

LIBYA

14 - 20 April 2018

Key figures:

184,612 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

368,583 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - March 2018)¹

51,519 registered refugees and asylumseekers in the State of Libya²

7,540 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018³

420 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

983 asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

1,342 vulnerable refugees and asylumseekers evacuated since November 2017

Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018

Highlights

In Libya, UNHCR continues to respond to the needs of internally displaced Libyans (IDPs), including through its leadership of the Protection Sector. This week, UNHCR is providing assistance to families who were recently displaced in the southern region. For the first time since the intensification of clashes in the South, UNHCR and LibAid are distributing solar lamps, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, and additional non-food items (NFIs) in Murzuq to respond to the most urgent humanitarian needs. On 18 April, through its partner LibAid, UNHCR provided assistance to 370 IDP families in Murzuq (over 180 km southwest of Sabha) currently living in urban settings and in an empty hotel. Last week, UNHCR distributed humanitarian aid to over 5,200 IDPs in Sabha and surrounding areas in Wadi al Shatii.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR has reinforced its presence in Tripoli with over 20 international staff currently working in the city. In the coming weeks, UNHCR plans to increase its capacity to 30 international staff working from Tripoli.

In coordination with authorities, UNHCR started the renovation of the "Gathering and Departure Facility" in Tripoli. In the first phase, expected to be completed within two months, the centre will initially accommodate 160 individuals and provide a clinic, a child friendly space and offices for UNHCR and partners. At the facility, UNHCR staff and partners will provide registration, life-saving assistance such as accommodation, food, and other appropriate services, including psychosocial support.

So far in 2018, 4,500 refugees and migrants have been disembarked in Libya by the Libyan Coast Guard. On 12 and 17 April, 466 refugees and migrants were disembarked in Tripoli and Azzawya (40 km west of Tripoli). UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps were present at disembarkation points and supported individuals with medical assistance. UNHCR also distributed food, blankets and hygiene kits. UNHCR continued the identification of persons in need of international protection at disembarkation points and at detention centres where the disembarked are transferred by the authorities. Reportedly, many were held in captivity by smugglers in Bani Walid (central region) before departing from areas west of Tripoli in Azzawya and Al Harsha.

Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR has directly implemented quick-impact projects in 16 cities and municipalities throughout Libya. UNHCR supported local authorities, hospitals and schools that are hosting IDPs, returnees and refugees. UNHCR distributed water tanks, solar street lights, medical assistive devices, computers, and waste management items in order to support the peaceful coexistence and integration between communities. Projects were implemented in cities such as Tripoli, Benghazi, Sirte, Azzawya, Sabratha, Ubari and to communities in the Nafusa Mountains.

¹ IOM-DTM March 2018.

² Data as of 31 March 2018.

³ www.data2.unhcr as of 18 April 2018.



Key Figures



604,714 people of concern



51,519 registered refugees & asylum-seekers



184,612* internally displaced persons



368.583* IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors



Protection Sector



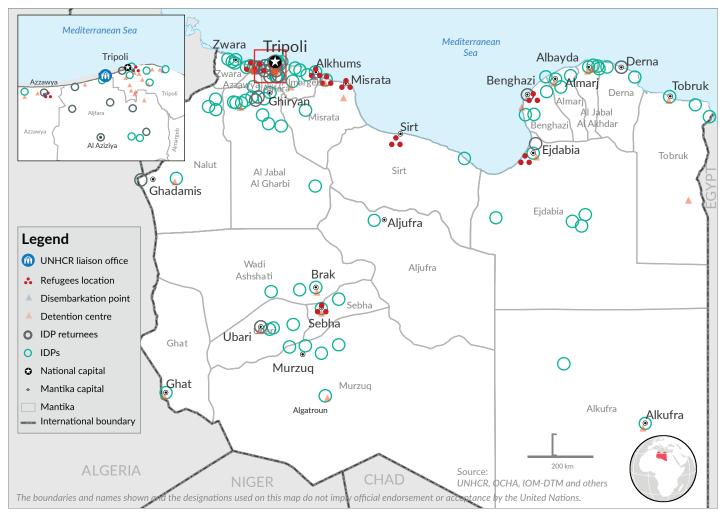
Shelter & NFI Sector



Cash & Markets Working Group



Mixed Migration Working Group (Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)



Key Achievements in 2018



12,697 medical consultations (35,091 in 2017)



23,406 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (113,605 in 2017)



2,674 IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (3,314 in 2017)



15,021 individuals registered since 2016 (6,860 in 2018)



2,674 rescue kits and 336 medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (5,327 and 2,956 in 2017)



420 monitoring visits to detention centres (1,080 in 2017)



983 detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (1,428 in 2017)



1,807 refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Sept 2017: 465 resettlement submissions to third countries and 1,342 individuals evacuated from Libya (1,020 to Niger, 312 to Italy and 10 to Romania)

UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 85 million

required in 2018 for Libya emergency response

* IOM-DTM