

LIBYA

24 - 30 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

6,163 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018³

335 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

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

1,342 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 28 March 2018.

Highlights

On 28 March, UNHCR accompanied the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Sigrid Kaag, on her visit to the Tajoura detention centre and the Naval Base in Tripoli. The Naval Base continues to be the largest disembarkation point with 2,783 refugees and migrants disembarked in 2018. UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) have been present at all disembarkations in Tripoli since the beginning of the year providing medical assistance and humanitarian support to disembarked refugees and migrants. So far, in 2018 they have provided individuals with 2,270 sets of non-food items and 277 medical consultations.

UNHCR Response





In coordination with authorities and partners, UNHCR will respond to the humanitarian needs of over 1,500 internally displaced families in Sabha, Ubari, and Murzuq. Over the last few weeks, clashes between armed groups in the southern region have forced hundreds of families to move to safer areas in Sabha (850 families), Ubari (307 families) and Murzuq (413 families). Families have been sheltered in public schools in Sabha, others have been hosted by communities and relatives in Ubari and Murzuq. Last week, UNHCR and its partner LibAid conducted a rapid needs assessment in the region. The most pressing needs are related to shelter and health. In the next days, UNHCR and its partner LibAid are planning a distribution of kitchen sets, sleeping mats, hygiene kits and other non-food items to cover the most immediate material needs of those displaced in the area.

In order to respond to the growing needs of women displaced across Libya, UNHCR and UNFPA, with the support of German funding, are distributing 8,517 hygiene kits in 16 different locations in Tripoli, Misrata, Sabha, Nafusa Mountains, Bani Walid, Janzour, Ubari and Murzaq. This week's distribution of hygiene and sanitary items reached 900 women from Tawergha living in three IDP settlements in and around Tripoli.

UNHCR and its partners, IMC and CESVI, conducted eight focus group discussions with refugees living in urban settings in Tripoli. The sessions were held with women, men, youth, persons with special needs, and elderly. Refugees and asylum-seekers raised needs related to healthcare, education, shelter and security. In addition, ten focus group discussions were conducted with displaced communities living in Tripoli and the Nafusa Mountains. Access to healthcare, medicine, and essential goods and services, including shelter, water and sanitation, are the most pressing needs for IDP and returnee communities.

UNHCR and IMC continue to provide medical and material assistance to refugees and migrants in detention centres. UNHCR continues to identify persons of concern and advocate for their release from detention. UNHCR estimates that over 2,500 refugees and asylum-seekers are currently detained in Libya. So far in 2018, over 980 refugees have been released from detention following UNHCR's advocacy. The large majority of persons released were individuals evacuated to the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Niger and to Italy.









Key Figures

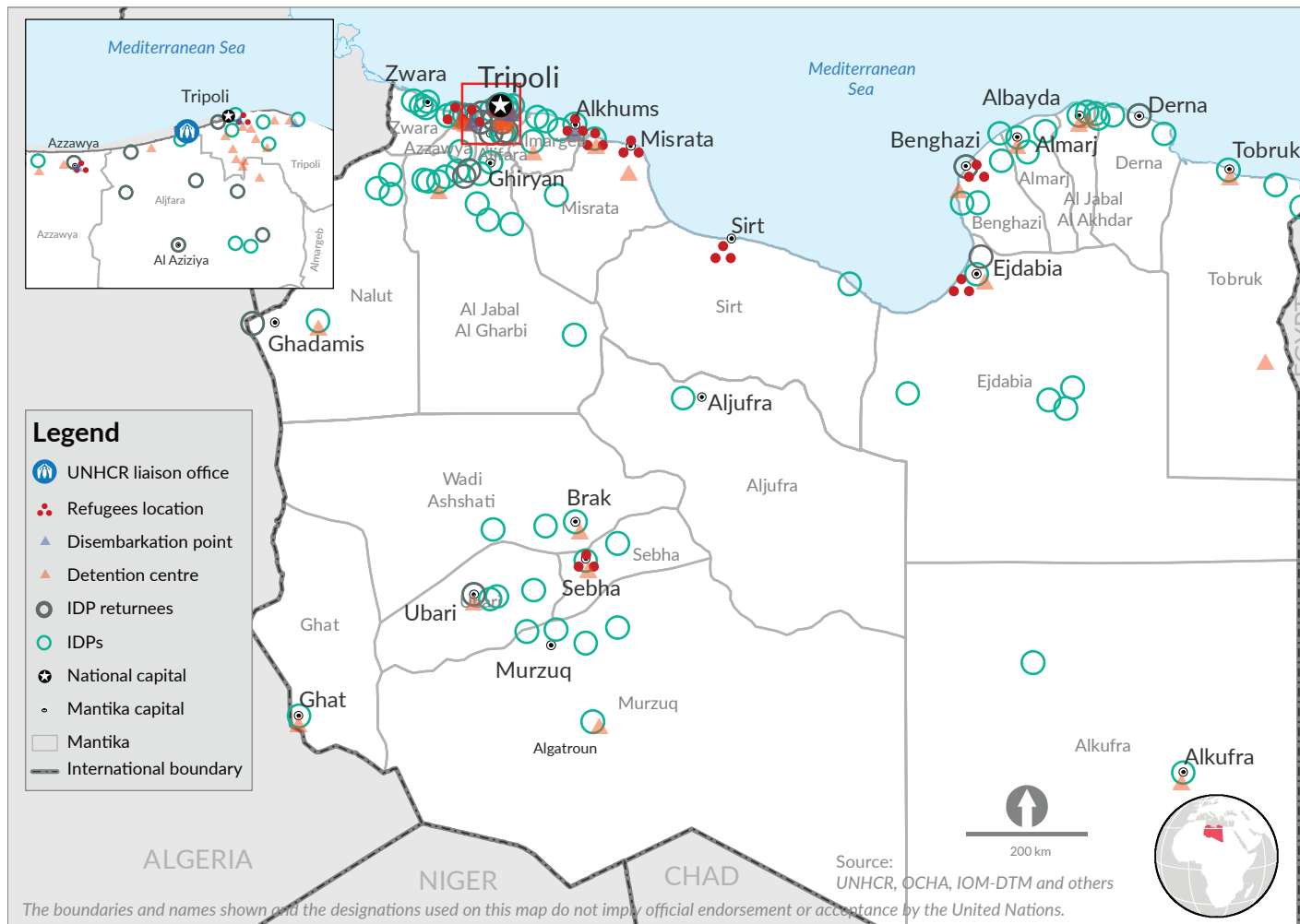
-  **555,497** people of concern
-  **48,485** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **165,478*** internally displaced persons
-  **341,534*** IDP returnees

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

-  **10,888** medical consultations (**35,091** in 2017)
-  **12,015** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (**113,605** in 2017)
-  **2,611** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (**3,314** in 2017)
-  **13,552** individuals registered since 2016 (**3,773** in 2018)
-  **2,270** rescue kits and **277** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (**5,327** and **2,956** in 2017)
-  **335** monitoring visits to detention centres (**1,080** in 2017)
-  **983** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (**1,428** in 2017)
-  **1,745** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Sept 2017: **403** resettlement submissions to third countries and **1,342** individuals evacuated from Libya (**1,020** to Niger, **312** to Italy and **10** to Romania)



UNHCR Funding Requirements

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

* IOM-DTM