



## **Standard SAR Operations Training for LCG and GACS staff**

### **Terms of Reference**

**Tripoli 21 May to 1 June 2023**

**Azzawya 4 to 15 June 2023**

### **1. Context**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) works in close partnership with Libyan authorities to enhance their capacity to respond to the challenges related to migration management. IOM takes up the role of promoting the orderly and humane management of migration, promoting international cooperation on migration issues, supporting relevant actors to govern migration flows and effectively maximize their positive impacts while minimizing the potential costs on migrants and society, as well as providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in need.

In the quest for better lives and opportunities, thousands of migrants each year continue to make the treacherous trip across the Mediterranean, a journey that has continued to claim the lives of many migrants, led to life-threatening injuries, and traumatized many survivors.

Libyan authorities engaged in rescue operations face constant challenges in every rescue operation especially when it comes to saving lives. Bad weather, poor equipment and overloaded boats cause shipwrecks that result in the drowning of migrants. The appropriate and timely use of life-saving equipment is crucial for saving lives. The personal safety of the rescuer is essential too as it comes first, including the ability to perform in and under water. Therefore, diving and maritime safety training courses are essential elements for the Libyan authorities to strengthen their search and rescue capabilities.

### **2. Objectives of the training**

The main objective of the training is to facilitate Libyan officials to perform better and safer rescue operations and avoid any safety incidents.

### **3. Specific objective**

The training will cover 5 main topics recommended as mandatory training for boat staff performing search and rescue activities by the International Maritime Organization. The training program will be organized for 10 days (about Two weeks) and cover the below topics:



- Firefighting and Preventing Fire (2days)
- Personal Survival Technique (2days)
- Personal Social and Safety Responsibilities (2days)
- Elementary first aid and Psychological First Aid session (provided by IOM's MHPSS team) (2 days)
- Maritime Security Awareness (2 days)

#### **4. Methodology**

This training will comprise of practical sessions in the training center and interactive lecture session by instructors with great experience in the field. The training will also include advanced water operations/swimming classes in a pool and open sea.

#### **5. Proposed participants:**

##### **Tripoli**

- Ministry of Interior: General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) – eight (8) participants
- Ministry of Defense: Libyan Coast Guard and Port security (LCG) - eight (8) participants

##### **Azzawya**

- Ministry of Interior: General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) – six (6) participants
- Ministry of Defense: Libyan Coast Guard and Port security (LCG) - six (6) participants

#### **6. Dates, location and venue:**

##### **Tripoli:**

The first Ten-day training will be held in Tripoli from 21 May to 1 June 2023.

##### **Azzawya:**

The second Ten-day training will be held in Azzawya from 4 to 15 June 2023.

- The exact location will be communicated to all the participants at a later stage.