Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of 31 October 2025

Overview

It is estimated that over 467,000 Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023.This includes 67,924 individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to 86,849.

Authorities in Alkufra reported issuing 195,746 health certificates as of July 2025 with approximately 340,000 Sudanese arriving through Alkufra alone. Insecurity at the border in the Triangle area and increased border monitoring by Libyan authorities has led refugees to take longer routes, and arrivals via Chad remain steady at 150 per day.

Due to the irregular nature of entry, the ad hoc data shared by authorities, and the vast remote land border with Chad, Egypt, and Sudan, combined with movements towards cities along the coast, it remains challenging to provide an accurate number of Sudanese refugees.

In 2025, 3,642 people were deporteed since January 2025, And the LNA organized the travel of 2,500 Sudanese to Sudan, while arrivals to Greece and Italy reached 4,849 and 2,790, respectively (as of 30 September).

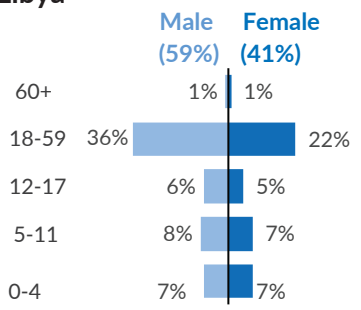
Urgent Needs

Sudanese refugees experiencing challenges to access public health due to a lack of valid documents, financial means to cover fees at the rate of foreigners or lack of hospital capacities. Access to education is significantly exacerbated due to decrees issued by the State of Libya conditioning enrollment on valid residency, for which legal entry to Libya is a prerequisite, and as such is unattainable for the majority of refugees. The approaching winter, and the compounded difficulty to find safe shelter, further aggravates the needs of refugees, especially single women, children, and persons with vulnerabilities.

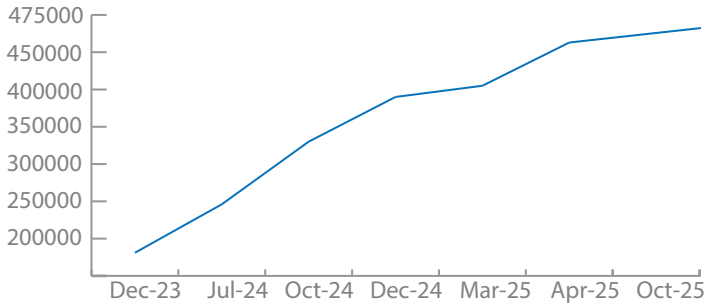
Registered with UNHCR Libya

86,849
Total individuals registered

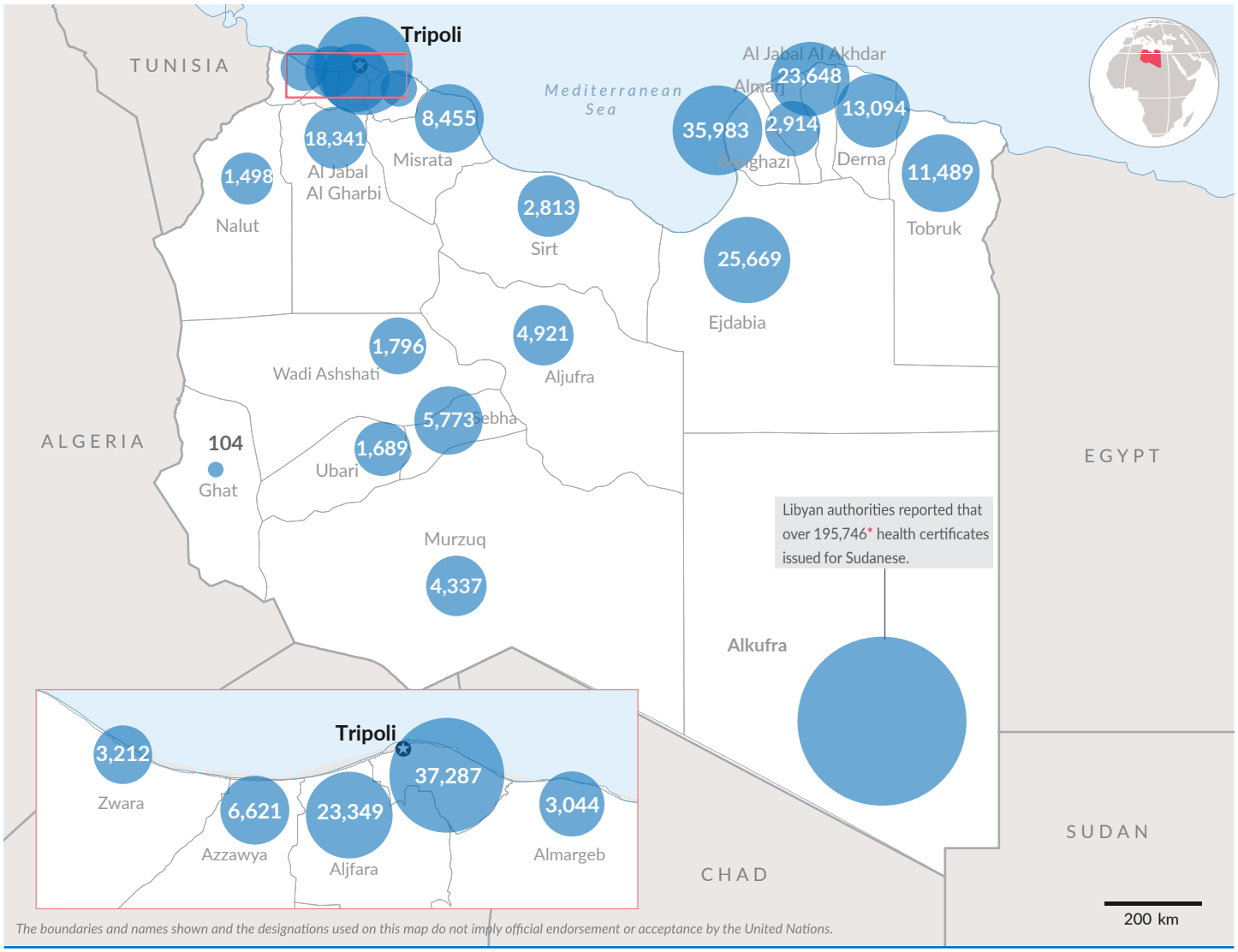
95%
Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points



Estimaed Sudanese Arrivals Trend



Mapping of Sudanese Arrivals



Note: population figures estimated in collaboration with **IOM**

(*) World Health Organization. (2025). WHO Mission Report - Alkufra, 6-11 July 2025.