

# LIBYA

29 Aug. - 7 Sept. 2018 F

#### Highlights

### Key figures:

**192,513** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**372,741** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 -April 2018)<sup>1</sup>

**55,088** registered refugees and asylumseekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

**20,129** persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018<sup>3</sup>

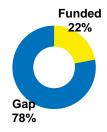
**892** monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

**1,527** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

**1,858** vulnerable refugees and asylumseekers evacuated since November 2017

#### Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM June 2018 <sup>2</sup> Data as of 29 August 2018 <sup>3</sup> www.data2.unhcr as of 29 August 2018 Following the ceasefire brokered by the United Nations, UNHCR resumed its activities in detention centres, including counselling, delivery of core-relief items and registration. During the week, UNHCR visited Zintan, AI Saba and Janzhour detention centres. On Sunday 2 September, UNHCR coordinated with the Libyan Ministry of Interior and the World Food Programme the delivery of food for one week to the Triq AI Matar and Qaser Ben Ghasheer detention centres where 2,450 refugees and migrants were being detained. The distribution of further assistance to Abu Salim detention centre, where 450 people are being held, had to be called off because of worsening clashes in the area. UNHCR is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with the Libyan Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration and UN Agencies, and advocating for all refugees and migrants to be released and relocated to safer locations.

On 7 September, UNHCR opened its office in Sarraj to provide water, food, core-relief items, registration and psychosocial support to refugees and asylum-seekers living in the urban community. Among them, Sudanese, Somali and Eritrean nationals. The same services will be offered on 8 September. UNHCR's Community Day Centres will re-open on Sunday 9 September, following a period of closure due to recent clashes in Tripoli.

#### **Population Movements**

As of 6 September, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted 13,493 refugees and migrants (9,227 men, 2,071 women and 1,338 children) at sea during 99 operations. Since the beginning of the year, 99 bodies were recovered in Libyan waters while 608 lives were lost at sea. During the reporting period, a total of 308 refugees and migrants disembarked in Al Khums (120 east of Tripoli) and Azzawya (45 km west of Tripoli). One of the disembarkations was planned to take place in Tripoli Naval Base, however due to the security situation, the LCG redirected the vessel to Al-Khums port. The groups that disembarked included 207 men, 54 women and 46 children. Two bodies were also recovered during the rescue/interception operation. UNHCR's partner, International Medical Corps was present during the disembarkation and provided core-relief items and vital medical assistance both at the disembarkation point and in Al Khums detention centre to which individuals were transferred by the authorities.

#### **UNHCR** Response

In coordination with UN Agencies, its partner LibAid and the Libyan authorities, UNHCR provided humanitarian relief for internally displaced families in Tripoli who fled their homes as a result of the fighting. UNHCR's local partner, LibAid provided urgent humanitarian assistance to displaced families who sought temporary shelter in three schools (Al-Hadi Arafah, Shuhada Bader and Al-Inetaq) located in safer areas in Tripoli. LibAid also assisted families trapped in contested areas including Khalit Al Furjan, Hay-Zuhour and Fatima Al-Zahra areas. More than 340 individuals (140 families) received core-relief items including diapers, sleeping mats, blankets, sanitary kits, potable water, food, medical beds (for individuals who were injured during the clashes) and wheel chairs for persons with disabilities. UNHCR continues to closely monitor the situation and respond to the needs of displaced Libyan families.

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