Terms of Reference
Research on the determinants of detention in Libya

INTRODUCTION

The MMC is a leading source for independent and high-quality data, research, analysis and expertise on mixed migration. The MMC aims to increase understanding of mixed migration, to positively impact global and regional migration policies, to inform evidence-based protection responses for people on the move and to stimulate forward thinking in public and policy debates on mixed migration. The MMC's overarching focus is on human rights and protection for all people on the move. The MMC focuses on 6 core regions, with regional teams in each of these: Eastern Africa & Yemen; North Africa; West Africa; the Middle East, Asia and Europe. Read more about the MMC here: www.mixedmigration.org. The MMC is part of the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), a leading humanitarian organization responding to displacement and mixed migration in 40 countries.

Since 2014, MMC has been implementing the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism initiative (4Mi), a growing network of monitors stationed in key migration hubs in more than 20 countries along 7 major migration routes, who are interviewing refugees and migrants on the move on a continuous basis, providing a solid evidence base on the needs and protection incidents facing people on the move. Read more about 4Mi here: http://www.mixedmigration.org/4mi/.

BACKGROUND

Libya is an important destination and transit point for people on the move. Each year tens of thousands of people arrive to Libya, in the hope of finding a safer or brighter future. An increasing number of reports has focused on documenting the conditions, human rights violations and abuses within Libya's detention centres. These reports describe conditions of massive overcrowding, dire sanitary conditions and inadequate medical care.[1] Furthermore, widespread abuses are documented including torture, beatings, burning with cigarette butts and electric shocks amongst others.[2]

Despite these reports on the situation inside detention centres, little is known about the patterns of arrest and detention of refugees and migrants and which profiles are more vulnerable to being detained in Libya. Both 4Mi and IOM-DTM data show that a majority of detainees in Libya are from Eastern African countries. Amnesty International also reports that Christians in Libya face specific vulnerabilities and are often subjected to abuses and ill-treatment including inside detention centres.[3] However, an analysis of socio-demographic determinants of detention in Libya has yet to be conducted to advance our understanding of the process and dynamics of detention.

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The Mixed Migration Centre in North Africa is seeking a highly qualified consultant to conduct research on the determinants of detention of refugees and migrants in Libya.

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[1] Human Rights Watch, 2019.
[2] Amnesty International, 2017.
[3] Amnesty International, 2015.

Under the direct supervision of the 4Mi Project Manager, the purpose of the consultancy is to produce a research report exploring what makes people on the move more likely to end up in detention in Libya and, in so doing, to advance an analytical framework on the drivers of detention.

The report shall carry out an in-depth examination of the socio-demographic profile of detainees, including their nationality, ethnicity and religion. The report shall explore how we might determine a refugee or migrant's likelihood of being detained in Libya as well as the underlying explanatory mechanisms.

DELIVERABLES

Phase	Description	Days
A: Data Management	The consultant is expected to clean the 4Mi dataset and make it readily available for quantitative analysis (preferably in STATA). This, not exclusively, includes creating dummy variables for all relevant categories and labelling all variables. The raw data will be provided by MMC in .xls format. The deliverables for phase A are: 1. **Cleaned dataset (in .dta or .csv)** 2. **Related .do file (or equivalent if other software is used)** 3. **A log file reporting the changes done, descriptive statistics and a table with labelled variables.** This phase will be considered completed upon approval of all deliverables by the 4Mi Project Manager.	5
B: Literature review and methodology	The consultant is expected to draft a literature review based on available research on detention. MMC will provide an initial list of recommended readings. The review should answer some of the following questions, drawing upon diverse bodies of literature and, if necessary, looking beyond the scope of Libya: - What do we know about detention in Libya? - What are the profiles of refugees and migrants in detention? - What are the risk factors for being detained? - What existing frameworks are available to explain detention? The literature review should formulate clear hypotheses, contributing to advance the conceptual framework, concerning: - What are the expected factors that make migrants and refugees more or less likely to be detained in Libya? A methodology section should also be drafted based on both available 4Mi data and the literature review to test proposed hypotheses. At this stage it is expected that the research report will adopt a sequential mixed-methods design. Hypotheses may first be tested via logit/probit regression and	5

	qualitative data available within the 4Mi dataset shall be used to further corroborate and, to the extent possible, explain the findings. Alternative methods can be suggested.
	
	The deliverables for phase B are:
	
	    1. **Outline of the research report**
	    2. **Introduction and literature review (2,500-3,000 words)**
	    3. **Methodology (1,000 – 1,500 words)**
	
	This phase will be considered completed upon approval of all deliverables by the 4Mi Project Manager and MMC NA Regional Coordinator.	

C: Data analysis and report drafting	Based on formulated hypotheses the consultant will undertake analyses to test them. The main results will be described in the main section of the report. These should be corroborated and explained drawing on both qualitative data in the 4Mi dataset and secondary research. The deliverables for phase C are: 1. **Full draft of the research report (8,000 – 12,000 words).** Tentatively, the outline of the report will include a two-page executive summary, introduction, review of the available literature, a description of the research contribution, the methods and related limitations, main findings and conclusions. The research report should be written in English, using accessible and plain language. In drafting the report, the consultant will adhere to the MMC editorial guidelines. A first draft of the report will be reviewed and edited by the 4Mi Project Manager and MMC NA Regional Coordinator. A second draft will be sent for further review and editing to MMC Geneva. This phase will be considered completed upon approval of both MMC NA and MMC Geneva.	7
TOTAL DAYS		**17**

TIMELINE AND PAYMENT

The duration of the assignment is estimated to be 17 working days, payable as per below schedule:

Deliverable	Date	Payment
Contract signed	17/06/2019	
Phase A	28/06/2019	25%
Phase B	08/07/2019	
Phase C	26/07/2019	75%

This is a home-based consultancy and no travel is foreseen. There are no other entitlements or benefit attached to this contract.

RESEARCHER QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential:
- Advanced degree (Master or PhD) in quantitative research methods, preferably applied to migration studies or social sciences.
- Proven experience in designing and leading research on migration, detention and similar relevant topics.
- Excellent command of quantitative research methods and related software applications (preferably STATA).
- A proven knowledge and understanding (e.g. through prior publications) of mixed migration dynamics in North Africa.
- Familiarity with the Libyan context.
- Excellent analytical and reporting skills.
- Excellent command of spoken and written English

Desirable:
- Previous experience with 4Mi methodology and data
- Previous experience with MMC or DRC
- Knowledge of detention system in Libya

GENERAL

Commitments: DRC has a Humanitarian Accountability Framework, outlining its global accountability commitments. All staff are required to contribute to the achievement of this framework (http://www.drc.dk/HAF.4265.0.html)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates should submit an application including:

- Cover Letter
- CV including references of previous relevant publications (max 4pages)
- Example of written work
- Daily fee (all inclusive; in USD)