



The EU

The EU provided over 2.5 million to the OPCW to assist with the Libya clean-up operations. With the completion of the destruction of Libya's chemical weapons, this project contributed to the overall safety and security of the Northern Africa region.



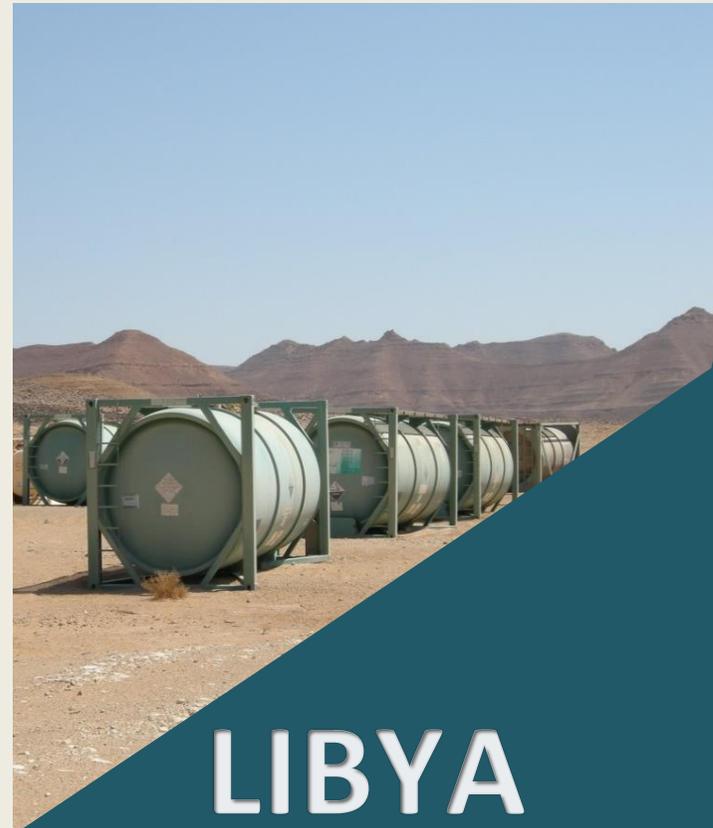
The EU has fully supported the clean up operations in north Africa-Libya and continues to support capacity building which is key to upholding and strengthening international norms in the future.



24 contaminated tanks were treated and the wastewater pumped into an evaporation lagoon.

Further treatment involved 350 metric tons of highly acidic HD effluent from previous destruction operations. The treated material was placed in a separate lagoon for solar evaporation.

Evaporation was completed in late October 2019 and the final sealing of the environmentally compliant remaining material was verified as non hazardous. The lagoons were covered with concrete and soil and all work was completed on 20 November 2019.



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OPCW activities to assist clean-up operations at the former chemical weapons storage site in Libya



Objectives

1. To complete the full clean-up of the former chemical weapons site at Ruwagha in an environmentally compliant manner;
2. To increase the capacity of the Libyan National Authority and those engaged in destruction, decontamination, and disposal of the chemical material in accordance with Article VII (4) of the CWC;
3. To train on collection, recording and transport of soil samples in and around the Ruwagha site including the use of live video feeds.

Twenty-four month project to design and build two evaporation lagoons
Contaminated containers and chemicals treated and placed in two evaporation lagoons
Final results – no hazardous waste remaining



Hazardous Material Training

Training was conducted in Tunis at the National Centre for Civil Protection. A firm specialising in chemical hazardous material worked with the Libyan operators on using personal protective gear, medical response and potential hazards.

Live Video Feeds

Training was conducted in The Hague followed by Libyan operators conducting sampling and analysis operations in Libya with OPCW inspectors in the Hague in real time.

