

LIBYA

14 - 20 July 2018

Key figures:

179,400 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

372,022 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - April 2018)¹

54,100 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya²

17,847 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018³

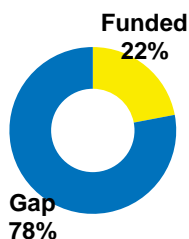
761 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

1,527 asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

1,858 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



¹ IOM-DTM April 2018.

² Data as of 15 July 2018.

³ www.data2.unhcr as of 20 July 2018

Highlights

In coordination with local authorities and members of the Mixed Migration Working Group, UNHCR and its partners are following-up on the situation of the refugees and migrants who were found in an abandoned truck near the outskirts of Zwara (115 km west of Tripoli). On 16 July, 98 refugees and migrants were found locked inside a sealed cargo container together with some canisters of gasoline. When identified by the authorities, 11 of the individuals had passed away (six of them were children), while others, in a critical condition, were brought to hospitals in the area. Reportedly, the truck was underway to an embarkation site west of Zwara, from where the individuals would have attempted to cross the Mediterranean Sea. In order to avoid a checkpoint, the driver allegedly abandoned the truck, leaving the trapped migrants and refugees in the sealed container. UNHCR remains concerned that men, women and children continue to risk their lives by taking dangerous routes towards Europe, many of them perishing at sea in proportionally larger numbers. Already in 2018, the bleak milestone of dead and missing at sea has reached over 1,000 for the fifth year in a row. In June alone, one person died for every seven who crossed the Central Mediterranean.

Population Movements

So far in 2018, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted more than 11,800 refugees and migrants at sea during some 80 operations. Since 1 June, the number of operations increased when compared to the previous months, with over 4,840 refugees and migrants disembarked in Libya (3,453 individuals disembarked in June and 1,392 individuals disembarked so far in July). On 16 July, 158 refugees and migrants (including 34 women and nine children) were disembarked in Al Khoms. Through its partner the International Medical Corps (IMC), UNHCR provided medical assistance and non-food items at the disembarkation point.





UNHCR Response

On 12 July, UNHCR visited displaced communities (IDPs) in Zintan (180 km southeast of Tripoli), located in the Nafusa Mountains. UNHCR met with local authorities and displaced families to discuss protection needs. Moving forward, in coordination with local authorities, UNHCR will provide humanitarian assistance to the community in the form of non-food items and will also implement quick impact projects (QIPs) that will benefit both the hosting community and IDPs. So far in 2018, UNHCR implemented 75 QIPs and distributed non-food items to over 31,000 IDPs and returnees. UNHCR also provided cash-based interventions to 12,686 individuals.

UNHCR continues to identify vulnerable refugees in Libya and seeks durable solutions for them. Since 1 September 2017, 565 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to 7 resettlement States (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland). A total of 44 individuals have departed on resettlement directly from Libya to Canada, France, Sweden and the Netherlands. A total of 541 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or decision by a resettlement State in Libya.

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Key Figures

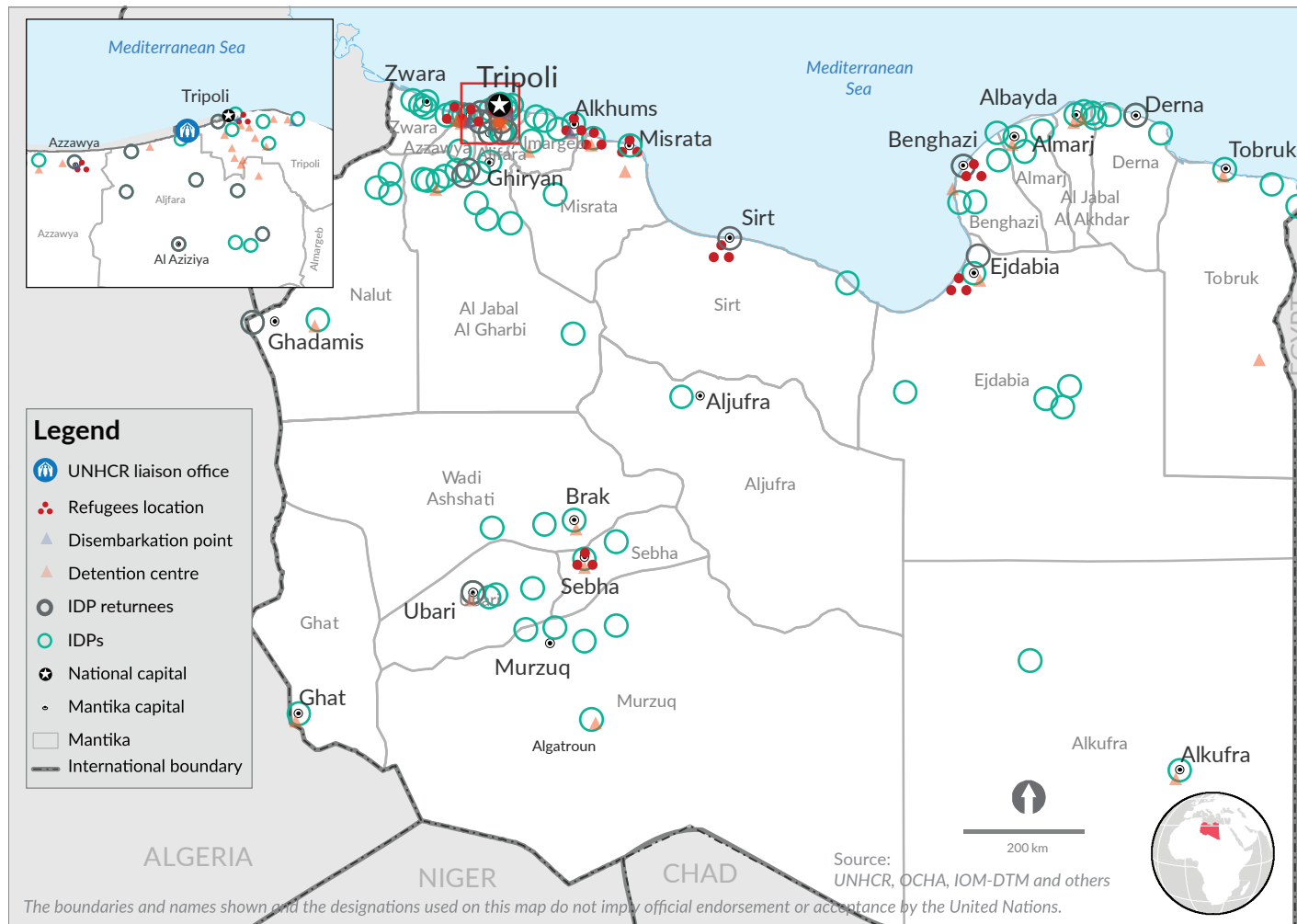
-  **605,522** people of concern
-  **54,100** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **179,400*** internally displaced persons
-  **372,022*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

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

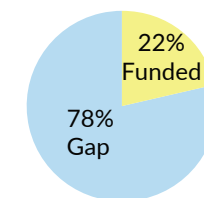
Key Achievements in 2018

-  **24,349** medical consultations (**35,091** in 2017)
-  **48,375** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (**113,605** in 2017)
- QIP 75** Quick Impact Projects implemented in 2018
-  **3,260** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (**3,314** in 2017)
-  **17,701** individuals registered since 2016 (**9,540** in 2018)
-  **8,371** rescue kits and **1,182** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (**5,327** and **2,956** in 2017)
-  **761** monitoring visits to detention centres (**1,080** in 2017)
-  **1,527** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (**1,428** in 2017)
-  **2,520** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solution since Sept 2017: **662** resettlement submissions to third countries and **1,858** individuals evacuated from Libya (**1,536** to Niger, **312** to Italy and **10** to Romania)



UNHCR Funding Requirements

 **USD 85 million** required in 2018



* IOM-DTM