Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of 30 November 2025

Overview

It is estimated that over 514,000 Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023.This includes 70,151 individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to 88,493

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, 3,918 people were deported since January 2025, the LNA organized the travel of 2,500 Sudanese to Sudan, while arrivals to Greece and Italy reached 5,808 and 3,409, respectively (as of 30 October).

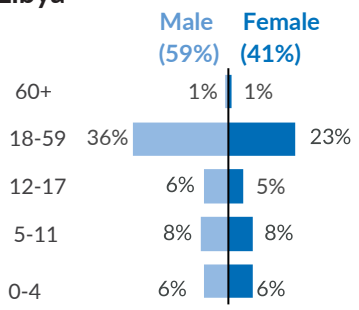
Urgent Needs

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. During November, authorities in the East have waived residency as a prerequisite to school entitlement of Sudanese children, which substantially facilitates access to education. Authorities in the West maintain the residency requirement. 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.

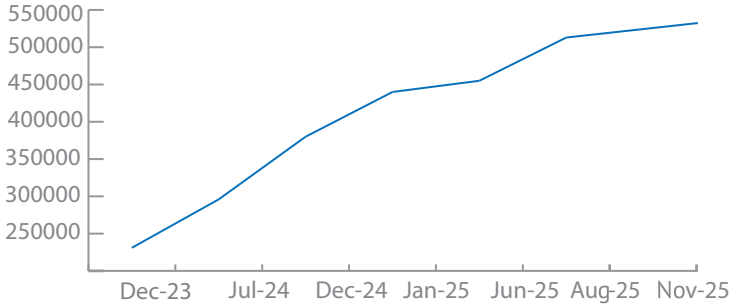
Registered with UNHCR Libya

88,493
Total individuals registered

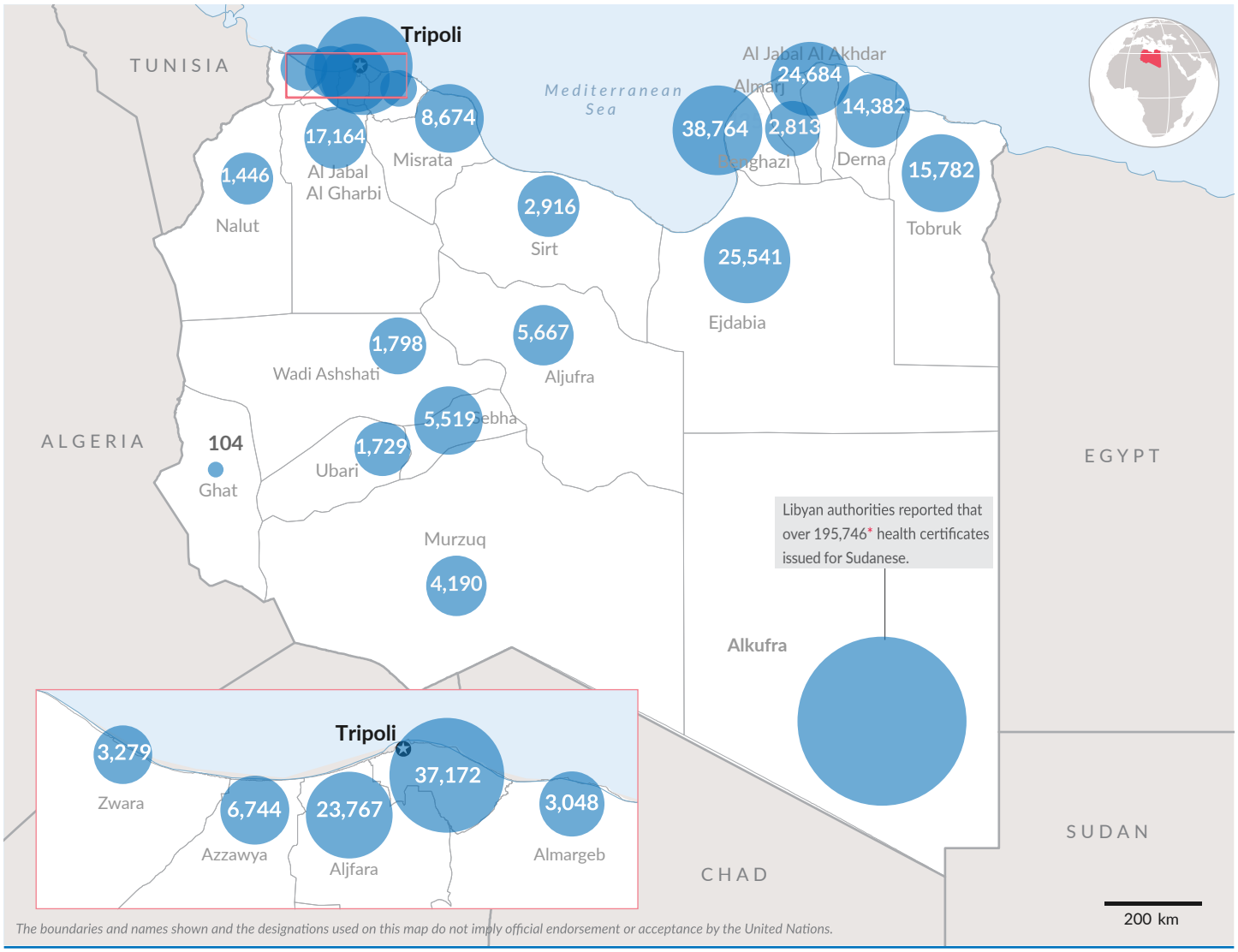
95%
Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points



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.