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CARITAS LIBYA REFUGEES FUND

Caritas Malta, in close cooperation with Caritas France and Caritas Internationalis has initiated a fundraising campaign in aid of the refugees fleeing the Libya crisis.

Recent political events in Libya caused hundreds of migrants to flee the country towards Egypt, Tunisia and to a lesser extent, Niger and Algeria making this one of the largest migration crises faced since the first Gulf War 1990. Caritas plans to offer specific services to vulnerable migrants there: counselling, orientation, and referral in close collaboration with UNHCR, and other bodies providing relief and services.

The Church in Malta appeals for people's generosity to help those refugees. The aim of this fund is to assist around 18,000 direct beneficiaries assisting them with adequate information and counselling.

Donations may be passed on to all Maltese and Gozitan parish priests or sent directly to Caritas by cheque payable to *Caritas Libya Refugees Fund*, at Caritas Malta, 5, Triq I-Iljun, Floriana FRN 1514.

Donations may also be deposited in the following three bank accounts:

APS - 20001040189

Bank of Valletta - 40019821463

HSBC - 023 – 167190 - 050