

LYBIA RESPONSE PLAN – Update #1



OPENING STATEMENT

After almost 5 months from the flood caused by the **Storm Daniel that struck Libya on September 10th**, WeWorld, together with INTERSOS, Terres des Hommes Italy and MiGRACE, and with the support of international partners as ChildFund Korea, AICS and OIM, continues to intervene in the affected areas to respond to the needs of the population.

This document is meant to share the response that has been put in place to counteract the negative effects on those affected by the flood in the East of Libya, particularly the most vulnerable children and the elderly.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Following the catastrophic impact of Storm Daniel in Libya, the situation has evolved, with updated figures and ongoing challenges highlighting the severity of the disaster. The storm, marked by intense winds and heavy rainfall, triggered devastating flash floods across eastern Libya's Green Mountains region, notably affecting Derna, Albayda, Marj, Sousah, Taknes, Massah, and Gandula Shahat. The human toll has been profound, with fatalities now exceeding **4,333**, as reported by **WHO**, indicating an increase from the initial estimates, including **101 health workers** who lost their lives during the storm or in its immediate aftermath. The number of missing individuals remains a critical concern, with still around **8,500 people** still missing in November 2023 as reported by UNICEF, underscoring the disaster's vast impact ([Devastating floods in Libya | UNICEF](#)).

Children, who comprise 40% of the population in the affected areas, are among the most vulnerable, with displacement figures suggesting that out of over 44,862 displaced individuals, at least 17,000 may be children. This represents an increase from previous reports, indicating the extensive displacement caused by the disaster. The educational infrastructure has also suffered significantly, with numerous schools either completely destroyed or damaged, and many still serving as shelters for the displaced, complicating efforts to resume normal educational activities.

The disaster has raised serious public health concerns, with the destruction of water and sewage systems increasing the risk of waterborne diseases. Additionally, the displacement of landmines and unexploded ordnance by floodwaters has heightened the risk of accidents in areas previously considered safe.

Infrastructure damage extends to roads and telecommunications, particularly in Derna, where dam breaches have isolated the city, hampering humanitarian access and relief efforts. The international community and local agencies are striving to address these multifaceted challenges, emphasizing the urgent need for recovery and reconstruction efforts estimated at \$1.8 billion by a joint World Bank, EU, and UN report. The situation remains dynamic, with ongoing efforts to mitigate the disaster's effects and support the affected communities towards recovery. Nevertheless, it should also be noted that access to the affected areas has not always been smooth, causing delays in implementing emergency response measures. This is the result of a historical and political legacy, with ongoing hostilities between the two areas, resulting in hindrances to movements between west and east, making the authorization processes for conducting activities lengthy and not always clear.



**WEWORLD IS THE ALLIANCE
MEMBER IMPLEMENTING**

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

**WASH
HEALTH
HUMAN MOBILITY**



4,504

**PEOPLE IN NEED SERVED,
THE LARGE MAJORITY BEING
CHILDREN AND WOMEN**

+140,000 YET TO BE REACH



102.540

EUROS USED

1,150,000 YET TO BE RAISED



3 DONORS

AICS, OIM AND CHILDFUND KOREA

The situation in Libya following the catastrophic flooding caused by Storm Daniel in September 2023 has seen significant developments. Here is an updated overview based on the latest information:

- **Reconstruction and Recovery Needs:** A joint report by the World Bank, the European Union, and the United Nations, published on January 24, 2024, estimates that reconstruction and recovery efforts in eastern Libya will require approximately \$1.8 billion. This figure underscores the extensive damage and the need for substantial investment in rebuilding and recovery (World Bank Press Release).
- **Humanitarian Update:** As of January 16, 2024, the humanitarian response to the Libya flood has been detailed in an update, which highlights the extension of the Flash Appeal through March 2024. This extension aims to address the residual humanitarian needs and facilitate recovery efforts, indicating ongoing challenges in meeting the affected population's needs ([ReliefWeb](#)).
- **Flash Appeal Extension:** An addendum for the Libya Flood Response Flash Appeal has been issued for January to March 2024. This document, released in December 2023, outlines the continued efforts and funding requirements needed to support the affected communities, emphasizing the protracted nature of the disaster's aftermath ([ReliefWeb](#)).



OVERVIEW OF THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: September to December 2023

The immediate ongoing response covered 3 months. WeWorld promptly engaged in addressing the newly emerged humanitarian crisis in Libya by actively contributing to coordination efforts and joint multi-actor need assessments mechanisms. As a first action, WeWorld rapidly deployed its personnel from Tripoli to the affected areas to lay the groundwork for emergency response and the immediate distribution of hygiene kits to the most vulnerable affected population. The intervention also involved securing necessary security and access clearances to facilitate operational activities. Subsequent to the analysis of the initially identified needs, WeWorld provided the Libyan Red Crescent LRC with essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and communication kits, including safety clothing, boots, and walkie-talkies, intended for distribution to rescue teams operating in Benghazi.

Throughout the activities implemented, WeWorld faced challenges such as the need for additional kits, security constraints, and logistical hurdles. However, through effective collaboration with local CSOs these challenges were successfully mitigated. The efforts were recognized with a certificate of appreciation, and the direct involvement in distribution and outreach activities helped build trust within the local community, receiving positive feedback from health facilities and beneficiaries.

Moving forward, WeWorld emphasizes the importance of flexibility in budgeting and activities, and the strategic collaboration with Libyan CSOs to strengthen capacity, secure access, and minimize security risks. Through these concerted efforts, WeWorld continues to address the immediate needs of the population and lay the groundwork for long-term recovery and resilience.

Following, the details of the intervention by sector, which reached a total of **4,504 people of whom at least 1,652 children**:

WASH :

- **Global Handwashing Day Event at Baity Center:** WeWorld organized a Global Handwashing Day event at a Baity Center, featuring a comprehensive agenda that included distribution of 200 hygiene dignity kits and conducting sessions on Health and WASH awareness in French language. The event concluded with the distribution of dignity kits to two groups of beneficiaries, The dignity kits distributed comprised essential items such as water carriers, soap bars, dish sponges, laundry soap, underwear for both genders, sanitary pads, a plastic toilet for children, a whistle, a hand light detector, and a white clothing piece.

Target reached: 1000 citizens of whom at least 300 children (Average of 5 members per family kit)



Awareness raising campaign and Hygiene kits distribution in celebration of the Global Handwashing, Baity Center, Tripoli, 17th of October 2023

- **Global Handwashing Day Event in Tripoli:** WeWorld organized another Global Handwashing Day event at a Baity Community Center in Tripoli on October 17, 2023. The event featured registration and welcoming sessions, hygiene awareness sessions for both adults and children, and the distribution of 200 dignity kits with similar composition as mentioned above. The sessions were divided into two groups, with activities tailored for adults (household heads) and children across different age groups, reaching a total of 300 participants (200 children and 100 adults) benefitting from the awareness campaigns.

Target reached: 1000 citizens of whom at least 300 children (Average of 5 members per family kit)

- **Shahat Hygiene Kit Distribution and Outreach Event:** Targeting internally displaced persons from Darnah, WeWorld distributed 150 hygiene kits at Cyrena Educational Hospital and Shahat Polyclinic. The distribution was complemented by an oral hygiene session for children.

Target reached: 750 citizens of whom at least 225 children (Average of 5 beneficiaries per family kit)



Distribution of hygiene kits at Cyrena Educational Hospital, Shahat Polyclinic, 18th of December 2023

- **Collaboration with Libyan Red Crescent:** To enhance the effectiveness of search & rescue operations in Darna, WeWorld supplied the Libyan Red Crescent with safety clothing, boots, and communication devices reaching a total number of 74 beneficiaries. This collaboration highlights WeWorld's commitment to supporting emergency response efforts through strategic partnerships. In addition 90 hygiene kits were distributed

Target reached: 524 citizens of whom 157 children

- **Community Awareness campaigns:** WWGVC enhanced its hygiene awareness efforts by deploying community mobilizers to conduct campaigns at the community level, effectively reaching households across crisis-affected areas. These campaigns focused on educating communities about essential hygiene practices, disease prevention, and the importance of clean water and sanitation. Through engaging sessions and practical demonstrations, the initiative aimed to improve overall health and hygiene awareness, specifically targeting vulnerable groups to ensure widespread impact and foster a culture of cleanliness and health consciousness. Reaching a total of 600 community members.

Target reached: 600 citizens of whom at least 420 children

- **WASH Network Rehabilitation:** Recognizing the critical need for clean water, WeWorld supported the rehabilitation of water networks in the municipality of Sousse. This initiative was aimed at ensuring a sustainable supply of clean water and preventing the blockage of wastewater systems.

HUMAN MOBILITY

- **Shahat Outreach Event:** Targeting internally displaced persons from Darnah, WeWorld conducted outreach events targeting children, including psychosocial support session for women and children

Target reached: 200 citizens of whom at least 120 children

- **Community based PSS:** WWGVC streamlined its child protection efforts by implementing Psychosocial Support (PSS) activities through community mobilizers, reaching 430 children in crisis-affected areas. The program offered recreational and targeted support sessions to foster resilience, reduce stress, and promote emotional well-being, focusing on life skills and psychological support for at-risk children, including at least 8% of girls and children with disabilities.

- **WASH**

- **Hygiene Promotion:** Implementing specialized hygiene promotion campaigns, including the development of awareness materials for children, board games, visual aids, and facilitating interactive sessions also mainstreaming Protection principles.
Target to reach: 10,000
- **Community-based Water Management Training:** Conduct training sessions for community members on water source management, water treatment, and basic repairs to empower local communities to maintain and safeguard their water sources.
Target to reach: 10,000
- **Solid Waste Management:** Implement a comprehensive solid waste management system to collect, segregate, and proper waste disposal methods of waste generated in flood-affected areas. Promote responsible waste disposal practices to prevent environmental contamination.
Target to reach: 140,000 people (at least 30% of children, and 45% of women) in the affected locations by the flood.
- **Fecal Sludge Management:** Strengthened the fecal sludge management system throughout a comprehensive repair/cleaning campaign to the sewage networks in the affected areas and conducting emergency desludging campaigns to septic tanks in public infrastructures.
Target to reach: 30,000 people (at least 30% of children, and 45% of women) in the affected locations by the flood.
- **Training on WASH for Municipality Technical Focal Points:** Provide training to municipality technical focal points on key WASH topics, including WASH Principles and Best Practices, Community Engagement, WASH Infrastructure Management, Emergency Response with a focus on WASH-related challenges, and Monitoring and Evaluation of WASH programs.
Target to reach: 50 Municipality technical focal points.
- **Distribution of 4,000 hygiene kits:** These kits include items such as soap, menstrual hygiene pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other sanitary supplies. These kits are vital for maintaining cleanliness, preventing hygiene-related illnesses, and preserving dignity in challenging circumstances.
Target to reach: 20,000 people (at least 30% of children, and 45% of women) in the affected locations by the flood.

- **HEALTH**

- **Establishing mobile pediatric medical clinics:** mobilizing medical teams, supplying essential medical consumables, and introducing innovative solutions like telemedicine in response to the flood disaster.
Target to reach: 2,000 children (at least 30% of children, and 45% of women) in the affected locations by the flood.

- **HUMAN MOBILITY**

- **Creating Safe and Supportive Spaces:** Setting up child-friendly spaces for recreational activities and psychosocial support (PSS) activities tailored to the needs of internally displaced families and at community level temporarily residing in school shelters due to the flood disaster in Libya.

Target to reach: 1.800 children, of whom at least 45% girls and 8% children with disabilities, in accommodation centers.

- **PFA and PSS Training for staff of the shelters and community centers:** Provide Psychological First Aid (PFA), Psychosocial Support (PSS), and referral systems training to the staff of the shelter and centres hosting IDPs. Equip them with the skills to offer immediate emotional, and psychological support to flood survivors, identify individuals in distress, and refer them to specialized services when necessary.

Target to reach: 100 staff

The mid-term interventions aim at creating safe and supportive spaces, providing PFA and PSS training for staff, establishing a community center for WASH, protection, and health activities, rehabilitating emergency water sources, conducting water quality testing and monitoring, and upgrading sanitation infrastructure at both household and shelter levels were not pursued for several reasons. These include logistical challenges in accessing the intended areas, overlapping efforts with other international organizations already active in similar interventions, and a dynamic shift in the priority needs of the communities affected by the flood disaster in Libya. This strategic decision has been taken to ensure that resources were allocated efficiently and effectively, focusing on interventions where the need was greatest and where our organization could offer the most significant impact without duplicating efforts.

Incorporated into the Solid Waste Management (SWM) component of our program is the development of comprehensive solid waste management plans alongside an awareness-raising plan aimed at enhancing public understanding and participation in sustainable waste practices. To tackle the pressing challenges in SWM and Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) in Al Baida. Our strategy begins with cleaning campaigns to remove mud and debris, followed by monthly cleaning campaigns for the collection and disposal of solid waste from public areas, cleaning campaigns for sewage sections of Al Beida, and monthly desludging campaigns of public infrastructure facilities. We will introduce sustainable SWM practices, including distributing cleaning kits and organizing workshops for developing SWM and FSM strategies tailored to Al Baida's needs. Public health awareness campaigns will educate the community on hygiene and environmental responsibility, aiming to instill a culture of cleanliness. Innovatively, WWGVC will use GIS mapping and mobile apps for community engagement, allowing our approach to adapt based on ongoing assessments and feedback. This streamlined strategy ensures our program effectively addresses SWM and FSM challenges through informed, community-driven actions.

Location of the Mid-Term Response: Affected Communities in the North-East of Libya

Budget of the Mid-Term Response: 1,150,000 USD

Lybia Response Plan as of March 7th, 2024

WeWorld response will continue to adapt to the evolving situation and people's needs accordingly.