LIBYA
12 February 2021

Key figures:
- 316,415 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹
- 567,802 returned IDPs¹
- 43,870 registered refugees and asylum-seekers²
- 11 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021
- 121 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2021
- 6,256 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (70 individuals departed in 2021)

Funding
USD 93.0 M required for 2021

Gap 74% Funded 26%

Population movement
As of 10 February, 1,930 refugees and migrants have been registered in 2021 as rescued/intercepted at sea and subsequently disembarked in Libya. Since the start of February, there has been a sharp increase in the number of disembarkations, with more than 1,400 individuals arriving in Tripoli. The high number can be attributed to the calm and unseasonably warm weather in Tripoli. UNHCR and its partner, the International Rescue Committee, were present at the disembarkation points to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items.

UNHCR response
UNHCR’s programme of winter assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Libya is ongoing. On 8 February, UNHCR together with partner LibAid, began distributions of winter kits in Al Zawiya (45 kms west of Tripoli), which continued for several days, reaching 445 IDP families. The assistance included solar lamps, plastic sheets, winter clothes, socks, hygiene kits, blankets, and mattresses. Since winter distributions began in mid-November, more than 10,000 internally displaced persons have received assistance. Last week, UNHCR’s partner, Danish Refugee Council, reached out to another 120 households for cash assistance, including IDPs, returnees, and host communities, using pre-paid cards. Since the start of 2020, UNHCR and partners have reached nearly 20,000 IDPs with cash assistance.

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR continues to carry out resettlement flights. On 10 February, UNHCR with the logistical support of IOM, undertook the resettlement of 21 vulnerable refugees to Canada.

UNHCR and partners continue implementing and finalizing quick-impact projects (QIPs). UNHCR’s partner ACTED finalized the rehabilitation of Al Yarmouk School, located in the city of Brak (80 kms north of Sebha), and organized a handover ceremony with officials and the local community. A total of 680 students enrolled at Al Yarmouk school, including displaced and refugee children, will benefit from these improvements.

Last week, UNHCR’s Serraj Registration Office in Tripoli received and processed a total of 413 individuals. UNHCR registered a total of 172 refugees and asylum-seekers from Syria (89), Sudan (64), Palestine (12), Eritrea (4), and Somalia (3). During the reporting week, the registration hotline number received a total of 125 calls and messages. Registration staff provided counselling to 101 individuals, updated addresses, and scheduled appointments for 15 persons of concern. Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the capacity of the registration hotline was increased in order to meet the growing demand for information. The hotline received a total of 8,731 calls during 2020.

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¹ IOM DTM October 2020.
² Data as of 12 February 2020.
UNHCR Libya Response in 2018

**Key Figures**
- 928,087 people of concern
- 43,870 registered refugees & asylum-seekers
- 316,415* internally displaced persons
- 567,802* IDP returnees

**UNHCR Coordinated Sectors**
- **Protection Sector**
- **Shelter & NFI Sector**
- **Cash Working Group**
- **Migrants and Refugees Platform** (Co-led by UNHCR, IOM & IRC)

**Key Achievements**
- **1,528** medical consultations (Disembarkation: 75%, Detention: 56%, Urban: 1,397) in 2021
- **52,166** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,372, Refugees 18,794)
- **23,209** IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 19,819, Refugees: 3,390)
- **943** individuals registered in 2021
- **121** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released in 2021
- **1,713** refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility since 2018
- **943** individuals registered in 2021
- **11** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021
- **121** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released in 2021
- **70** individuals resettled from Libya in 2021
- **490** individuals evacuated from Libya in 2020
- **6,256** individuals departed from Libya since 2017

**UNHCR Funding Requirements**
- **USD 93.0 million** required in 2021

* IOM-DTM
UNHCR LIBYA: Support to COVID-19 Response
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UNHCR donated large quantities of medicines and medical supplies to various public health facilities towards the end of 2019 and at the beginning of 2020, which might be used by the authorities concerned in support of the ongoing COVID-19 response.

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