

LIBYA

6 December 2022

Key Figures:

143,419 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

688,121 IDP returnees¹

43,000 registered refugees and asylum-seekers²

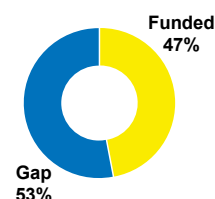
491 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2022

445 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention so far in 2022

1,791 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers have departed²

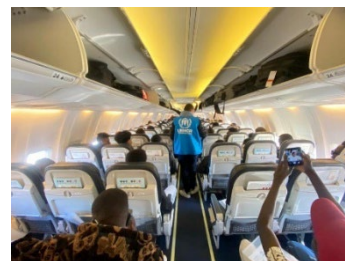
Funding

USD **70.0** M required for 2022



Highlights

On 30 November, UNHCR evacuated 114 asylum-seekers, including 21 women and nine children, from Libya to safety in Italy. This evacuation flight, supported by the Government of Italy, is part of a mechanism combining emergency evacuations with the humanitarian corridors that have been established in Italy since 2016. UNHCR is grateful to the relevant Libyan authorities for their support in facilitating necessary formalities for these humanitarian evacuation flights and continues to urge countries to provide more legal pathways to help some of the most vulnerable people reach safety out of Libya.



UNHCR staff assisting asylum-seekers for their evacuation to Italy. ©UNHCR

On 1 December, UNHCR Libya, together with partner International Rescue Committee (IRC), held an event at the Women and Girls Safe Space as part of the ongoing activities for the 16 Days of Activism. The event brought together refugee women from various backgrounds who engaged in a dialogue on the different forms of gender-based violence while reinforcing messaging on the resilience of women. In addition, as 1 December also marked World Aids Day, targeted awareness raising on sexual and reproductive health was delivered.

On 5 December, UNHCR, together with partner CESVI, organized an event at the Community Day Centre (CDC) on psychological first aid. Around twelve community mobilizers from different nationalities attended the session which aimed to assist the mobilizers to develop healthy coping mechanisms and to pass the message on the importance of the matter to the communities.

On 4 December, UNHCR donated a generator to Al Salam Primary Healthcare Centre in Abusliem, serving the local community, asylum-seekers, and refugees in the area. The generator will ensure that the medical services will not be interrupted during the electricity blackouts. The project was part of UNHCR's Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) which aim to promote peaceful co-existence between displaced Libyans, refugees, asylum-seekers, and the host community.

Population Movements

So far in 2022, more than 21,500 asylum-seekers, refugees, and migrants have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan authorities. Last week, one rescue/interception operation was carried out by the Tarik Ben Ziad Brigade at Tobruk Port, with 500 survivors, among whom there were 100 people of concern to UNHCR.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR delivered a training on Best Interests Procedure (BIP) to child protection staff from UNHCR, CESVI and INTERSOS. The training covered all the steps of the best interests procedure and an overview of best interests determination. Last week, six best interest assessments and 53 protection needs assessments were conducted with children and adults to identify their protection concerns, and assess their needs, including referrals to specialized services.

UNHCR, with partners, continues to provide help and services to some of the most vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees. Last week, partner IRC distributed hygiene and baby kits to 90 individuals, including 41 women and three children at the Community Day Centre, and non-food items to 141 asylum-seekers and refugees, including 46 women, in various areas of Tripoli. UNHCR and CESVI distributed cash assistance to four families (nine individuals) in the CDC. Through partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), UNHCR also provided vouchers to 43 families (141 individuals). IRC also provided 284 general health and reproductive health consultations, 60 mental health consultations and referred 20 individuals to public hospitals and private clinics. The medical team also supported 26 individuals through the 24/7 hotline, 25 of whom were referred for secondary medical assessments. IRC carried out visits to Triq Al-Sikka, Triq Al-Matar and Ain Zara DCs, where 84 medical consultations were provided.

At the Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR identified 47 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. UNHCR outreach team carried out three field visits in Arada, Gurji, and Souq Al Juma, 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 47 internally displaced families (272 individuals) in Benghazi.

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¹ IOM-DTM June 2022.

² Data as of 1 Dec 2022.