SUDAN SITUATION

Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of June 2026

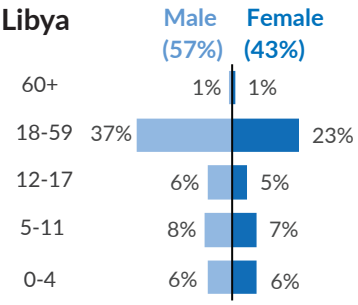
Overview

It is estimated that over **566,043** Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023. This includes **78,079** individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to **93,831**. Increased border monitoring by Libyan authorities has led refugees to take longer routes, and arrivals via land borders have reached an average of 80 per day including entries from Egypt, Chad, and Niger. 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.

Registered with UNHCR Libya

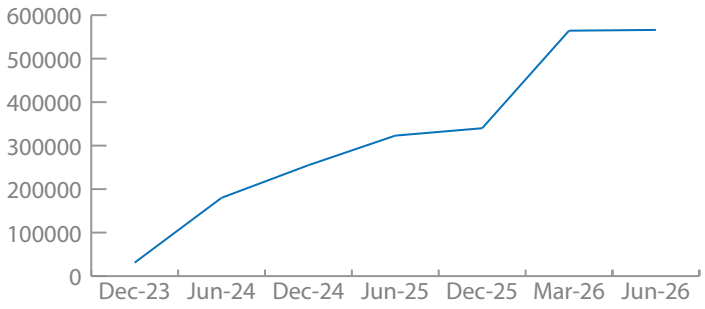
93,831
Total individuals registered

95%
Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points



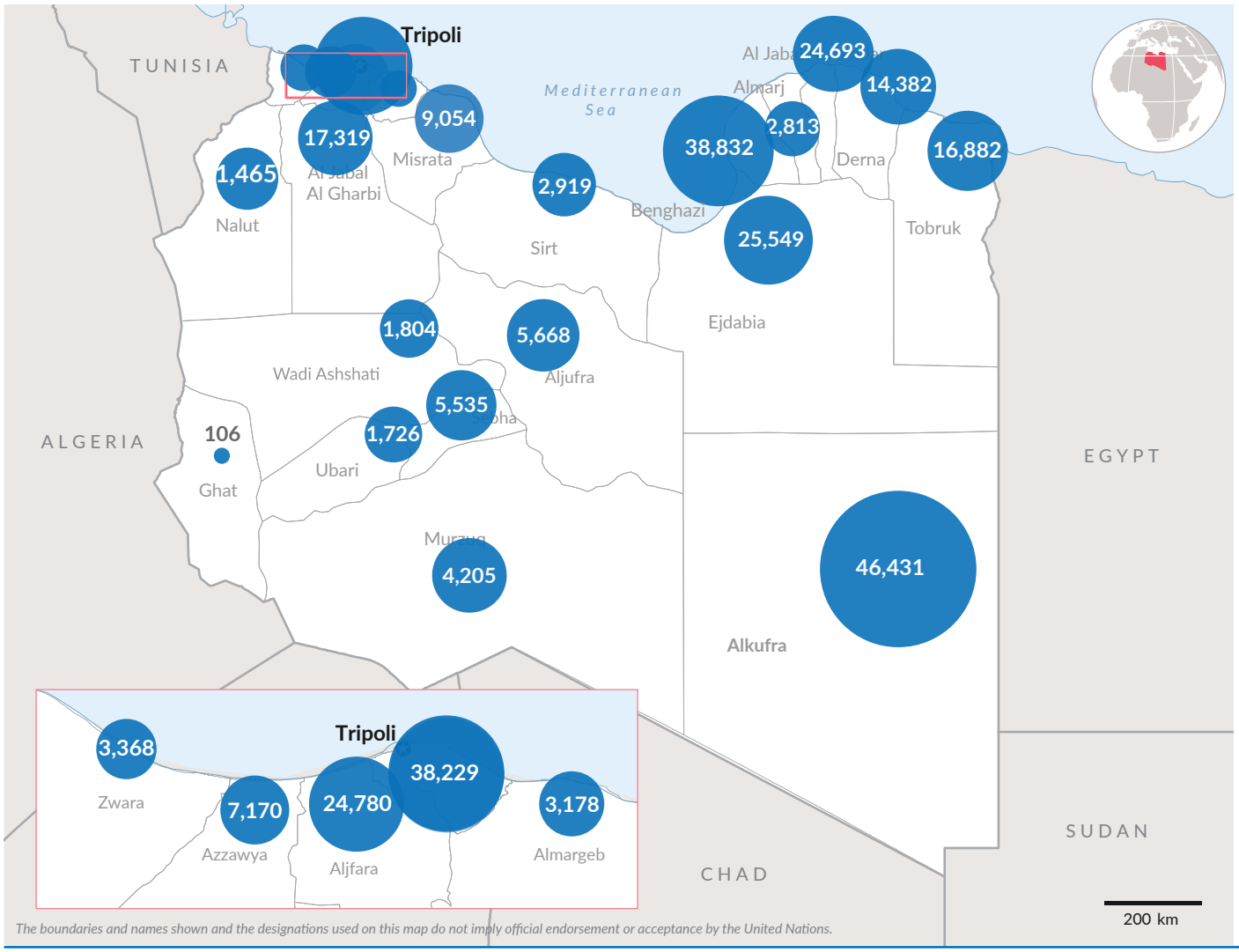
Urgent Needs

Sudanese refugees continued to face a deteriorating protection environment in Libya following the protests on 4 June in the west, which resulted in the temporary closure of the UNHCR office and the suspension of in-person activities. The escalation of anti-refugee rhetoric and intensified security campaigns contributed to increased reports of harassment, arbitrary arrests and detention, forced evictions and movement restrictions. Many refugees also reported heightened fear, psychological distress, and an increasing desire to relocate or leave Libya. Access to public healthcare remained limited due to the lack of valid documentation, inability to afford fees charged to foreigners, limited hospital capacity, and reports of denial of vaccination at some health facilities. These developments further increased protection risks, including exposure to exploitation, violence, and heightened vulnerabilities among women, children. During June, search and rescue operations at sea continued, with 47 operations recorded across Libya, including 27 in the East and 20 in the West.



Total estimated population

Mapping of Sudanese Arrivals



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Note: population figures estimated in collaboration with **IOM**

(*) World Health Organization. (2025). WHO Mission Report - Alkufra, 6-11 July 2025.