

# LIBYA

29 Dec. – 5 Jan. 2018

## Highlights

### Key figures

**192,762** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**316,971** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)<sup>1</sup>

**45,129** registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

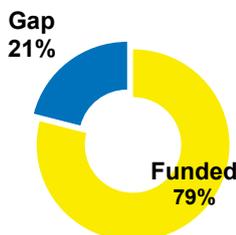
**119,247** persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2017<sup>3</sup>

**1,080** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2017

**1,424** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention in 2017

### Funding

USD **77.2** M requested in 2017



**The distribution of winter assistance has started.** Over 21,400 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees in central and southern Libya were reached so far with in-kind assistance (core relief items including specific winter items such as clothing) by UNHCR and its partner LibAid. Many IDPs and returnees in Sabha, Gawalish, Awal, Yefren, Ubari, Murzuq, Brak Shatee, Zintan, Bani Waleed, and Al Jufra are living in temporary shelters or schools where access to basic services and protection from the cold weather are very limited. UNHCR's winter package includes blankets, mattresses, solar lamps, scarfs, jackets, hats, kitchen sets, hygiene kits and heaters. Last week, winterization support was also provided through CESVI in Sidi Assayeh, a Tawerghan IDP settlement in Tripoli.

## UNHCR Response

**UNHCR's resettlement and humanitarian evacuation programmes continue to support vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya.** As of 5 January 2018, UNHCR processed 710 refugees and asylum seekers for solutions in third countries. A total of 389 individuals were evacuated from the State of Libya (162 to Italy and 227 to the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Niger) in coordination with Libyan authorities. The next humanitarian evacuation to the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Niger is planned for 11 January. In addition, 321 vulnerable refugees were submitted for resettlement to third countries.

**In 2017, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted at sea a total of 15,358 refugees and migrants, an increase of 7.1% when compared to the whole of the year 2016** (14,332 individuals). The majority of individuals were disembarked in Azzawya (7,948 individuals), followed by the Tripoli Marine Club (2,897 individuals). In 2017, a total of 119,247 individuals reached Italy by sea, a 35% decrease compared to 181,436 sea arrivals in 2016. The vast majority continue to depart from the State of Libya.

**In 2017, UNHCR registered 6,614 refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya, bringing the total number of individuals registered with UNHCR to 45,129.** This represents almost a 300% increase when compared to the number of refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2016 (1,850 individuals). In December alone, UNHCR registered 813 refugees and asylum-seekers from Eritrea (38%), Sudan (30%), Somalia (12%), Ethiopia (8%), Syria (4%), Yemen (3%), in addition to other nationalities. Men represent 42% of the total registered population, while women and children account for 28% and 30% respectively. Overall, Syrian nationals remain the largest registered caseload for UNHCR (49% - 22,155 individuals), followed by Palestinians (15% - 6,976 individuals) and Eritreans (11% - 5,146 individuals).

**UNHCR's quick-impact projects continue to benefit IDPs, returnees and host communities.** On 4 January 2018, UNHCR and its partner ACTED delivered benches and garbage bins to the Scout Park located in the Sidi Hussein area in Benghazi. This park provides a green recreational space in areas that have been severely impacted by the conflict, such as Sook Al Hoot and Assabri. It is used by children friendly associations such as the Organization of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM November 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 31 December 2017.

<sup>3</sup> www.data2.unhcr as of 31

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## Key Figures

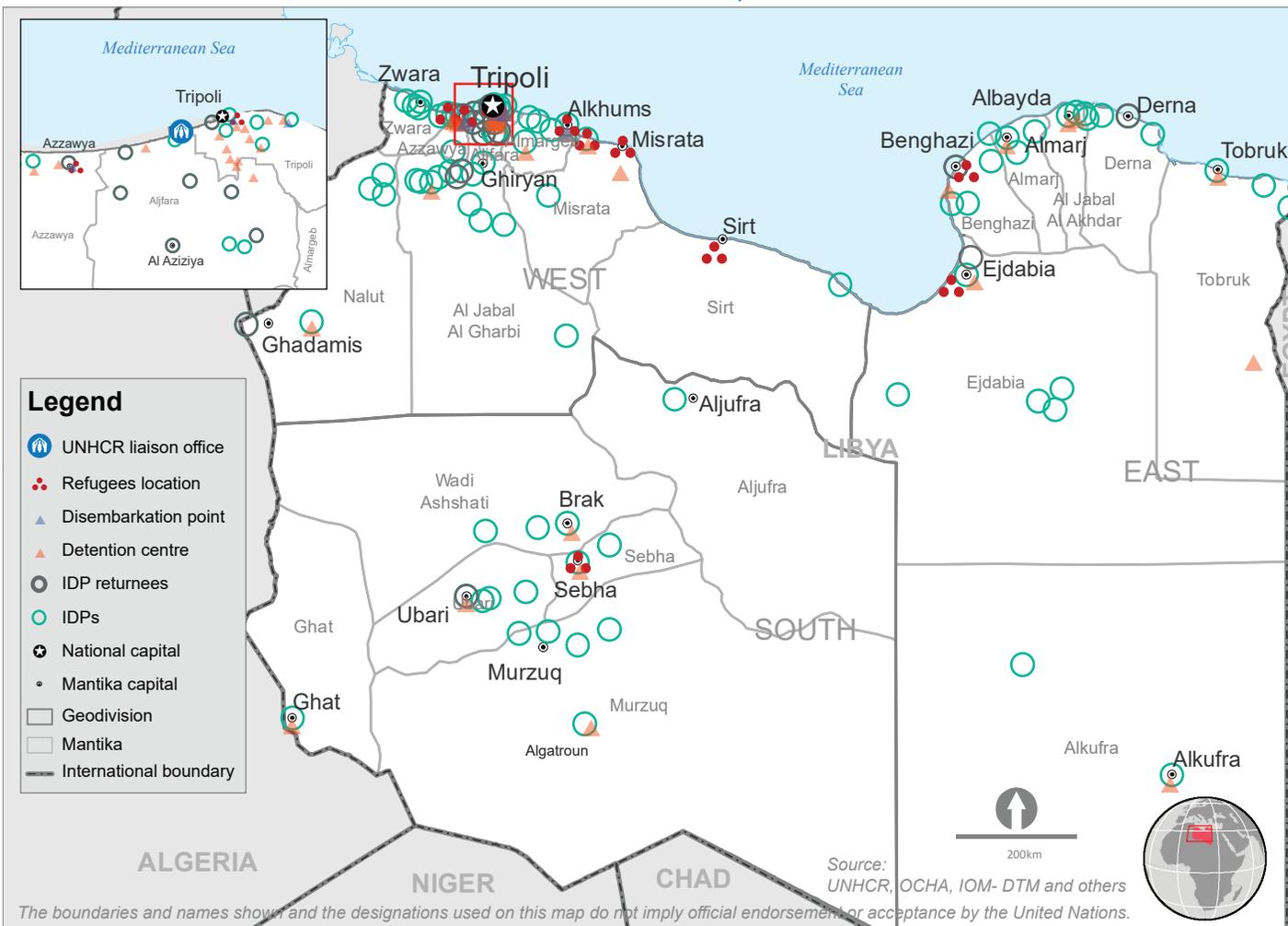
-  **554,862** people of concern
-  **45,129** registered refugees & asylum seekers
-  **192,762\*** internally displaced persons
-  **316,971\*** IDP returnees

## UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

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

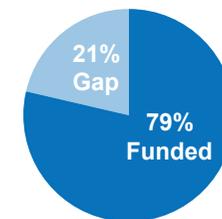
## Key Achievements in 2017

-  **35,091** medical consultations
-  **113,318** IDPs and refugees received core relief items
-  **2,656** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
-  **6,614** individuals registered
-  **5,327** rescue kits and **2,956** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **1,080** monitoring visits to **35** detention centres
-  **1,424** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
-  **710** refugees and asylum seekers reached with solutions: **321** resettlement submissions and **389** individuals evacuated from Libya (**162** to Italy and **227** to Niger)



## UNHCR Funding Requirements

 **USD 77.2 million**  
required in 2017 for Libya  
emergency response



\* IOM-DTM