

LIBYA

29 November 2022

Key Figures:

143,419 Libyans

currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

688,121 IDP

returnees¹

43,000 registered

refugees and asylum-seekers²

479 monitoring

visits to detention centres so far in 2022

412 refugees and

asylum-seekers released from detention so far in 2022

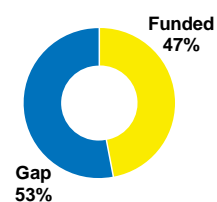
1,677 vulnerable

refugees and asylum-seekers have departed²

Funding

USD **70.0** M

required for 2022



¹ IOM-DTM June 2022.

² Data as of 1 Nov 2022.

Highlights

UNHCR partner, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), started the repair work to a sewage lifting station in north Benghazi. The lifting station, which distributes sewage, will service the Sidi Houssein neighbourhood, which is home to around 14,000 people including refugees and many who returned after fighting in Benghazi in 2017. The project is part of efforts to rehabilitate basic infrastructure in areas previously affected by conflict. It will include structural, plumbing, tiling and electrical work.



Repair work at the sewage lifting station in north Benghazi. ©UNHCR

25 November 2022 marked the beginning of 16 Days of Activism, UNHCR together partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) launched the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence

with an event at the Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS) and a local School. The event introduced the history and theme of the year as well discussions on the definition of gender-based violence and response mechanisms. The girls at the local school continued the GirlShine Curriculum. Other activities are ongoing in different locations in Libya to raise awareness on prevention and response to gender-based violence.

Population Movements

So far in 2022, more than 20,900 asylum-seekers, refugees, and migrants have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan authorities. Last week, UNHCR was not informed of any rescue/interception operations which were carried out by the Libyan authorities.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR, with partners, continues to provide help and services to some of the most vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees. Last week, partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) distributed hygiene and baby kits to 141 individuals, including 38 women and 13 children at the Community Day Centre (CDC), and non-food items to 267 asylum-seekers and refugees, including 152 women, in various areas of Tripoli. UNHCR and CESVI distributed cash assistance to 182 families (268 individuals) in the CDC. Through partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), UNHCR also provided vouchers to 192 families (302 individuals). IRC also provided 297 general health and reproductive health consultations, 65 mental health consultations and referred 20 individuals to public hospitals and private clinics. The medical team also supported 25 individuals through the 24/7 hotline, 23 of whom were referred for secondary medical assessments.

At the Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR operates a protection desk to be able to respond to some of the most vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees who are identified by various protection teams. The protection desk aims to target individuals requiring immediate intervention including unaccompanied and separated children, survivors of gender-based violence, persons with disabilities, individuals who have been recently released or escaped from trafficking and detention centres and those with serious medical conditions. When an individual is referred, staff carry out an initial assessment, identifies the individual's immediate needs and makes the necessary referrals for the required follow-up actions, including protection assessments, child protection and GBV case management services, medical consultations, cash and food assistance and/or provision of non-food items. So far in 2022, the protection desk received 2,984 referrals and ensured the proper follow-up was done by the relevant units.

As of 20 November, 4,429 people are estimated to be in detention centres (DCs) across Libya, of whom 1,622 individuals are people of concern to UNHCR. Last week, IRC carried out visits to Triq Al-Sikka, Triq Al Matar and Ain Zara detention centres, where more than 110 medical consultations were provided.

At the Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR identified 57 individuals who managed to escape or who were released from trafficking camps. They were all referred for protection interviews to identify their needs and provide the necessary assistance. Last week, 29 best interest assessments and 61 protection needs assessments were conducted with children and adults to identify their protection concerns, and assess their needs, including referrals to specialized services. UNHCR outreach team carried out two field visits in Arada and Serraj, Tripoli. The team assessed the living conditions of the families, identified their vulnerabilities, and referred them to the relevant services for the required follow-up and assistance.

UNHCR and partner organizations continue to provide assistance to the internally displaced Libyans and host community. Last week, partner NRC distributed pre-paid cards to 181 internally displaced families (1,087 individuals) in Misrata and Tawergha and to 109 households (646 individuals) in Benghazi.

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