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The EU Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) was created at the height of the migration crisis of 2015 as an innovative instrument with a high political significance to coordinate the EU response and constructive dialogues with partner countries on migration related topics. It has addressed a wide range of actions along the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus¹, addressing urgent needs and more structural developments ones.

Since 1 January 2022, the EUTF for Africa is not financing any new programmes. The ongoing programmes will continue being implemented up to 31 December 2025. The European Court of Auditors confirmed that the EUTF has developed new approaches for collecting information about the root causes of instability, irregular migration, and displacements, concluding that projects responded to the needs and delivered many of the planned outputs. Some of the projects have been implemented in contexts of extreme fragility and instability, and their sustainability depends on multiple external factors. The Commission will continue analysing issues of sustainability of EUTF actions through ongoing impact evaluations, studies, and a final evaluation.

As per the Constitutive Agreement, the EUTF undergoes an independent external audit every year². An annual report on the activities financed by the EUTF, including the results of controls, on the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control system is also drawn up³. Information on the overall resources and results achieved is annually approved by the Operational Committee and presented to the Board members of the EUTF.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/24010/nexus-st09383en17.pdf>,
<https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5413-2018-INIT/en/pdf>

² Article 11.2 of the Constitutive Agreement,
https://trust-fund-for-africa.europa.eu/document/download/4cb965d7-8ad5-4da9-9f6d-3843f4bf0e82_en?filename=Constitutive%20Agreement%20

³ In accordance with Article 7.2 of the Constitutive Agreement of the EUTF. The reports can be found in the library section of the EUTF website, https://trust-fund-for-africa.europa.eu/library_en