SUDAN SITUATION

Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of 17 March 2025

Overview

It is estimated that over 255,000 Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023. This includes 45,730 individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to 65,491.
Authorities in Alkufra reported issuing 140,500 health certificates in 2024 with approximately 210,000 Sudanese arriving through Alkufra.
Due to the irregular nature of entry, the ad hoc data shared by authorities, and the vast remote land border with Chad, Egypt, and Sudan, combined with movements towards cities along the coast, it remains challenging to provide an accurate number of Sudanese refugees.

Urgent Needs

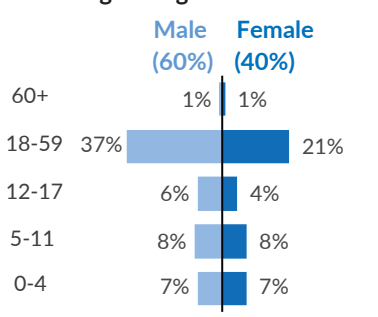
The influx of Sudanese refugees is straining local services and infrastructure, resulting in limited healthcare access, inadequate sanitation, and overcrowded shelters. These conditions increase vulnerabilities, particularly for women, who face protection risk and restricted movement. Food insecurity remains a significant issue, with a growing need for culturally appropriate nutrition. Protection concerns are rising, with female-headed households, unaccompanied children, and individuals with specific needs facing exploitation and limited access to support services. Children are exposed to violence, abuse, and hazardous labor, while psychological distress is widespread. Education access is hindered by documentation issues and overcrowded facilities. Although local authorities provide substantial support, including emergency and primary healthcare, there is a pressing need for tailored protection services for women and children at risk. The increasing strain on host communities necessitates additional support.

Registered with UNHCR Libya

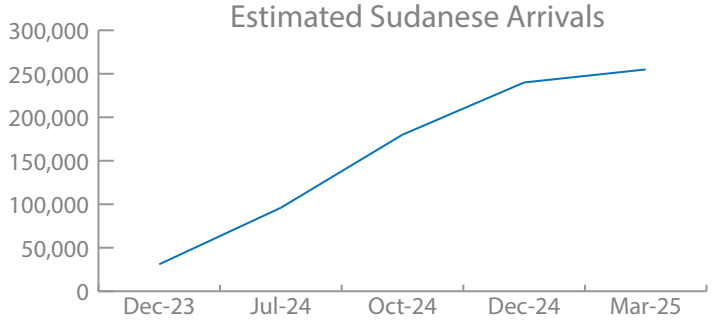
65,491
Total individuals registered

95%
Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points

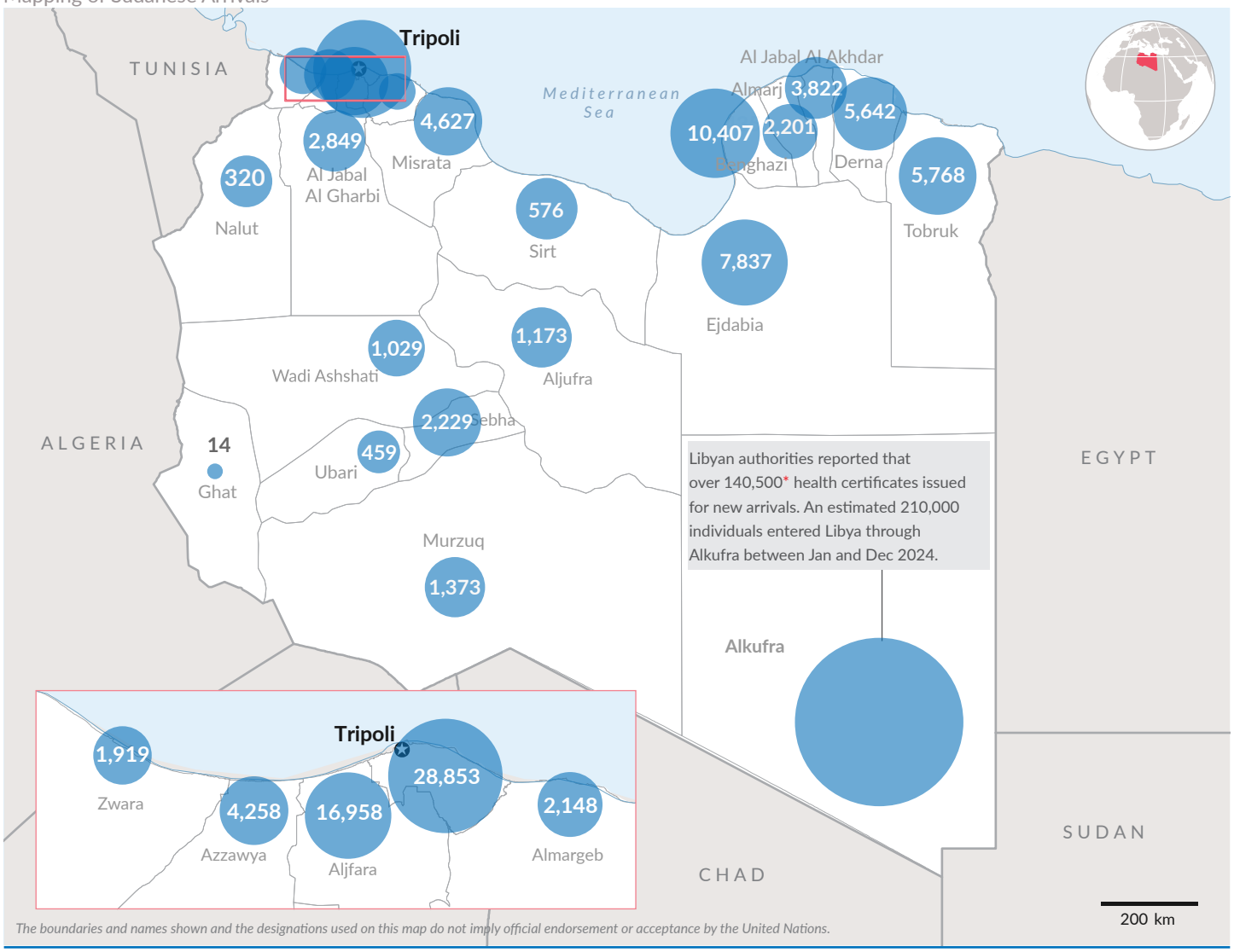
Age and gender breakdown



Estimated Sudanese Arrivals



Mapping of Sudanese Arrivals



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Note: population figures estimated in collaboration with **IOM** and **REACH IMPACT**

(*) Correspondence received from the Libyan authorities refers (letter ref# 1/1/1/2025)