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SUDAN SITUATION

Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of May 2026

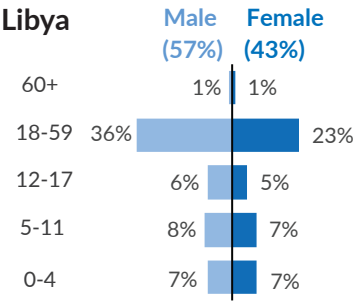
Overview

It is estimated that over **564,358** Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023. This includes **78,067** individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to **93,919**. 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.

Registered with UNHCR Libya

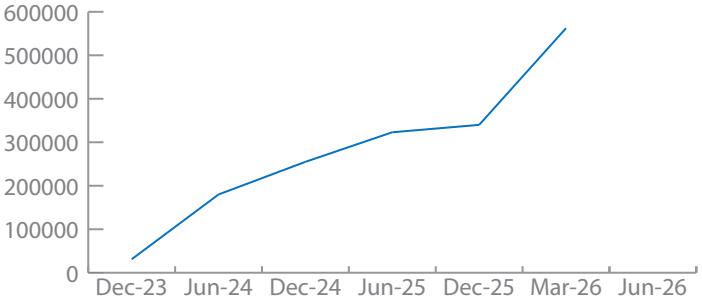
93,919
Total individuals registered

95%
Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points



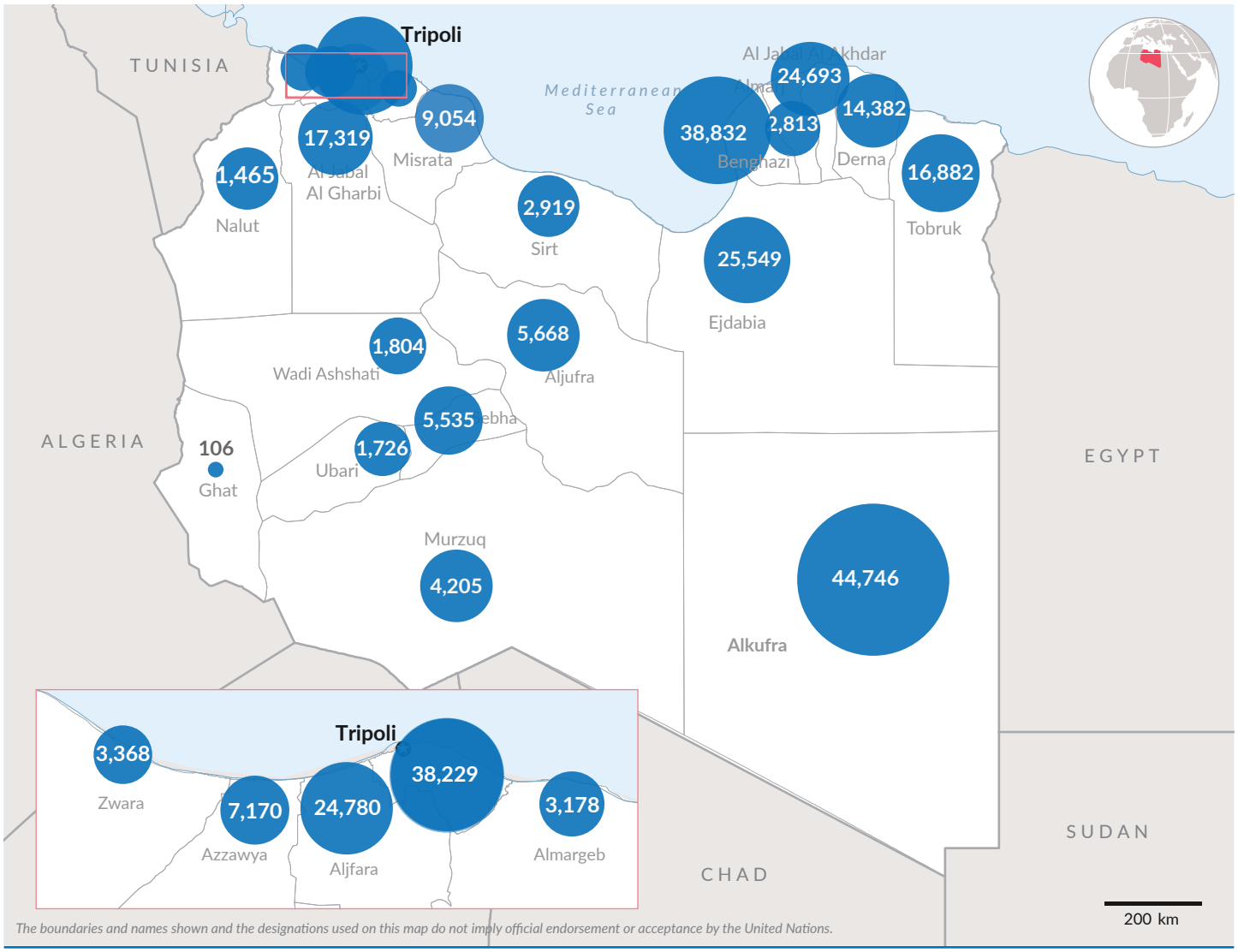
Urgent Needs

Sudanese refugees continue to face significant barriers in accessing public healthcare, due to the lack of valid documentation, limited financial means to cover fees at the rate of foreigners, and constrained hospital capacity. At the same time, instability—combined with the risk of displacement and homelessness—remains a prominent concern, with the majority exhibiting signs of psychological distress. In March, search and rescue operations at sea continued, with 18 operations recorded across Libya, including 10 operations in the East and 8 in the West. This was accompanied by intensified security campaigns in multiple locations in the East. These developments have further exacerbated protection risks, including heightened exposure to arbitrary detention and refoulement, while also risk of GBV and exploitation compounding the vulnerabilities of at-risk groups, notably women, children, and persons with disabilities.



Total estimated population

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.