

LIBYA

2 – 13 October 2017

Population Movements

Key figures

217,022 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

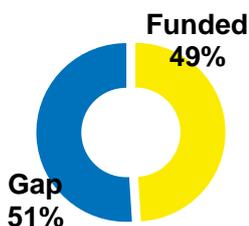
278,559 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)¹

43,133 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya

107,982 persons arrived in Italy by sea so far in 2017²

Funding

USD **75.5** M requested in 2017



UNHCR is delivering humanitarian assistance in response to the evolving situation in Sabratha (80 km west of Tripoli). Following the end of armed clashes last week, some 3,000 Libyan families were displaced in the surrounding areas, 2,000 of whom have been able to return to their homes in the city. The largest number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) was recorded to have been displaced between Sabratha and Muhallaof Alnahda. More than 500 houses were partially or totally destroyed during the clashes. Schools and markets have also been affected.

At the same time, the approximately 10,000 refugees and migrants who were found stranded in and around Sabratha following the cessation of the fighting last Friday are in need of assistance. Over the last few days, hundreds of refugees and migrants have been transferred from the Dahman hangar assembly point to different detention centres in and around Tripoli. The attached daily flash update on the situation in Sabratha provides detailed information.

UNHCR Response

Since 27 August, UNHCR and its partner LibAid have distributed core relief item kits (CRI) to 14,270 IDPs and returnees living in areas north of Benghazi (downtown Benghazi, Al-Sabri, and Sooq al-Hoot) where IDPs have limited access to basic services and utilities. Many IDPs remain at risk in areas of return due to contamination by mines and explosive remnants of war.

UNHCR increased knowledge on the principles governing the protection of IDPs and returnees during a capacity building exercise for officials from the newly formed IDP Committee, the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as stakeholders involved in humanitarian response. The capacity building took place from 9 to 14 October and provided a forum for discussion on the current needs of IDPs, returnees and their host communities. Participants also discussed planned humanitarian responses, such as the implementation of quick impact projects (QIPs), the distribution of CRIs, cash based interventions and other forms of humanitarian assistance.

As of 11 October, 12,459 refugees and migrants were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). So far in October, a total of 123 individuals were rescued/intercepted in two operations, with 48 individuals missing at sea. On both occasions, refugees and migrants were disembarked in Tripoli and transferred by authorities to detention centres where UNHCR and partner IMC provided immediate assistance and advocated for the release of vulnerable cases. The nationalities of those rescued/intercepted included Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Sudan and Eritrea. So far this month, the number of women (17%) is similar to the number recorded in September, while the number of children (7%) halved in comparison with last month.

UNHCR and partners assisted 665 refugees and asylum-seekers in the two Community Development Centres in Tripoli. UNHCR provided primary health-care, counselling, registration and documentation. Forty per cent of refugees assisted were Syrian. In addition, UNHCR and its partners CESVI and IMC visited 20 refugee families through outreach activities in and around Tripoli with the objective to assess vulnerabilities of refugees and provide targeted assistance.

On 12 October, nine Syrian refugees departed from Libya to a third country under UNHCR's resettlement programme. A Syrian family of six departed from Benghazi while another three refugees departed from Tripoli. So far in 2017, 158 individuals have been processed for resettlement. Fifty-three refugees departed to a third country under the resettlement programme and 24 refugees departed through private sponsorship schemes. UNHCR is planning to significantly scale-up its capacity for refugee status determination, resettlement and evacuations to third countries.

¹ IOM-DTM July 2017

² data2.unhcr.org as of 12 October 2017

Key Figures

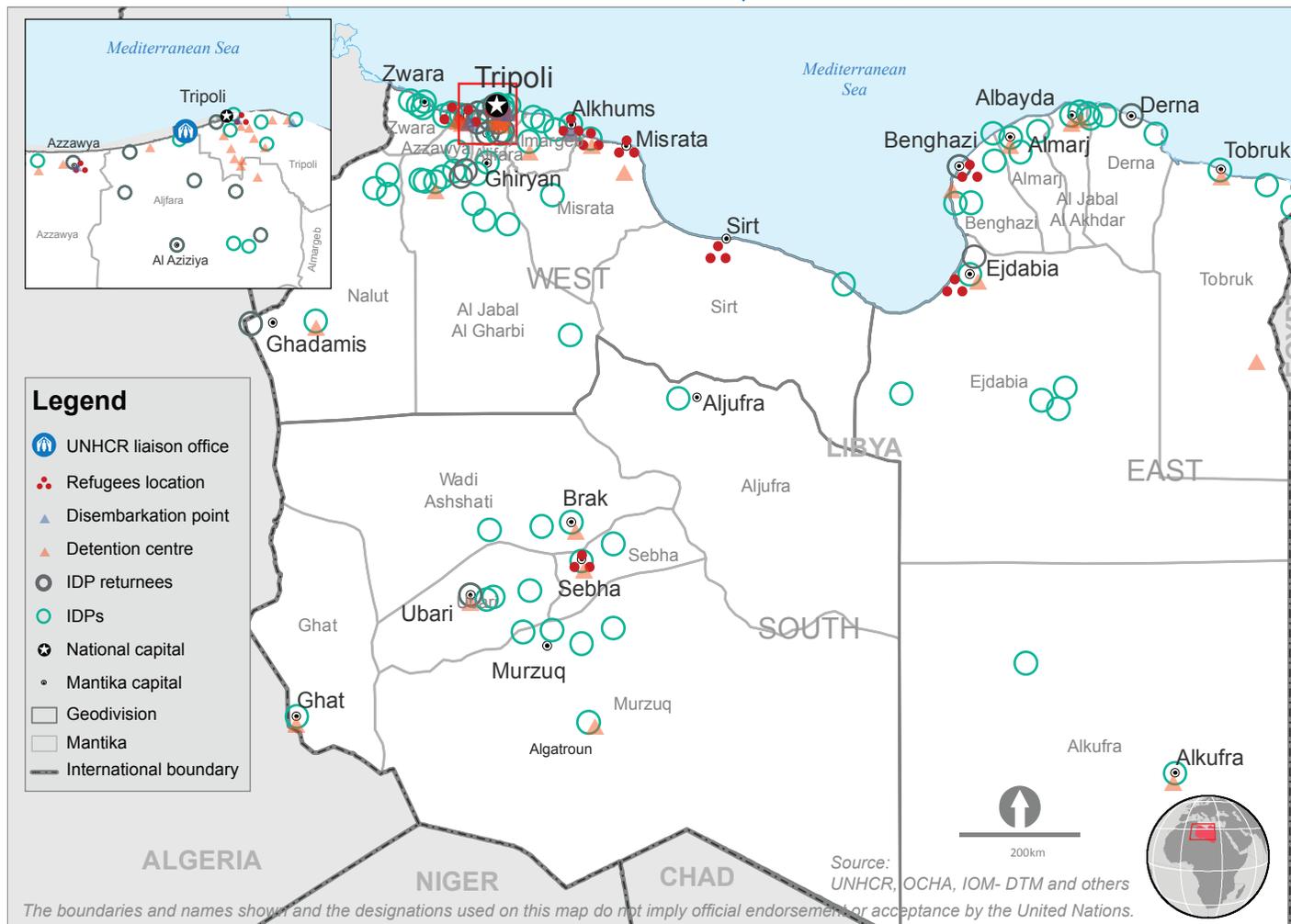
-  **538,435** people of concern
-  **43,133** registered refugees & asylum seekers
-  **217,022*** internally displaced persons
-  **278,559*** IDP returnees

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

-  **23,855** medical consultations
-  **38,721** IDPs and refugees received core relief items
-  **4,607** individuals registered
-  **3,240** rescue kits and **2,452** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **755** monitoring visits to **30** detention centres
-  **772** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
-  **2,080** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
-  **13** capacity building events for stakeholders

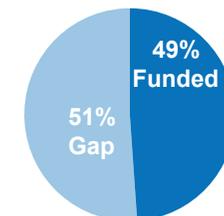


UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 75.5 million

required in 2017 for Libya emergency response



* IOM-DTM