Despite the challenges facing the country, a majority of respondents across cities in West and East Libya are optimistic about the current situation, and also think that the situation three years from now will be better than before the revolution. Although overall trust in the GNA, as well as the "Interim National Government" and "Government of National Salvation", is low – while that in law enforcement (judiciary, military and police) is high – Municipal Councils are generally perceived to be performing well, especially in the East. The perception of municipal performance is tied up with that of the GNA, as higher trust in the GNA and positive perception of GNA performance lead to more positive perception of Municipal Council performance.

Perception of Municipal Council performance is further driven by the quality of service delivery. Service delivery is reportedly perceived to be best in the Eastern parts of the country, while in the South service delivery is seen as quite poor. A majority in all cities think that the GNA have either no or negative influence on service delivery, with the most positive perceptions being found in Kikla, where 42% say the GNA has a positive influence.

Only in Kikla, of the six places sampled, does a majority think the GNA has the right to represent the whole of Libya. These perceptions are connected with the perceived performance of the GNA and the perceived fairness of its selection. In none of the cities is the GNA the actor that most think represents their needs and interests. Municipal Councils score high in all six locations, while the "ING" ranks highly in Benghazi and Bayda but very low in Kikla.

The next round of the perception survey will be conducted after Ramadan and results are expected in September.

Communications – Visibility

UNDP Libya has continued to expand social media outreach through regular SFL updates on our digital platforms in English and Arabic. Facebook posts in this month reached out to 32,680 people, with likes for the page gaining 500 persons this month alone. Tweets earned 27,500 impressions during this period. The Youtube video of civil works earned 180 views since the channel was launched 4 weeks ago. SFL posts have driven engagement on UNDP platforms, with an 8% increase in social media outreach; the top tweets, retweets and posts are usually from SFL news.

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SFL top tweet and top mention for May 2017

Top mention earned 641 engagements



Noura Hamladji @NouraHamladji - May 3

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Facebook reactions, May 2017

Municipalities started to work on communicate about SFL project through different communication tools especially the digital tools: website of Benghazi municipality, Kikla Radio, and Obari Facebook page are the most one sharing the deliveries from SFL project.



Preview from website Benghazi Municipality on Garbage Trucks deliveries

The coverage of Libya Al Ahrar has generated visibility of the project and to communicate the support to Libya from the International Community. Through the coverage a wider audience in Libya has been reached. The link to the documentary is provided here: <u>https://youtu.be/UukIYGHP4vU</u>

On 11th April, The President of the Presidential Council of Libya HE Fayez Al-Sarraj, met with Ms Maria do Valle Ribeiro, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and UN Resident Coordinator (UNSMIL) for Libya, in Tripoli, who handed over titles for ten ambulances for Sirte. The ambulances are part of the US \$ 7.6 million package of support to Sirte which includes rehabilitation and equipment aimed at rehabilitating critical

infrastructure and improving service delivery in the city hit by the conflict in the country. The ambulances were transported from the UNDP warehouse in Tripoli on 13th June to Sirte.

The President of the Presidential Council of Libya HE Fayez Al-Sarraj with Ms Maria do Valle Ribeiro, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and UN Resident Coordinator (UNSMIL) for Libya



The Minister of Planning was present at the closing ceremony of the construction and renovation works of the sports center and the University of Kikla. An opportunity for the GNA to reinforce its potion as much as leader of these stabilization progress. This type of media presence reinforces the efforts of all for the project development and succeeds empathy either on the social networks or by a word of mouth sustained in Libya.

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Preview from the ceremony and coverage media from Libyan website

A journalist / photographer has been recruited in Benghazi to collect "human interest" stories covering the effect of SFL interventions on the lives of ordinary citizens. Similar recruitment in Obari will aim to give access to all three communities (Arab, Tebu and Tuareg). A corresponding person is also being recruited for Kikla, and in due course for Sebha and Sirte.

SFL 5th Board meeting 14th June 2017- Corinthia Hotel Tripoli Libya.

The 5th Board Meeting of the Stabilisation Facility for Libya (SFL) was held at the Corinthia Hotel, in Tripoli on the 14th of June. The Board, co-chaired on behalf of the GNA by Minister of Planning designate, Dr Taher Jehaimi and on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme, by Ms Maria Ribeiro, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and UNDP Representative for Libya, reviewed progress and future opportunities for the SFL. The SFL, managed by UNDP, supports Government action to provide tangible assistance to cities affected by the crisis. It aims to make a difference to ordinary people's lives throughout Libya by improving services, especially in health, education and basic infrastructure.

In his opening remarks, H.E. Dr Taher Jehaimi, Minister of Planning, welcomed the international partners to this meeting, the first time the Board met in Tripoli. He referred to the tangible results of the fund, 'I was delighted to open the refurbished lecture theatre in Kikla University a couple of weeks ago, and to celebrate the achievements of students there. So, I am pleased to announce a financial contribution by the Government to the Facility, and I warmly welcome additional contributions by new and existing partners.'

The Board agreed to assess possibilities of expansion to Tripoli, Bani Walid, Kufra and Derna, depending on security conditions and availability of funds.

"The SFL allows Libya's international partners to support the Government in working with Municipalities to deliver the services Libyans need", said Maria Ribeiro, DSRSG and co-Chair of the Board. "We in UNDP are delighted to be involved with Libyan authorities in providing this important support."

So far the fund has mobilised over US\$32 million and is supported by 12 donors and is supporting projects in Kikla, Obari, Benghazi, Sirte and Sebha. New pledges are expected in coming weeks. Partners in the Facility are currently looking at additional contributions. Current donors include Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and USA.

'The SFL is a key initiative to support the Government of National Accord in its leadership for Libya', said Ambassador Christian Buck of Germany. Germany is currently the largest donor to the facility with a total of US\$11 million.

Press Conference:

Immediately after the meeting, a Press Conference was held with Mr. and members of the SFL Board, where Board members spoke of the importance of the SFL.

The EU Ambassador for Libya, Bettina Muscheidt said that the international community supports Libyan efforts to end conflict through a political solution. 'But Libya's people cannot wait. Families across the country are in dire need of services. They want a return of normality. This is where the Stabilization Facility for Libya can make a difference in helping the Libyan Government to improve lives and alleviate the suffering in areas most affected by the conflict across the regions of Libya.'

Mr Tsuneki Matsuda, Chargé d'Affaires for Japan, attending his first Board meeting, said "Japan is pleased to become part of this initiative. We look forward to continuing with further contributions, which we hope will be even larger". The Korean Ambassador, Mr Kim Youngchae, also confirmed his country's intention to further support the Facility.

British Ambassador Peter Millett added, 'This first meeting of the SFL Board in Tripoli is an important signal of confidence in the Libyan Government's efforts to bring peace and security. We have supported the Stabilisation Facility for Libya from the start and we are proud to be a major donor.'

Through this Facility, the GNA has delivered tangible benefits to Libyan people: ambulances for emergency units, garbage trucks to Municipalities, solar panels to hospitals. It is helping the Libyan Government to improve the lives of Libyans in all part of the country: West, East and South.



Financial update

Donor contributions to date (30th June 2017); all figures US\$

Donor name	Received to date (12 th June)	Contracts being prepared	
CANADA	1,134,450		
DENMARK		1,459,854	
EUROPEAN UNION	5,610,500		
FRANCE	991,167		
GERMANY	10,863,195	1,083,000	
ITALY	2,212,389		
NETHERLANDS	2,173,000		
NORWAY	2,178,145		
JAPAN	1,401,558		
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,000,000		
QATAR		2,000,000	
SWITZERLAND	250,000	250,000	
UNITED KINGDOM	1,627,871		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4,000,000		
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