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# LIBYA COUNTRY PROFILE

## BACKGROUND

Since 2011, USAID has partnered with national and sub-national Libyan institutions, civil society, and the private sector to strengthen the foundations of a more unified Libyan state. Through its humanitarian, stabilization, and development assistance, USAID responds to the immediate needs of conflict-affected Libyans; supports Libyans to address drivers of instability and conflict; and promotes transparent and accountable governance for all Libyans.

In 2019, Libya was selected as a U.S. Strategy to Prevent Conflict and Promote Stability, or the Global Fragility Act (GFA), partner. The GFA integrates U.S. government (USG) diplomacy, development, and defense to address root causes of violence and build peace. USAID is contributing to this unique USG-wide effort by leading assistance activities that target instability by empowering civil society, strengthening governance, increasing economic opportunity, and supporting locally driven reconciliation efforts.

## OUR WORK

### **Libya Elections and Legislative Strengthening Activity (LELSA)**

2018-2024 • Total Estimated Cost (TEC) \$49 million • Implemented by The Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening - National Democratic Institute and International Foundation for Electoral Systems

LELSA increases the capacity of Libya's election bodies to manage electoral processes effectively and transparently. It improves voter and civic education and supports civil society – particularly ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, women, and youth – to take an active role in the political process. The activity also combats hate

speech and disinformation through support through fact-checking, media literacy training, inclusive content, and capacity building for public institutions.

### **Local Governance and Civil Society (LGCS)**

2019-2025 • TEC \$56.4 million • Implemented by DAI Global, LLC

LGCS, locally known as *Taqarib*, works toward a more unified Libyan state by supporting community-led activities that improve service delivery and accountable governance. The activity promotes stronger links between government institutions and citizens and strengthens civil society's role in public oversight.

### **Promoting Leadership and Activism of Youth (PLAY) for Peace in Libya**

2020-2024 • TEC \$2.7 million • Implemented by International Rescue Committee

PLAY for Peace strengthens youth-to-youth relationships and promotes youth civic participation in Tawergha, Bani Walid, Misrata, Zawia, and Sahl El-jfara. PLAY promotes reconciliation through positive interaction and aims to reduce the likelihood of violence in the target communities.

### **Libya Public Financial Management (LPFM)**

2019-2024 • TEC \$33 million • Implemented by The Pragma Corporation

LPFM supports Libya to strengthen the macroeconomic and fiscal foundations for sustainable and inclusive growth. This activity advances transparent and accountable public financial management and reforms within key institutions to enhance their effectiveness and support unification.

### **Libya Economic Acceleration Program (LEAP)**

2023-2026 • TEC \$14.9 million • Implemented by Chemonics

LEAP works together with vulnerable communities, victims of conflict, private enterprises, and business development service providers to promote stability and prevent conflict in Libya's south by addressing many of the root causes of conflict that are economic in nature.

### **Libya Transition Initiative (LTI)**

2021-2023 • TEC \$22 million • Implemented by Chemonics International, Inc.

LTI supports local projects in strategic areas across Libya to strengthen stability and conditions enabling political compromise. Activities address pressing community grievances, restore basic services, and support civilian institutions.

### **Humanitarian Assistance**

USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) has invested more than \$72 million in Libya since 2011 to address the immediate needs of internally displaced and returning populations and assist communities affected by conflict. BHA provides support in areas of health, protection, shelter and settlements, humanitarian coordination and information management, disaster risk reduction, early recovery, and logistics.

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