

LIBYA

28 April - 4 May 2018

Key figures:

184,612 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

368,583 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 -March 2018)¹

52,031 registered refugees and asylumseekers in the State of Libya²

9,408 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018³

486 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

1,006 asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018 (including for evacuations)

1,342 vulnerable refugees and asylumseekers evacuated since November 2017

Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



¹ IOM-DTM March 2018. ² Data as of 30 April 2018.

³ www.data2.unhcr as of <mark>4</mark> May 2018

Highlights

On 30 April, UNHCR, in coordination with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), airlifted 88 vulnerable refugees from Zwara detention centre (115 km west of Tripoli) to Tripoli. As part of the Mixed Migration Working Group, UNHCR continues to respond to the urgent needs of 800 refugees and migrants held in the detention facility. The refugees and migrants, detained in extreme conditions for weeks, are mostly from Cameroon, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia and Sudan. They are in urgent need of psychosocial support and suffering from lack of water, ventilation and food. UNHCR and partners, International Medical Corps (IMC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and MSF, provided medical assistance, anti-scabies treatment and distributed non-food items.

On 29 March, UNHCR, UNICEF and IOM established a first Best Interest Determination (BID) Panel in Tripoli, Inter-agency collaboration for the protection of children is key to ensure that children in need of international protection are identified and referred to UNHCR for protection activities and the identification of durable solutions.

Population Movements

As of 30 April, more than 1,300 persons of concern to UNHCR were disembarked in Libya in 2018. So far this year, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted 5,109 refugees and migrants in Libya. This represents an increase of 45.5% when compared to the same period last year (3,509 individuals). A total of 3,347 rescue kits and 461 medical consultations were provided by UNHCR and IMC to those arriving at disembarkation points. This week alone, over 210 refugees and migrants (165 men, 39 women and nine children) were disembarked at the Al Khums Port (94 individuals) and the Tripoli Naval Base (119 individuals). UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) provided humanitarian and medical assistance at disembarkation points.

As of 30 April, UNHCR has registered 52,031 refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya. Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR has registered 7,430 individuals. Syrian nationals comprise the largest nationality, followed by Sudanese and Palestinian nationals.

UNHCR Response

On 26 April, UNHCR visited returnees living in Al-Gwalish (135 km west of Tripoli), in the Nafusa Mountains. The UNHCR Chief of Mission, Roberto Mignone, met with local authorities and returnee communities to identify their most pressing needs, which include limited access to medical facilities, adequate shelter and drinking water. To provide effective responses, UNHCR will implement quick-impact projects to benefit the local community and families who have recently returned to the area.

Some 5,700 individuals are detained in official detention centres, out of which 2,637 are persons of concern to UNHCR. At the detention centres, UNHCR and its partners provide medical assistance, and advocate for release from detention, enhanced access to screening, identification and registration, as well as for measures preventing risks of sexual and gender-based violence. The basic assistance UNHCR provides in detention facilities aims at alleviating the suffering of detainees through an improvement of detention conditions. So far in 2018, UNHCR conducted 486 visits to official detention centres throughout Libya. In addition, over 1,006 refugees and asylum-seekers have been released from detention following UNHCR's intervention in 2018.

UNHCR and its partners IMC and CESVI continue to register, provide primary health care, psychological support and cash assistance to refugees and asylumseekers at its Community Day Centres in Tripoli. So far in 2018, 3,746 medical consultations and 533 medical referrals were provided to persons of concern.

UNHCR Libya Response in 2018

