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SUDAN SITUATION

Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of January 2026

Overview

It is estimated that over **552,170** Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023. This includes **72,511** individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to **89,848**. 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 have decreased to an average of 70 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.

Urgent Needs

Sudanese refugees are experiencing challenges to access public health due to a lack of valid documents, financial means to cover fees at the rate of foreigners, or a lack of hospital capacities. During November, authorities in the East waived residency as a prerequisite to school entitlement of Sudanese children, which substantially facilitates access to education. Even though the authorities in the West have issued similar waivers, access to education remains challenging. Frequent raids exacerbate shelter needs, heightening risks of arbitrary detention and refoulement, further aggravating the needs of vulnerable refugees, including single women, children, and persons with disabilities.

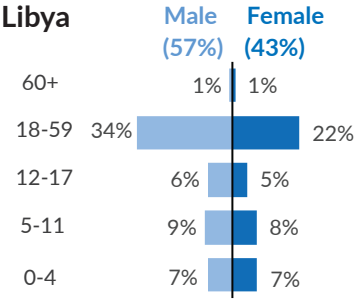
Registered with UNHCR Libya

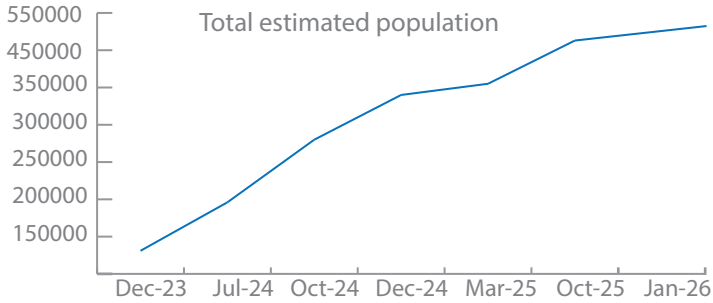
89,848

Total individuals registered

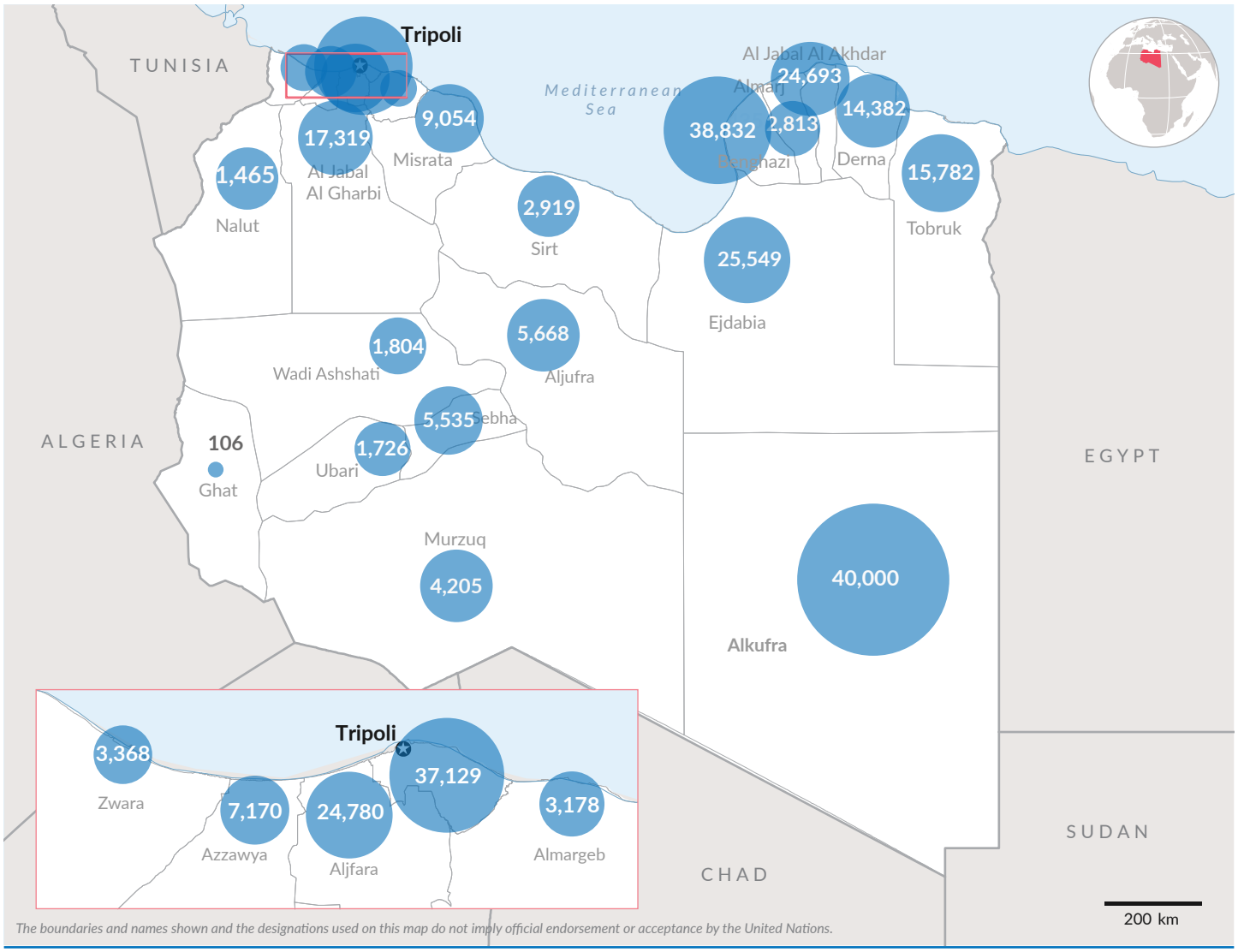
95%

Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points





Mapping of Sudanese Arrivals



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

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