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LIBYA

19 July 2022

Key Figures:

159,996 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)[1]

680,772 IDP returnees[1]

43,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers[2]

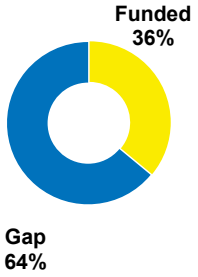
260 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2022

380 refugees and asylum seekers released from detention so far in 2022

665 vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers have departed so far in 2022

Funding

USD **70.0** M required for 2022



[1] *IOM-DTM April 2022.*
[2] *Data as of 1 July 2022.*

Highlights

Resettlement flights are ongoing, helping some of the most vulnerable refugees to leave Libya for safety. On 18 July, 17 refugees were flown out of Libya on a resettlement flight to Europe. Since 2017, a total of 8,526 vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees departed Libya on evacuation and resettlement flights and through complementary pathways.

UNHCR staff assisting the refugees for their departure procedures at the airport. ©UNHCR

UNHCR Libya external relations team produced a video about staff efforts to facilitate the reunification of a mother and son who had been separated during fighting in Sudan 17 years ago. When the son came to Libya and approached UNHCR, the team was able to trace his missing family. The mother and son were emotionally reunited at UNHCR's Serraj Registration Centre. The video, which has aired on UNHCR HQ global social media accounts, shows the family happily living together in Misrata.

Population Movements

So far in 2022, 9,882 asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG), the General Administration of Coastal Security (GACS), the Stabilization Support Apparatus (SSA) and the Libyan Navy over 110 operations. Last week, three rescue/interception operations were carried out by the LCG, two of which disembarked at Azzawya Oil Refinery Port and one at Azzawya-Marsa Delah, with 153 survivors, among whom there were 56 persons of concern (PoCs) to UNHCR. Partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) was present at the disembarkation points and provided medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) to the survivors.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR, with partners, continues to provide help and services to some of the most vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees. Last week, partner IRC distributed hygiene and baby kits to 24 individuals, including six women and six children, at the Community Day Centre (CDC). At Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR identified 14 individuals who managed to escape from trafficking camps. They were all referred for protection interviews to identify their needs and provide the necessary assistance. Eight individuals, including one child, were provided with clothing kits. Last week, 23 best interest assessments (BIAs) and 23 protection needs assessments (PNAs) were conducted with children and adults to identify their protection concerns, assess their needs, and decide on the required follow-up actions. Based on the assessments, individuals were referred to specialized services. Last week, six vulnerable individuals in need of shelter were referred to the community-based care arrangement programme. Five of them were successfully put in a care arrangement, while the other one was successfully integrated into the community via the partners' community mobilizers.

As of 10 July, it is estimated that there are 2,482 persons in detention centres across Libya, of whom 896 are persons of concern to UNHCR. Last week, partner IRC carried out five visits to Triq Al-Matar, Triq Al Sikka, and Ain Zara detention centres (DCs). Eleven medical consultations were provided at Triq Al-Matar DC, 18 medical consultations were provided at Triq Al-Sikka DC, and 31 medical consultations were provided at Ain Zara DC.

Through its partner IRC, UNHCR provides health services at different public primary healthcare centres in Tripoli. IRC provided 179 general health and reproductive consultations, 35 mental health consultations, and referred 31 individuals to public hospitals and private clinics. IRC medical team supported 26 individuals through the 24/7 hotline, 18 of whom were referred for secondary medical assessments.

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