

LIBYA

7 - 17 August 2017

Key figures

226,164 Libyans currently internally displaced persons (IDPs)¹

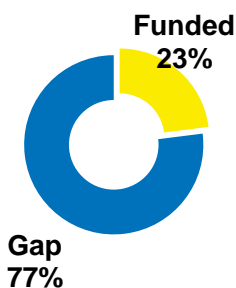
267,002 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)¹

42,343 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya

97,381 persons arrived in Italy by sea so far in 2017²

Funding

USD **75.5** M requested in 2017



¹ OIM-DTM June 2017

² data2.unhcr.org as of 17 August 2017

Highlights

On 11 August, High Commissioner Filippo Grandi met the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel and the Director-General of IOM, William Swing. During the meeting, which was also attended by the UNHCR Representatives to Germany and Libya, the German Chancellor pledged an additional 20 million Euros to UNHCR in order to support UNHCR's humanitarian work for internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya.

Population movements

UNHCR, UN agencies and humanitarian partners are closely following the developments in Derna (300 km east of Benghazi) where humanitarian needs are rising. While small-scale displacements are taking place, with several hundred people fleeing to neighbouring areas, initial assessments indicate that fuel, medicines and food are the most urgent needs of the estimated 100, 000 people affected. UNHCR is looking to step-up its assistance through inter-agency mechanisms and has already pre-positioned 2,500 kits of core relief item (CRI) in Benghazi that can be deployed to Derna, when security conditions permit.

UNHCR Response





UNHCR and partner Mercy Corps initiated the first joint Quick Impact Project targeting schools in the Mashashiya community, an ethnic group from the Nafusa Mountains in western Libya. The two schools identified are located in the centre of Al Awiniya city and host the largest number of returnee students in the area. The rehabilitation of these schools will allow returnee students to attend school when the school year starts in September. The Mashashiya community returned to Al Awiniya city in May 2017. At that time, following a call for support from the community itself, UNHCR provided support within 48h in the form of CRIs for 3,469 individuals. An assessment of gaps in services and infrastructure was also undertaken, where the need for school rehabilitations was already identified.

UNHCR and partners assisted 372 refugees and asylum-seekers in UNHCR's two Community Development Centres (CDC) in Tripoli. Access to health services continues to be highlighted by refugees and asylum-seekers as a daily challenge. Therefore, UNHCR's partner IMC provides primary health care (including consultations, referrals to public hospitals, and distribution of hygiene items) on a daily basis in the CDCs. In addition, vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access cash assistance through UNHCR's partner CESVI; 142 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers received cash-based interventions this week. CDCs also provide UNHCR documentation and registration services. The majority of refugees assisted this week were Syrian, Palestinian, Sudanese and Iraqi. Furthermore, to ensure that refugees who cannot access CDCs also benefit from UNHCR services, UNHCR and partners undertake home visits and other outreach activities in and around Tripoli. This week, outreach teams visited seven refugee families (Syrian, Sudanese and Palestinian) to respond to their most pressing needs.

Refugees and asylum-seekers in Tripoli benefit from language courses organized at the UNHCR Social Centre. UNHCR and its partner CESVI have set-up an Arabic and English language course programme (for adults and children) to help them communicate with their host community in their daily life. More than 200 refugees and asylum-seekers are now enrolled in this new educational programme.

UNHCR supported the organization of a Markets Working Session to enhance cash-based interventions (CBIs) in Libya. The event was convened by the Cash and Markets Working Group and facilitated by Groundswell Global Research and the REACH Initiative. Over 25 representatives from NGOs and partners attended.









Key Figures

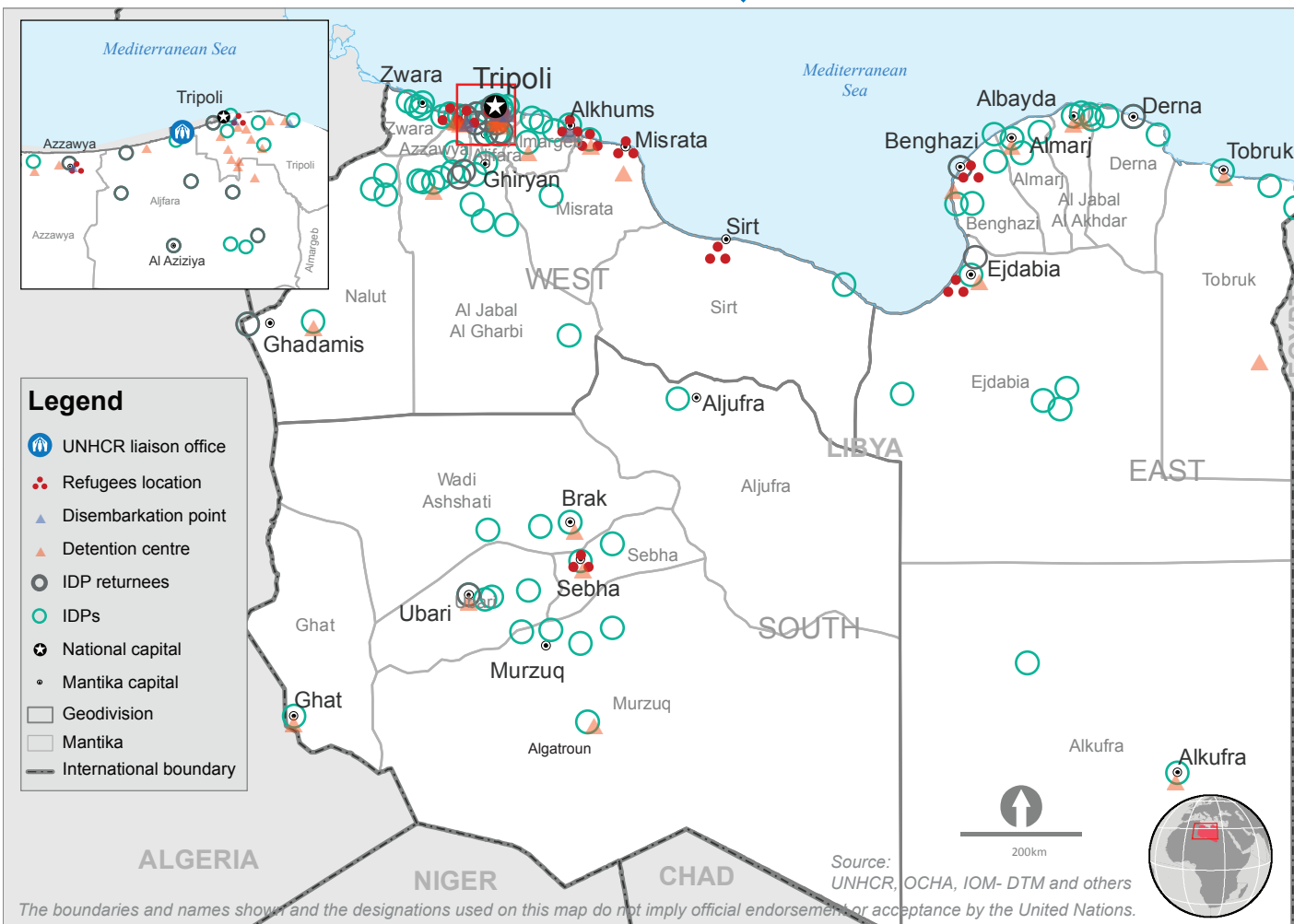
-  **535,512** people of concern
-  **42,346** registered refugees & asylum seekers
-  **226,164*** internally displaced persons
-  **267,002*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash & Markets Working Group**
-  **Mixed Migration Working Group**
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

Key Achievements in 2017

-  **20,062** medical consultations
-  **14,506** IDPs and refugees received core relief items
-  **3,603** individuals registered
-  **1,799** rescue kits and **1,980** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **621** monitoring visits to **30** detention centres
-  **376** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
-  **1,067** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
-  **10** capacity building events for stakeholders

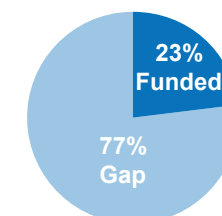


UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 75.5 million

required in 2017 for Libya emergency response



* IOM-DTM