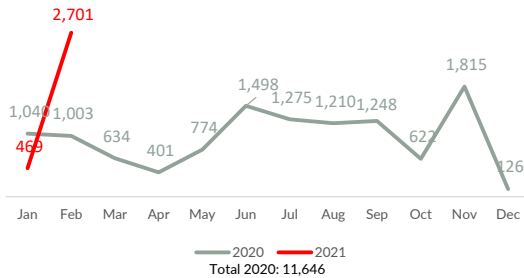


Libya continues to be a transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. UNHCR's interventions at disembarkation points in Libya focus on the provision of life-saving assistance and protection monitoring, to identify persons in need of international protection, as well as vulnerable individuals, such as unaccompanied and separated children, elderly, medical cases, women at risk or victims of trafficking. [UNHCR through its partner International Rescue Committee provides medical services and core relief items.](#)

As of 28 February 2021, the Libyan Coast Guard and General Administration for Coastal Security rescued/intercepted a total of 3,170 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Over the same period last year, they rescued/intercepted a total of 2,043 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2021, Libyan local authorities have reported missing of 85 people while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

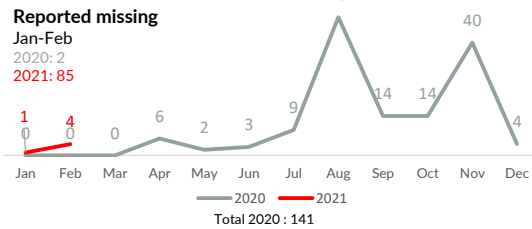
Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2020-2021

In January-February 2021, **3,170 people** were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, an increase of **55.16%** compared to the same period in 2020.

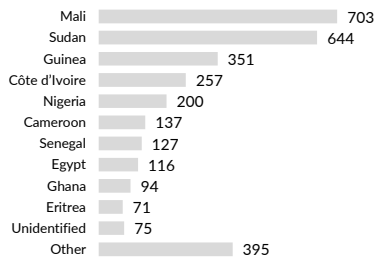


Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2020-2021

In January-February 2021, **5** dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to **0** over the same period in 2020. In addition, **85** people were reported missing, compared to 2 in the same months in 2020.

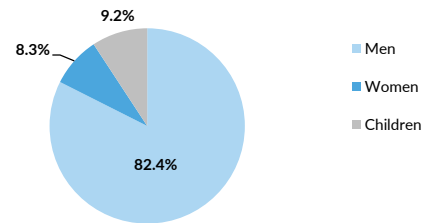


Nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2021

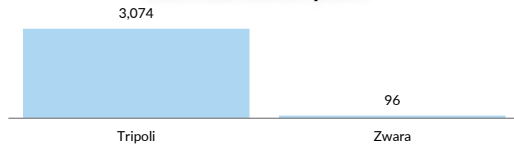


People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2021 by group

Of the total of 3,170 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, **2,613** were men, **264** women, **293** children.



People rescued/intercepted in 2020 by disembarkation point



UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points

As of 28 February 2021, UNHCR, through its partner [International Rescue Committee](#), provided **medical assistance** to **245 people** and distributed **646 hygiene kits** at disembarkation points.

