



FACT SHEET

Libya Elections and Governance Support Program (LEGS)

BACKGROUND

Grantee: International Republican Institute (IRI)

Project Title: Libya Elections and Governance Support Program (LEGS)

Duration: Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2019

Project Amount: \$11.7 million

OBJECTIVE

To help Libyan local government entities build capacity, and ensures that local government is informed by, and inclusive of, citizen concerns. In addition, IRI supports Libyan local government officials to fulfil their roles and responsibilities while engaging in sound policy making. IRI is also supporting the Ministry of Local Government to establish effective structures for intra-governmental communication, administrative functions, training, and service delivery. Finally, in an effort to increase the role of marginalized groups in Libya's governance, IRI engages youth leaders to advocate for issues in their communities.



Strengthening the participation of Libyan women via the Women's Elected Officials Network.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. Improve communications between government agencies and management practices. Establish a training division within the Ministry of Local Government, to conduct municipal council training;
2. Train municipal councillors and staff in advocacy, constituent outreach and office management, and conduct workshops to enhance understanding of Libya's Constitution and laws concerning local government, notably Law 59;
3. Establish four municipal government associations consisting of municipal council (MC) members and staff, mayors, women, and wounded revolutionaries to discuss and advocate for common municipal interests;
4. Engage youth-focused civil society organizations (CSOs) under the Libyan National Youth Network to identify issues and solve problems in their local communities.
5. Manage a competitive grants program for youth organizations to implement small-scale community improvement projects.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supported the establishment of the Association of Libyan Municipalities and the Women's Elected Officials Network.
- Facilitated Sirte MC and community leaders to develop a joint vision of the city's future, and supported roundtable meetings with local stakeholders to outline public health, education, and infrastructure plans.
- Conducted over 50 training programs for more than 1000 program participants to date.
- Facilitated the creation of multiple MC volunteer offices for local organizations to work on community issues.
- Trained youth groups from Libya and Tunisia jointly on peace building and creating regional youth networks.
- Conducted 10 focus groups with former fighters to lay the groundwork for a local government support to wounded warriors, and completed research projects including the first study on women's participation in local government