

# "TOWARDS LOCALLY LED STABILIZATION AND RECONCILIATION IN LIBYA"

NEWSLETTER EDITION 2



# Welcome



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In this Second Edition of our newsletter, you will find updates on the work we have achieved between August and November.

## Training of Trainers

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) delivered a five-day intensive training of trainers workshop between October 7-11 to 10 professionals from the five CSO partners in Libya.

Two trainers from each CSO were exposed to multiple intersecting thematic areas, particularly Youth-Led Enhancement of Conflict Resolution, Resilience, and Reconciliation Capacities of the Local Communities.

The customized curriculum combined experiential learning, expression through the arts, and individual reflection. UNITAR developed the training approach in response to the needs expressed by the five implementing Libyan CSOs in relation to the communities in which they operate and the local youth who will participate in the multiplication trainings..

The delivery of the sessions entailed various pedagogical methodologies including interactive activities and simulations that serve as metaphors for various real-life situations, where participants can immerse themselves in an experience and, after that, be able to draw lessons and integrate what they have learned into the way they act.



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The in-depth and interactive learning experience covered variety of topics

- Reconciliation and resilience
- Collective awareness, historical memory building, and conflict transformation
- Youth as changemakers
- Right based approach to youth participation
- SDGs, peace and development



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UNITAR's Training of Trainers model was created to support the build-up of institutional capacity for training in the areas of peacekeeping and peacebuilding. This approach is at the core of the Institute's philosophy and our focus on training and coaching. The approach is designed to allow for a progressive transfer of knowledge and skills to training institutions and its personnel, in the view of ensuring local ownership and long-term sustainability.



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# Group Meetings

In November, UNITAR has conducted two meetings with the CSOs.

The first meeting focused on the administrative processes while it also guided the CSOs on how to create their own agendas of the multiplication trainings in terms of selecting the dates, time, duration, and what is the ideal recommended duration of each session and the flexibility of expanding the duration of these sessions as they deem appropriate.



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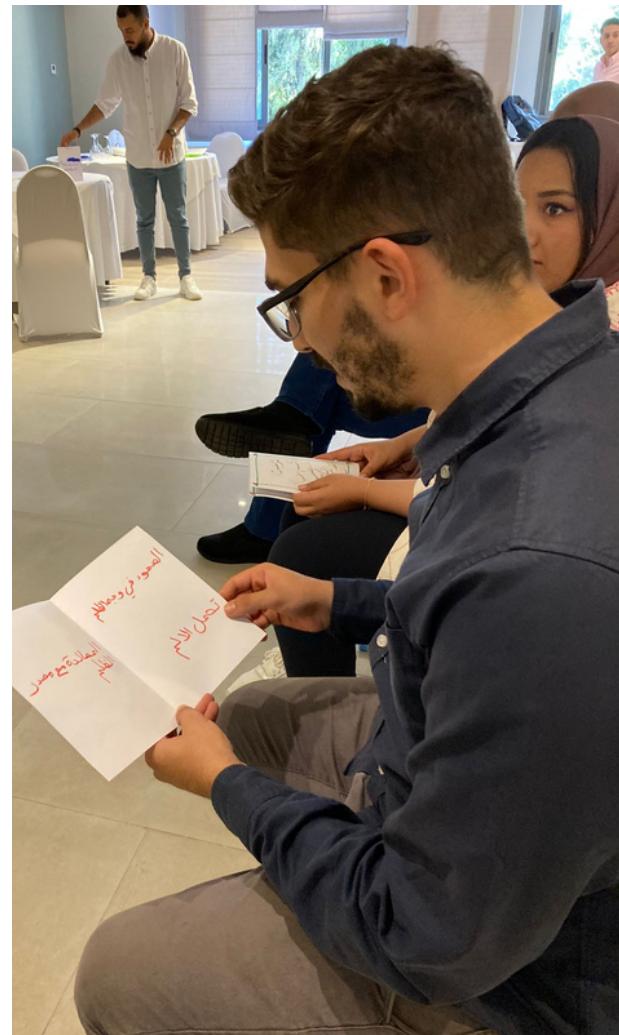
A second meeting with the CSOs has been conducted on 22 November 2022 to further discuss the ideal way to conduct the multiplication trainings. The meeting was mainly focused on the methodological and technical part of designing and implementing the multiplication trainings.

Meanwhile, Tanmia 360, is conducting one-to-one meetings with the other 4 CSO implementing partners to define the best way to manage the funds and facilitate the activities without any delays in their action plans.

## Moving Forward

Following the ToT delivered in October, the focus of the next phase is to accompany local partners in the multiplication of training in different cities across Libya in Benghazi, Sabha, Tripoli, and Kikla. Each CSO will train 20 local youth.

To support the CSOs to implement this activity, UNITAR started offering, from November 2022 to the end of January 2023, online one-on-one coaching on the methodological aspects of the training. The CSOs will have the possibility to work with a UNITAR coach who was also one of the trainers in the ToT - to prepare their sessions, revise the training material, and discuss any training-specific aspect of their work.



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In parallel, UNITAR is supporting the CSOs in the design of the community events in which they are expected to involve community members to share with them information about the project and sensitize them on the project topics.

In November, the CSOs are expected to submit their calendars of the multiplication trainings and define tentative dates and times of the community events.

To support the work of the CSOs, UNITAR has also finalized the manual in English and Arabic and has shared it with the CSOs since the beginning of November.

# Spotlight



***"Peace is life, for us and the generations to come"***

*Hala El Misrati, CEO of Solidarity*

*We spent 11 years working on the topic of women's rights to truly find a solution and solve issues related to it. We face on daily basis challenges in regard to security concerns and the recognition of the civil society sector. UNITAR is known worldwide for promoting women's rights, and working with such a prestigious organization helps us with our work on the ground. We wish to learn from each other and create a path for future projects together as well. Through our work, we want to share knowledge and experience and encourage women to be part of conflict resolution and take active part in civil society.*

*This project is a new occasion to learn from UNITAR. Initiatives such as these are important because it helps put a spotlight and give a voice to those who need it. There is a need to establish a network in the civic society to enhance cooperation between the organizations, particularly in Libya. Our work allows us to interact with people from all over our country and creates a beautiful opportunity to reinforce our national identity and cohesion.*



***"Peace for us and everyone else is life"***

*Eiman , Project Officer, Solidarity*



*The difficulty we face on a regular basis is the lack of integration of our youth. Tanmia 360 is an organization that focuses on providing opportunities for youth and putting them at the forefront. This project promotes cooperation amongst CSOs in Libya which is essential for our national cohesion. It is also an opportunity to promote national reconciliation and to give an opportunity to youth to be at the forefront. We hope at the end of this project, to have a practical approach as we proceed, to transmit to the younger generation the real message that contributes to the reconciliation process in Libya.*

**"Peace is co-existence"**

**Abd Alraheem Abubiriyah, Deputy Director, Tanmia 360**

*The stabilization project in Libya in collaboration with the Government of Japan and UNITAR is essential in reinforcing the cooperation between local CSOs and puts the involvement of youth at the forefront which is something our organization has always sought to promote. The amazing thing about this project is that we are agents of peace in our country through UNITAR's guidance. We learned many interesting things with UNITAR's training and ourselves and those taking part in the multiplication trainings will really benefit from it. Every CSO and every region in Libya face its own challenges, however, we appraise cooperation among the CSOs since we all share the same goal which is social cohesion and peace in Libya.*



**"Peace is in living with dignity"**

**Al Hassan Bakkar,  
Programmes Manager,  
Perpetual Peace**



***"Peace is how people can communicate with each other, to meet and solve their issues together "***

*Malik Alkabir, Programmes Manager,  
Moomken Organization*

*I am interested in peacebuilding because my country has suffered from many conflicts. This project will leave a durable fingerprint on the peacebuilding process in Libya as it will help to resolve conflicts and raise the awareness in youth on conflict. I am learning a lot with this project, and look forward to applying the peacebuilding concepts with youth so they can get a clearer vision on what peace is.*

*Our definition of peacebuilding at Moomken organization is to bring people together to solve common issues. CSOs in Libya face many challenges including security, and funds challenges. We hope to emphasize the exchange of peacebuilding knowledge through this project to fellow Libyans. We also look forward to build a strong network with other CSOs in this project and together, creating a platform for peace and reconciliation in Libya.*



***"Peace is harmony"***

*Nada Abdulnasir, Trainer, Moomken Organization*



***"Peace is an initiative and a duty"***

*Mohammed Bouqareen, Project Officer,  
Moomken Organization*

*The focus on youth and cooperation among CSOs that are all committed to the peacebuilding process in Libya motivated me to be part of this project. We want things to change for the best in Libya but we are facing many political and security issues. We hope that with this project, we will reach different regions in our country and we wish for our youth to learn and attain the benefits of the peacebuilding process and to have a different perspective. We also hope this project will pave the way for further projects and opportunities for Libyan youth.*

*Our organization goal is to contribute in rebuilding a new Libya. In the south of Libya, we are facing serious issues concerning ethnicity and tribal conflicts, and our work in peacebuilding revolves around this as well. Our main reason for joining this project, in addition to learning from UNITAR and collaborating with other CSOs, is also its promotion of youth as young Libyans deserve a stable future free of conflict and war. Our youth is our future.*



***"Peace is security"***

*Abdelnassir Albaghddadi, Programmes Manager, National Caucus of Fazzan*

*Our objective at Perpetual Peace has always been to help youth and help them develop their perspective, as we believe it is youth who will rebuild our country after this period of instability. We want to promote the reconciliation process with different social and political actors, which is what we were trained to do with UNITAR. We hope to attain the stabilization and reconciliation for Libyan youth. We are at a crossroad in the history of our country and now is the time for things to evolve for the best.*



***"Peace is to harmonize relations amongst each other and to appreciate human diversity "***

*Ansaf Omar Mohammed,  
Trainer, National Caucus of Fazzan*



***"Peace is stability"***

*Abobaker Algomati,  
Trainer, Perpetual Peace Foundation*

*Our organization's work consists of several projects focused on building peace, promote national reconciliation in southern Libya and build local capacities to be experts in handling conflict analysis, dialogue and mediation, with the focus on youth.*

*What drives me to be part of this project, is the idea of integrating youth into the process of social change and in the peace building process through training .*