

LIBYA

2 – 8 March 2018

Key figures:

165,478 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

341,534 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - 2017)¹

48,485 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya²

5,462 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018³

242 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

969 asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

1,334 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018

¹ IOM-DTM Jan.- Feb. 2018.

² Data as of 28 February 2018.

³ www.data2.unhcr as of 7 March 2018.

Highlights

On 5 March, UNHCR called for additional resettlement places to be made available to vulnerable refugees located in Libya and other countries along the Central Mediterranean route. Since November 2017, UNHCR has evacuated more than 1,000 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers to the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Niger. Roberto Mignone, Chief of Mission for the Libya Operation, urged the international community at the fourth meeting of the 'Core Group for Enhanced Resettlement and Complementary Pathways along the Central Mediterranean route' in Paris to step up their resettlement pledges. Resettlement opportunities and safe and regulated pathways of admission to third countries (e.g. family reunification, education and labour opportunities) are urgently needed.

Populations Movements

During this week, 300 refugees and migrants were disembarked along Libyan shores (100 individuals in Zwara, 96 in Tripoli, and 104 in Al Khums). The boats departed from sites near Garabulli (east of Tripoli) and Azzawiya (west of Tripoli). So far in 2018, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) has disembarked 2,856 refugees and migrants in Libya. This represents a significant increase compared to the number of disembarked individuals in the first two months of last year (1,954 persons). UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps assisted individuals with primary healthcare and non-food items both at disembarkation points and detention centres the disembarked were transferred to.

UNHCR Response





On 6 March, UNHCR staff undertook the first mission to the Nafusa Mountains (200 km south-west of Tripoli) since 2012 to assist internally displaced persons (IDP) and returnees. UNHCR teams held meetings with community leaders and returnee families of the Mashashia and Kikla communities, visiting houses, clinics and schools. Access to safe housing, drinking water, health services and to electricity are amongst the most pressing needs.

UNHCR plans to implement new Quick Impact Projects in Benghazi. During the week UNHCR prepared water tanks, solar street lights, waste management items, and medical devices for persons with specific needs. The material will be distributed over the following weeks to support IDPs, returnees and host communities.

For the past month, UNHCR has been supporting Tawerghan IDPs stranded in Qararat al Qataf (east of Bani Walid). In close cooperation with the Protection Sector, UNHCR concluded a rapid protection assessment in Qararat al Qataf, where 300 IDPs remain stranded since 1 February (40 km south of Misrata). Despite security concerns, the IDPs would like to remain until a return to Tawergha is possible. However, due to the remoteness of the location, access to services is a challenge. Distance to medical services is a main concern raised by the communities, who have to travel at least 70 km to access secondary health services. This especially impacts female-headed households with small children, pregnant women and the elderly who experience difficulties in accessing aid and services.

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Key Figures

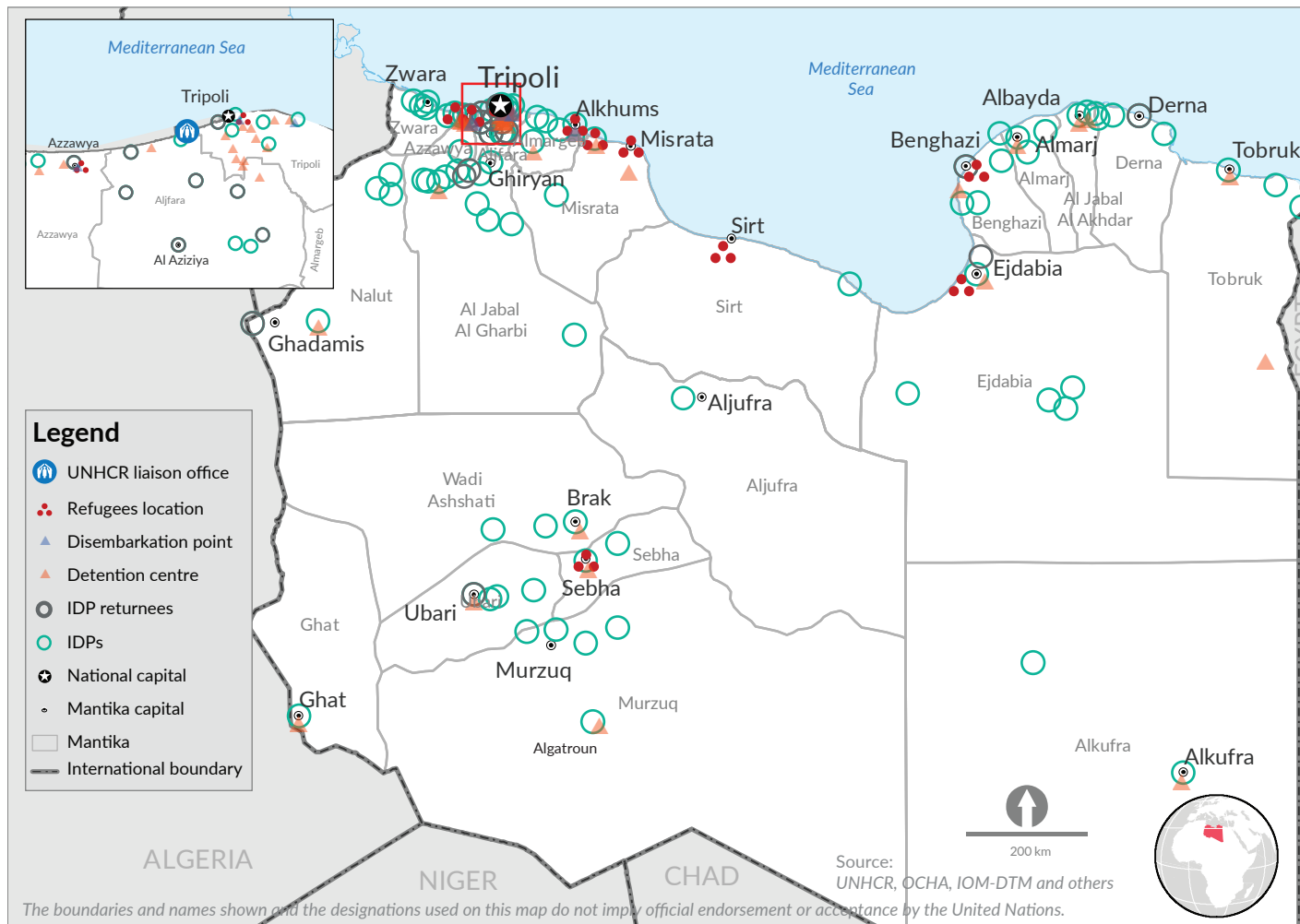
-  **555,497** people of concern
-  **48,485** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **165,478*** internally displaced persons
-  **341,534*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash & Markets Working Group**
-  **Mixed Migration Working Group**
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

Key Achievements in 2018

-  **8,497** medical consultations (**35,091** in 2017)
-  **10,953** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (**113,605** in 2017)
-  **365** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (**3,314** in 2017)
-  **12,288** individuals registered since 2016 (**3,773** in 2018)
-  **1,376** rescue kits and **180** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (**5,327** and **2,956** in 2017)
-  **242** monitoring visits to detention centres (**1,080** in 2017)
-  **969** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (**1,428** in 2017)
-  **1,811** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Oct 2017: **477** resettlement referrals and **1,334** individuals evacuated from Libya (**1,020** to Niger, **312** to Italy and **2** to Romania)



UNHCR Funding Requirements

 **USD 85 million** required in 2018 for Libya emergency response

* IOM-DTM