



LIBYA OPERATION

UNHCR UPDATE

16-22 June 2017

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

On 20 June, UNHCR Libya organized a joint briefing with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to mark World Refugee Day in Tunis. The high-level briefing was attended by the Libya RC/HC and DSRSG, partner INGOs and embassies to Libya including Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, USA and the United Kingdom. Twenty participants signed the #WithRefugees Petition and the event closed with an Iftar meal, in the spirit of the holy month of Ramadan.

The Libyan Government of National Accord (GNA) ratified the Misrata-Tawergha Agreement on 20 June. The agreement allows for the return of the displaced residents of the city of Tawergha, 38 km from Misrata. Over 40,000 residents of Tawergha were displaced as a result of fighting during the 2011 Libyan uprising. The UN Libya country team lauds this achievement and encourages Libyan authorities to secure the prompt, dignified, safe and unconditional return of Tawerghans to their homes.

RESPONSE UPDATE

On 22 June, UNHCR and LIBAID completed the distribution of shelter kits and non-food items to IDPs in Bani Walid, 175 km south of Tripoli. Approximately 1,500 individuals were targeted and the distribution was done with the support of the Bani Walid Local Council, which later expressed their appreciation to UNHCR.

UNHCR and the International Medical Corps (IMC) provided medical consultations to 89 individuals among 797 refugees and migrants, including 18 children and 101 women that were rescued at sea and disembarked at Azzawiya on 16 June. The individuals included mainly Gambians, Malians, Senegalese, Nigerians, Ghanians, Sudanese and Pakistanis. They were mostly in good shape, with only minor injuries. The group was transferred to Al Nasr Detention Centre (DC), where 45 Sudanese were referred to UNHCR by IMC. During the reporting period, 19 bodies were recovered after incidents at sea.

UNHCR and IMC continued protection monitoring in detention centers (DCs) in Tripoli, undertaking 15 visits to six DCs, including Karareem, Al Khoms, Tariq al Sikka, Surman, Al Nasr and Zliten. UNHCR and IMC provided medical assistance, NFIs and protection referrals to 415 individuals. UNHCR provides emergency food through a local catering company in Tariq al Sikka and Abu Salim DCs. A Syrian family of five that recently arrived in Tripoli was released by authorities at Mitiga Airport and referred to UNHCR Community Development Centre (CDC) for registration and emergency cash assistance. So far in 2017, 332 individuals have been released from detention following UNHCR advocacy with authorities.

The Cash & Markets Working Group (CMWG) convened a Markets Learning workshop on 14 June in Tunis. The objective was to increase the general knowledge on Libyan markets among members of the CMWG and introduce the Joint Market Assessment being conducted from June to August 2017 in the East, West and South of Libya for key food and non-food commodities.

UNHCR, Cooperazione e Sviluppo Onlus (CESVI) and IMC provided medical assistance and cash grants to 648 refugees and asylum seekers in the CDCs in Tripoli. The refugees and asylum seekers are from Syria, Sudan, Palestine, Ethiopia, Iraq and Somalia.

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

The initial findings of the May 2017 UN Strategic Assessment Mission (SAM) to Libya recommended a light footprint model for the UN's presence in Libya. Furthermore, the SAM recommended that the ramping-up of UN presence should unfold in a phased and rotational basis; security conditions permitting. UNHCR is still awaiting approval for the extension of its activities to the South of Libya.

KEY FIGURES

240,188 Libyans currently internally displaced persons (IDPs)¹

249,298 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)¹

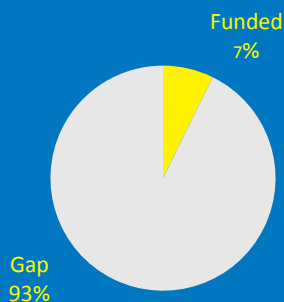
41,319 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya

71,010 persons arriving in Italy by sea so far in 2017²

1,718 sea rescue/hygiene kits distributed so far in 2017

FUNDING





USD 75.5 million required for IDPs and refugees in Libya in 2017



¹ OIM-DTM as of 22/06/2017

² data2.unhcr.org as of 22/06/2017

Key Figures

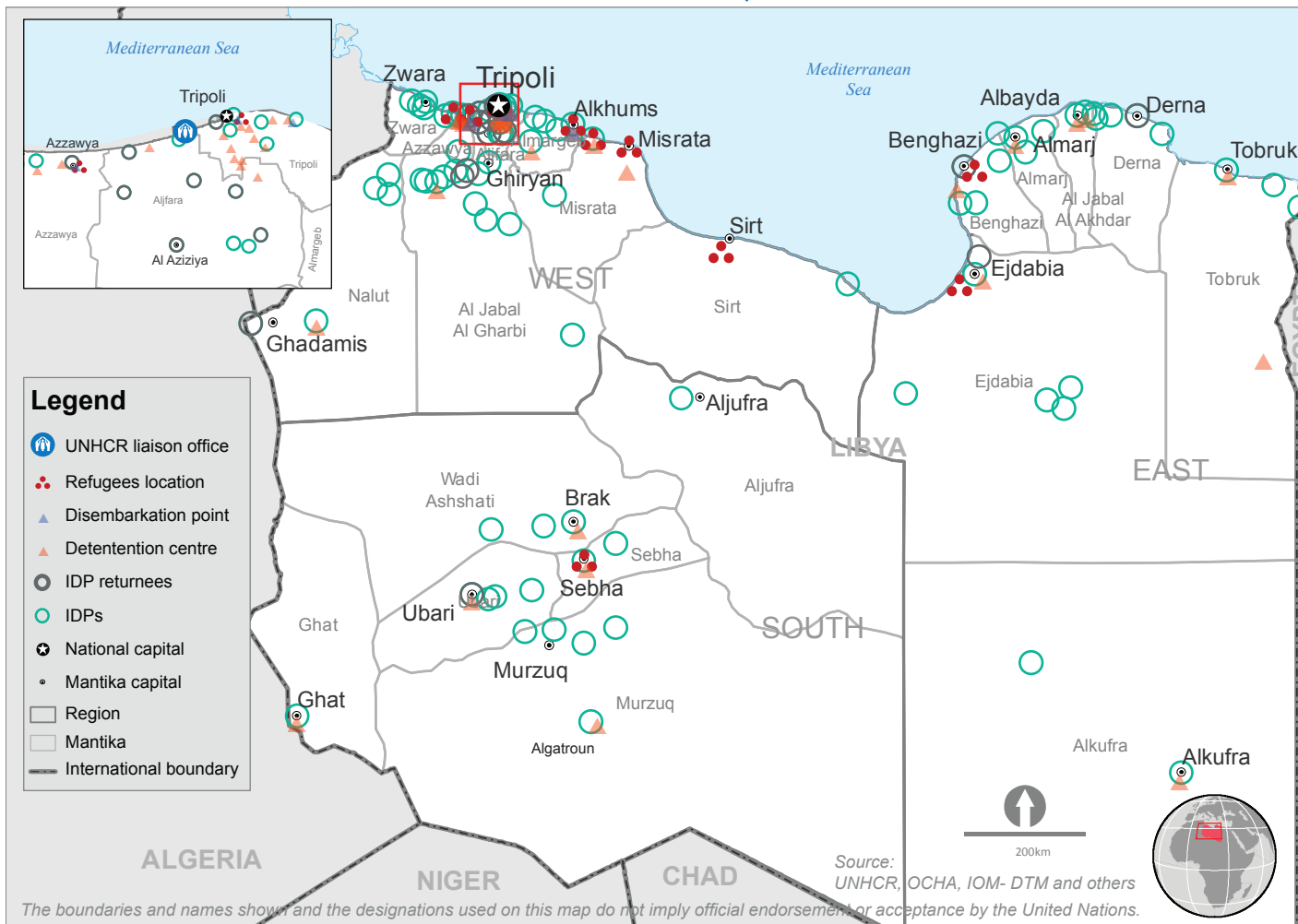
-  **530,805** people of concern
-  **41,319** registered refugees & asylum seekers
-  **240,188*** internally displaced persons
-  **249,298*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash & Markets Working Group**
-  **Mixed Migration Working Group**
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

Key Achievements in 2017

-  **17,194** medical consultations
-  **6,183** individuals received core relief items
-  **2,772** individuals registered
-  **1,718** rescue kits and **1,574** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **513** monitoring visits to detention centres
-  **332** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
-  **452** households received cash assistance
-  **4** capacity building events for stakeholders

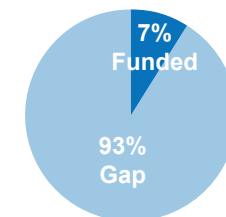


UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 75.5 million

required in 2017 for Libya emergency response



* IOM-DTM