

Libya



International Medical Corps was the first international humanitarian organization to arrive in Libya following the outbreak of war in early 2011.

Since then, we have focused on providing medical relief and gained significant in-country expertise and widespread programmatic reach by helping populations affected by conflict. Today, International Medical Corps supports the most vulnerable populations in Libya while strengthening the country's health system.

Shortly after Libya's civil war began in 2011, International Medical Corps deployed teams to provide countrywide emergency medical services, train health workers and deliver vital medicines and supplies. Starting in the country's east, we built makeshift health facilities to provide critical care to conflict-affected populations and moved with the front lines westward until the fighting dissipated.

As the situation progressed, we transitioned from emergency activities to programs that fostered recovery and self-reliance. International Medical Corps supported the physical rehabilitation of health clinics and invested heavily in gender-based violence (GBV) and protection activities—culminating in the first women's march in the country's capital. However, these popular programs were halted following a new wave of violence in the summer of 2014.

Our focus shifted again in light of these new conditions—this time targeting internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the growing number of migrants transiting the country on their way to Europe. We devised effective and efficient solutions to support the most vulnerable populations deprived of access to basic healthcare, and today we continue to provide medical aid to those in urgent need of care while providing a broader range of activities that benefit the wider Libyan and non-Libyan populations.

Beginning in 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we strengthened our partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the National Center for Disease Control by donating personal protective equipment (PPE) and providing in-person and remote training on COVID-19 prevention and response.

Despite the country's ongoing divisions, the overall stability and security situation improved in 2022. We have continued to provide basic healthcare and protection services in remote areas to ensure that all vulnerable populations have equal access to high-quality health services. At the same time, we have prioritized efforts to strengthen the Libyan healthcare system by building the capacity of national staff and institutions.



WHERE WE WORK

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| A BRAK ASH SHATI | F TAWERGHA |
| B JANZOUR | G TRIPOLI |
| C MISRATA | H ZINTAN |
| D NALUT | I ZLITEN |
| E SABHA | |



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MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

International Medical Corps provides MHPSS services through trained doctors who navigate the identification, management and referral of priority mental health conditions in line with World Health Organization guidelines. We also build the capacity of healthcare providers at the primary healthcare level on several mental health topics to ensure they are able to provide MHPSS services as part of primary healthcare. Furthermore, to strengthen community-based MHPSS efforts, we train community focal people from different municipalities to facilitate training and awareness sessions that advocate for mental health at the community level.

HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

International Medical Corps operates mobile medical units (MMUs) that provide vital healthcare services to Libyans and non-Libyans in Misrata, Sabha, Tawergha and Tripoli. The MMUs are supported by community health workers (CHWs) who play a critical role in raising awareness among migrant and refugee communities about common health problems, as well as promoting psychosocial well-being and disease prevention.

In addition to providing direct medical services, the MMUs organize regular training and on-the-job tutorial sessions for healthcare providers, covering both theoretical and practical aspects of pressing health topics. This helps ensure the availability and continuity of essential services, particularly in underserved and hard-to-reach areas.

International Medical Corps is committed to strengthening the national healthcare system through our long-term partnership with the MoH. This partnership involves training healthcare workers, providing medications and medical equipment, and rehabilitating healthcare facilities to ensure the sustainability of our efforts. By working collaboratively with the MoH, we aim to improve healthcare access and quality for all Libyans, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations.





GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND PROTECTION

International Medical Corps' gender-based violence (GBV) team currently operates in Tawergha and Tripoli, focusing on building local capacity through partnerships with women-led organizations, local civil society organizations (CSOs) and government centers. We prioritize direct assistance to women and girls, including IDPs, returnees and people from the host and migrant communities. Our efforts include providing access to GBV case management, skill-building activities and awareness-raising campaigns. Our psychosocial support group activities promote gender equality and women's empowerment, and build respect for women in their communities.

We lead many capacity-building efforts targeting local service providers—including government workers, staff from CSOs, INGOs and the UN—on GBV core concepts, GBV case management and other relevant topics. We are also a member of the GBV Sub-Sector, the GBV Information Management Taskforce and the Protection Strategic Advisory Group, all of which enhance our ability to coordinate and collaborate with other organizations and ensure effective GBV prevention and response efforts.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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