

# LIBYA

22 March 2019

## Key figures:

**170,490** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**445,845** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - 2018)<sup>1</sup>

**57,285** registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

**336** overall persons arrived in Italy<sup>3</sup>

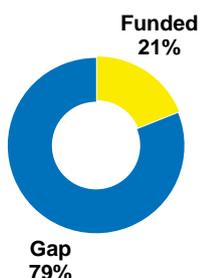
**284** monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2019

**528** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2019

**3,303** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

## Funding

USD **88.1** M required for 2019



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM December 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 19 March 2019.

<sup>3</sup> www.data2.unhcr as of 13 March 2019

## Population movements

**As of 20 March, 855 persons have been rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2019.** During the week, 24 refugees and migrants (17 men and 7 women) were rescued by local fishermen and disembarked in Sabratha (62 west of Tripoli). UNHCR is saddened by reports of a three-month old child perishing at sea during the same incident, while several persons are believed to still be missing. The number of disembarkations in 2019 drastically decreased when compared to data collected during the same period in 2018 (3,622 individuals) and 2017 (3,387 individuals). The majority of those disembarked so far in 2019 are from Sudan, Ivory Coast, Somalia, and Mali.

## UNHCR Response

**UNHCR continues to advocate for access to rights and services for internally displaced persons in Libya.** On 21 March, UNHCR held focus group discussions in Tripoli with displaced persons living in the city. The discussion provided an opportunity to discuss their needs and concerns. In 2018 and 2019, UNHCR distributed core relief items (CRIs) to more than 83,167 IDPs and returnees, and cash to over 1,800 families.

**UNHCR continues to call for an end to detention and the release of persons in need of international protection from Libyan detention centres.** Since December 2018, 750 refugees have been released from detention centres and transferred to the Gathering and Departures Facility (GDF) in Tripoli. The GDF is currently hosting 113 persons. On 17 March, through its partner LibAid, UNHCR distributed over 100 hygiene kits to refugees and asylum-seekers hosted at the GDF. Arabic and English language courses for the eight children in the GDF have commenced, along with child protection activities.

**UNHCR continues to register persons of concern (POCs) in Libyan detention centres, with over 4,200 persons recorded in the last six months.** During the reporting period, UNHCR registered over 60 people in Ain Zara detention centre in Tripoli. As part of its efforts to increase registration in the central region, UNHCR conducted a registration exercise in Souk Al-Khamis detention centre (50 km south of Tripoli) and Al-Kararim detention centre (23 km south of Misrata).

**There are 57,285 persons currently registered with UNHCR in Libya, of whom 12,934 persons were registered in 2018 and 1,978 persons registered in 2019.** The majority of those registered are Syrian (41%), followed by Sudanese (19%) and Eritrean (15%) nationals.

**UNHCR and its partners International Medical Corps, CESVI and the International Rescue Committee continue to assist refugees and asylum-seekers in Tripoli.** At the Community Day Centres, UNHCR and partners support persons in need of international protection with primary healthcare, referrals to medical facilities, psychosocial support, cash-based interventions, and CRIs.

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## Key Figures

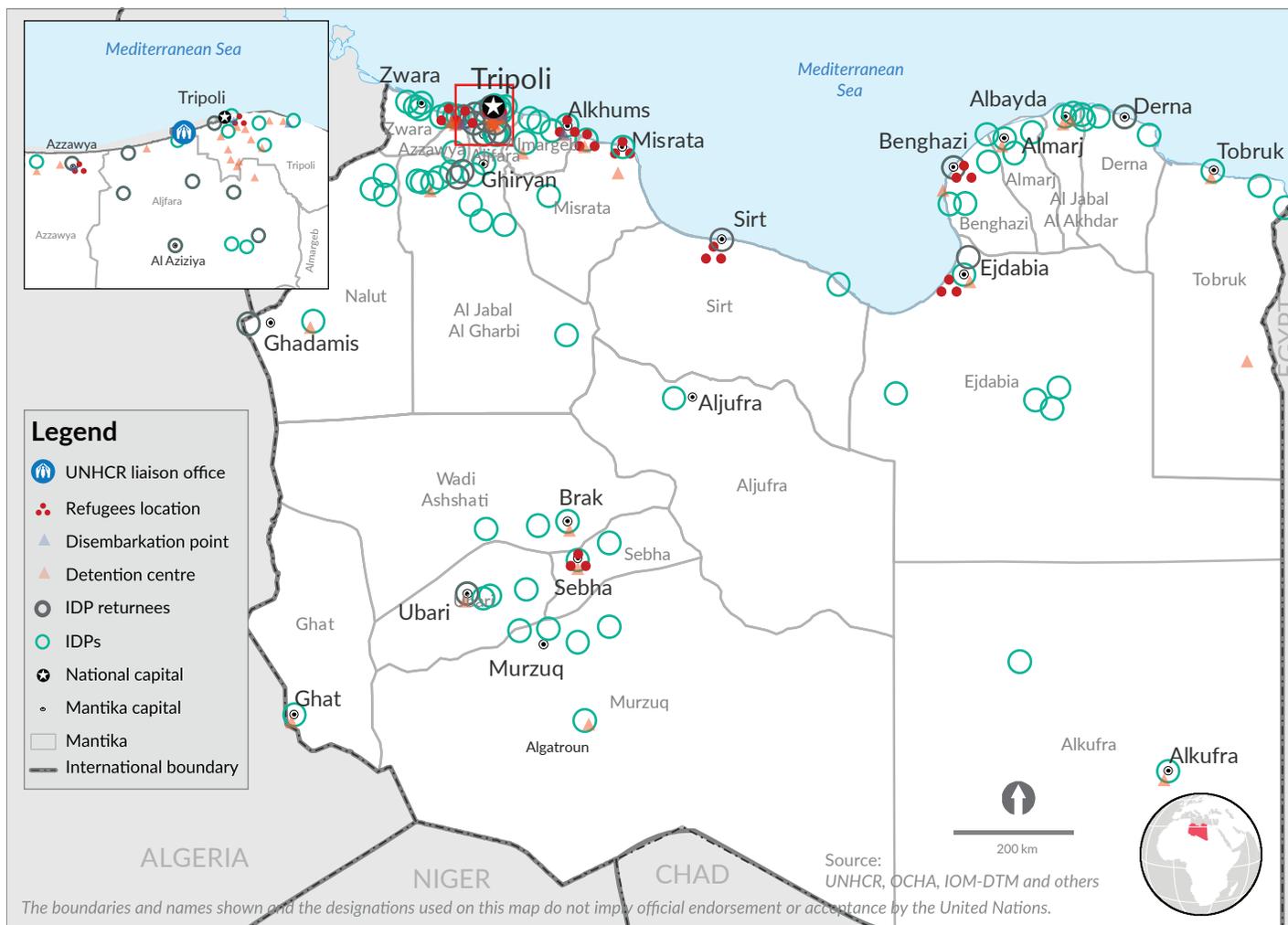
-  **673,620** people of concern
-  **57,285** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **170,490\*** internally displaced persons
-  **445,845\*** IDP returnees

## UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash Working Group**
-  **Refugee and Migrant Platform**  
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

## Key Achievements

-  **5,877** medical consultations (Disembarkation: 22 -Detention: 3,379 -Urban: 2,476)
-  **4,368** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 690 -Refugees: 3,678)
-  **358** individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points
-  **8,350** IDPs and returnees received shelter kits
-  **245** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
- QIP 4** Quick Impact Projects implemented
-  **2,081** individuals registered (**1,438** in detention)
-  **284** monitoring visits to detention centres
-  **528** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released
-  **417** refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility
-  **4,557** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Sept 2017: **1,254** resettlement submissions to third countries and **3,303** individuals evacuated from Libya (**2,619** to Niger, **415** to Italy and **269** to Romania)



## UNHCR Funding Requirements

