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New Mobile Laboratory Truck for the People of Sudan from the EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Programme

A mobile laboratory truck was handed over to the authorities in Port Sudan today as part of the European Union-funded EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Programme, supporting countries in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region to strengthen medical surveillance and the healthcare system.

The new mobile laboratory truck worth 167,300 Euros procured and delivered by UNOPS will help medical workers to reach out to the patients in the remote areas where the emergency response is needed, and near cross-borders to the truck drivers, parking areas and areas of mass population movement or displacement. The samples collected in the field will be transported to the nearest labs for testing.

Previously under the programme, Sudan received three ambulances and one field vehicle, 760,882 items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), 25,056 COVID-19 test kits and two PCR machines donated to the hospitals in Gadarief and Kassala to support surveillance and laboratory services in Sudan. This was part of the programme's effort to improve the health response, strengthen the national capacities and support cross-border communities and vulnerable populations especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Programme focuses on critical cross border areas in the region, refugee settlements and aims to enhance IGAD's coordination capacity, increase access to health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, combat gender-based violence, improve community engagement, ensure borders are safe for trade and promote digital health solutions.

Funded by the European Union, the €60 million EU-IGAD COVID-19 Response Project is managed by UNOPS PMU Djibouti and coordinated by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), International Organization for Migration (IOM), TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) and The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) with the aim to provide a comprehensive and coordinated COVID-19



response and its social economic impact on cross border areas and refugees across the IGAD region namely; Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda as well as to strengthen the health care systems in these countries.

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