

Libya: Rescue at Sea, monthly update

UNHCR Libya

Libya continues to be the main departure and transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. As of 31 May 2017, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 6,243 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Since 1 January 2017, Libyan local authorities have recovered 331 bodies of people who drowned while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe. UNHCR through its partner International Medical Corps is present in six health posts at disembarkation points, at Azzwaya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums, where it provides medical and hygiene assistance.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2016-2017

May 2017

From January to May 2017, 6,243 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, a decrease of 15% compared to the same period in 2016.



Top 10 nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017

Morocco	426	
Bangladesh	419	
Nigeria	360	
Mali	318	
Senegal	303	
Côte d'Ivoire	281	
The Gambia	280	
Sudan	226	
Guinea Conakry	133	
/ Other nationalities		

People rescued/intercepted in 2017 by disembarkation point

Nearly 60% of the total number were rescued/intercepted at Azzawya.



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Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2016-2017

From January to April 2017, 331 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 368 over the same period in 2016.



People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017 by group

Of the total of 6,243 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 5,667 were men, 500 women and 76 children.



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UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points

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As of 31 May 2017, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 1,319 people and distributed 1,385 hygiene kits at six health posts.



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