

Libya continues to be the main transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. UNHCR's interventions at disembarkation points in Libya focus on the provision of life-saving assistance and protection monitoring, to identify persons in need of international protection, as well as vulnerable individuals, such as unaccompanied and separated children, elderly, medical cases, women at risk or victims of trafficking.

As of 31 December 2017, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 15,358 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. 1,157 individuals were rescued/intercepted in December, 1,214 in November and 615 in October. Since 1 January 2017, Libyan local authorities have recovered 433 bodies of people who perished while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe. UNHCR through its partner International Medical Corps provides medical services, rescue kits and rehabilitation of WASH facilities at six disembarkation points, in Azzawya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2016-2017

From January to December 2017, 15,358 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, an increase of 7.2% compared to the same period in 2016.

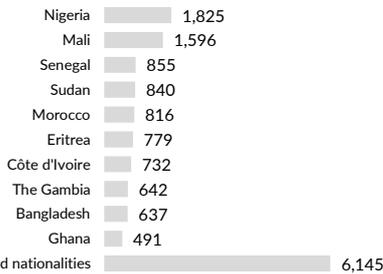


Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2016-2017

From January to December 2017, 433 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 864 over the same period in 2016.

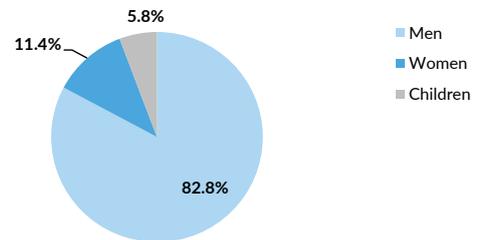


Top 10 nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017



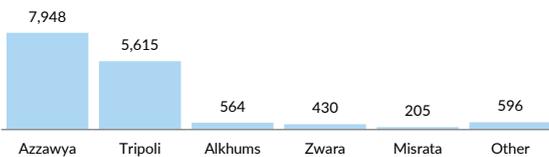
People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017 by group

Of the total of 15,358 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 12,556 were men, 1,735 women and 872 children.



People rescued/intercepted in 2017 by disembarkation point

Nearly 52% of the total number were rescued/intercepted at Azzawya.



UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points

As of 31 December 2017, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 2,956 people and distributed 5,327 hygiene kits at six health posts.

