

# LIBYA

4 - 11 May 2018

## Key figures:

**184,612** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**368,583** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 -March 2018)<sup>1</sup>

**52,031** registered refugees and asylumseekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

**9,738** persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018<sup>3</sup>

**493** monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

**1,138** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018 (including for evacuations)

**1,474** vulnerable refugees and asylumseekers evacuated since November 2017

## Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



IOM-DTM March 2018.
Data as of 31 March 2018.
www.data2.unhcr as of 10 May 2018

#### Highlights

On 10 May, UNHCR evacuated 132 persons in need of international protection from Libya to UNHCR's Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) in Niger. The group included 73 men, 31 women and 28 children from Eritrea, Somalia and Sudan. This is the first group of refugees airlifted out of Libya since the UNHCR humanitarian evacuation programme was temporarily halted in early March, following concerns that onward departures for resettlement were not keeping up with the pace of arrivals into Niger. UNHCR is grateful to the authorities in Niger and Libya for the resumption of evacuations which will provide protection and durable solutions to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers. Since November 2017, UNHCR has evacuated 1,474 individuals out of Libya (1,152 to Niger, 312 to Italy and 10 to Romania) and submitted 465 cases for resettlement to third countries. These initiatives are part of a range of measures to offer viable alternatives to the dangerous journeys undertaken by refugees and migrants along the Central Mediterranean route.

## **Populations Movements**

As of 9 May, 6,340 refugees and migrants were disembarked in Libya by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). During the reporting period, 1,167 individuals were mainly disembarked at Al Khums Port (168 individuals), Azzawya (96 individuals) and the Tripoli Naval Base (783 individuals). The boats departed from Zwara (100 km west of Tripoli), Garabulli (50 km east of Tripoli) and Azzawya (50 km west of Tripoli). UNHCR and its partners assisted those who disembarked with medical and humanitarian assistance at the ports and in the detention centres where they were then transferred to by the authorities.

## **UNHCR** Response

UNHCR continues to implement quick-impact projects (QIPs) benefiting IDPs, returnees, refugees and host communities. On 2 May, UNHCR installed solar street lights in the Abu Sitta hospital in Tripoli. Due to continuous power cuts in the capital, this quick-impact project will help provide a reliable source of electricity for the hospital. In addition, the solar street lights will help improve the security situation by increasing access to lighting during the night. So far in 2018, UNHCR has directly implemented QIPs in 16 cities and municipalities in Libya with a view to promote peaceful coexistence between the different communities. Locations include Tripoli, Benghazi, Sirte, Azzawya, Sabratha, Ubari and the Nafusa Mountains.

On 6 May, the Assistant Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Raniero Guerra, visited UNHCR's Community Day Centre (CDC) in Tripoli. During the visit, Dr. Guerra was briefed about the services provided for refugees and asylum-seekers, which include medical assistance, psychosocial support, cash assistance and registration. So far in 2018, 3,844 primary health consultations and 554 medical referrals were provided at UNHCR's CDCs.

On 6 and 7 May, UNHCR, UNICEF and IOM conducted a two-day joint workshop on child protection and Best Interest Determination (BID). The workshop discussed protection solutions for unaccompanied and separated children and focused on enhancing referral mechanisms and collaboration between UN agencies.

## UNHCR Libya Response in 2018



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