Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of September 2025

Overview

It is estimated that over 412,000 Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023.This includes 66,562 individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to 86,276

Authorities in Alkufra reported issuing 195,746 health certificates as of July 2025 with approximately 340,000 Sudanese arriving through Alkufra alone. Thus, the estimated number of Sudanese increased by 55,000 compared to the August report, and it does not represent new arrivals, which remain steady at 150 per day, through Chad.

Due to the irregular nature of entry, the ad hoc data shared by authorities, and the vast remote land border with Chad, Egypt, and Sudan, combined with movements towards cities along the coast, it remains challenging to provide an accurate number of Sudanese refugees. In 2025, 3,642 people were deported since January 2025, And the LNA organized the travel of 2,500 Sudanese to Sudan, while arrivals to Greece and Italy reached 3,657 and 1,339, respectively.

Urgent Needs in the East

Needs are increasing due to continuous Sudanese arrivals, specifically in health, WASH, cash, food and shelter. Refugees show concerning health conditions, requiring immediate assistance, including food support. WASH infrastructure is overstretched risking the spread of disease. Immediate support for increased access to water and strengthening public health system, sanitation and hygiene. Local authorities provide significant assistance, including access to emergency and primary health care and education enrollment. However, support to local communities is needed throughout the country, as Sudanese refugees are moving towards coastal cities. Specifically tailored protection assistance to female-headed households is required to ensure no-one is left behind.

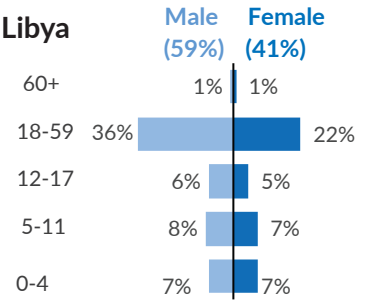
Registered with UNHCR Libya

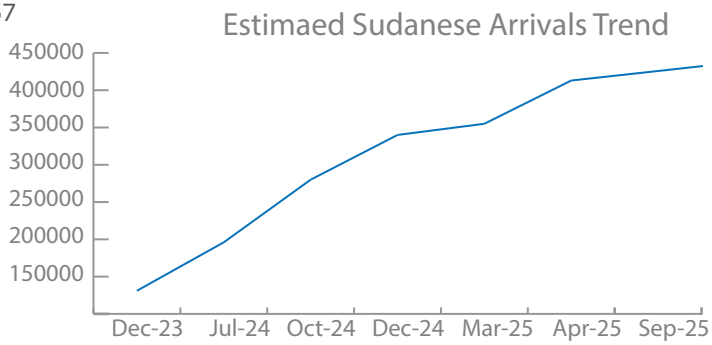
86,276

Total individuals registered

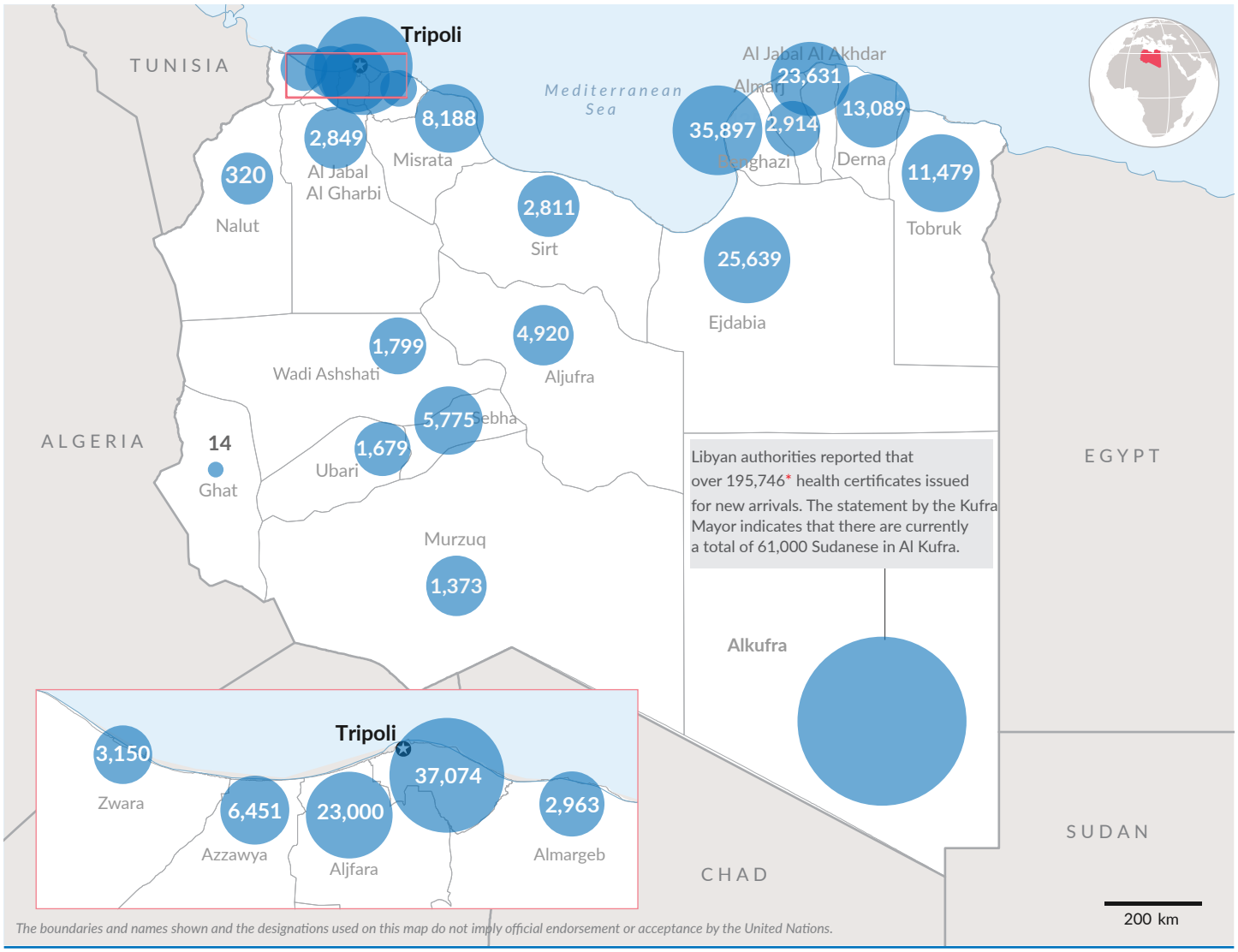
95%

Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points





Mapping of Sudanese Arrivals



Note: population figures estimated in collaboration with **IOM**

(*) World Health Organization. (2025). WHO Mission Report - Alkufra, 6-11 July 2025.