LIBYA

21 August 2020

Key figures:

425,714 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)[1]

456,728 returned IDPs[1]

46,823 registered refugees and asylum-seekers[2]

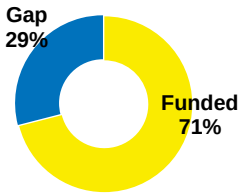
182 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020

231 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2020

5,709 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (**297** individuals departed in 2020)

Funding

USD **84.1** M required for 2020



[1] *IOM-DTM June 2020.*
[2] *Data as of 21 August 2020.*

Highlights

On 19 August, the UN Refugee Agency commemorated World Humanitarian Day by saluting the courage of humanitarian workers and refugees who dedicate their time to serve other refugees. **Fatima**, a Sudanese refugee in Libya and a community health mobilizer, guides fellow refugees and helps them through difficulties and hardship. She works with UNHCR's medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) who are providing free healthcare at a clinic in Gergarish district in Tripoli where many refugees and asylum-seekers live.

Fatima, a community health mobilizer, talks about her work and how she helps refugees and asylum-seekers in Tripoli receive medical assistance. ©UNHCR/Mohamed Alalem

Population movement

As of 20 August, 7,122 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya. So far this year, a total of 2,176 persons of concern to UNHCR disembarked in Libya. On 19 August, 74 individuals mainly from Gambia and Cameroon were brought back to the Tripoli Naval Base. UNHCR and its partner, IRC were present at the disembarkation point to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) before individuals are transferred to detention centres by the Libyan authorities. Following news of a shipwreck off the Libyan coast on 17 August, in which 45 persons lost their lives, UNHCR and IOM released a **joint statement** regarding this tragic event.

UNHCR response

Last week, UNHCR registered 193 refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Sudan (156) but also Syria (14), Eritrea (10), Somalia (4), Yemen (4), Ethiopia (2), Iraq (2) and South Sudan (1). Another 111 individuals had their files updated with information such as family status and contact details. So far this year, a total of 5,120 refugees and asylum-seekers were registered with UNHCR Libya.

Provision of cash assistance continues for refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons (IDPs). During the reporting period, UNHCR's partner CESVI provided cash grants to 44 individuals (24 families) including regular cash assistance (30 individuals) and emergency cash assistance (14 individuals). UNHCR's partner, the Danish Refugee Council also provided pre-paid cash cards to 163 displaced families (863 individuals) in Yefren (Nafusa mountains) and 22 IDPs in Tripoli. As of 19 August, UNHCR has provided cash assistance to a total of 4,609 individuals, including 1,747 IDPs and 2,862 refugees.

Presently, an estimated 2,267 refugees and migrants are being held in detention centres in Libya. Of these, 1,223 are persons of concern to UNHCR. Protection visits to detention centres continue to be undertaken by UNHCR and its partners to assess the conditions of refugees and asylum-seekers being held in detention, provide assistance such as CRIs, medical aid as well as protection services including registration. Last week**,** UNHCR's partner in eastern Libya, Première Urgence Internationale conducted a visit to Ganfouda detention centre.

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UNHCR Libya Response in 2020

21 August 2020

Key Figures

929,265 people of concern

46,823 registered refugees & asylum-seekers

425,714* internally displaced persons

456,728* IDP returnees

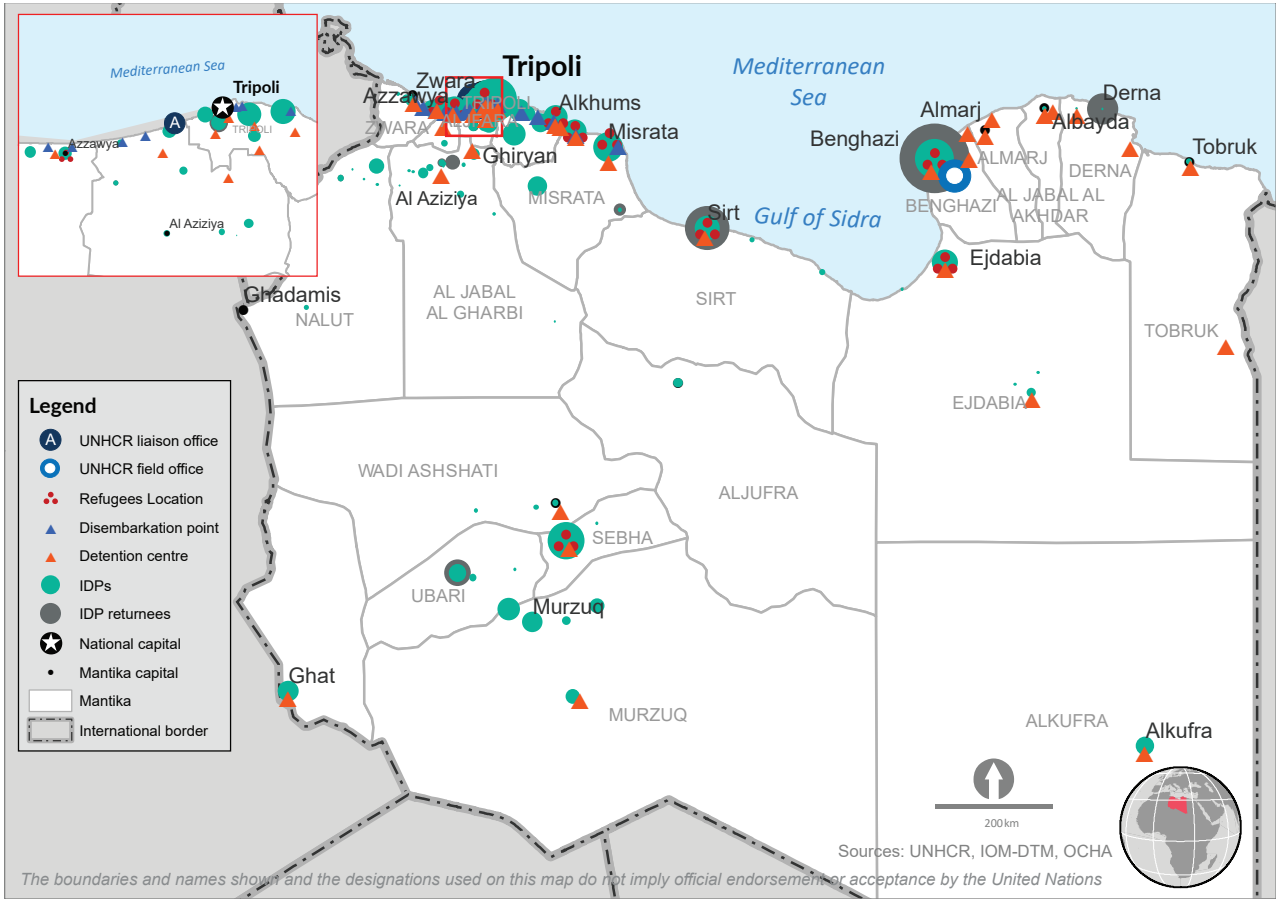
UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

Protection Sector

Shelter & NFI Sector

Cash Working Group

Migrants and Refugees Platform
(Co-led by UNHCR, IOM & IRC)



Key Achievements

3,705 medical consultations (Disembarkation: 269- Detention: 1,175-Urban: 2,261)

50,797 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,748 -Refugees 17,049)

890 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points

4,609 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 1,747 - Refugees: 2,862)

9,578 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 5,791)

QIP **26** Quick Impact Projects implemented

5,120 individuals registered (48 in detention)

182 monitoring visits to detention centres

231 detained refugees/asylum-seekers released

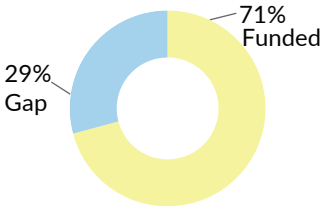
1,713 refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility since 2018

169 individuals resettled from Libya in 2020
128 individuals evacuated from Libya in 2020

5,709 individuals departed from Libya since 2017

UNHCR Funding Requirements

USD 84.1 million
required in 2020



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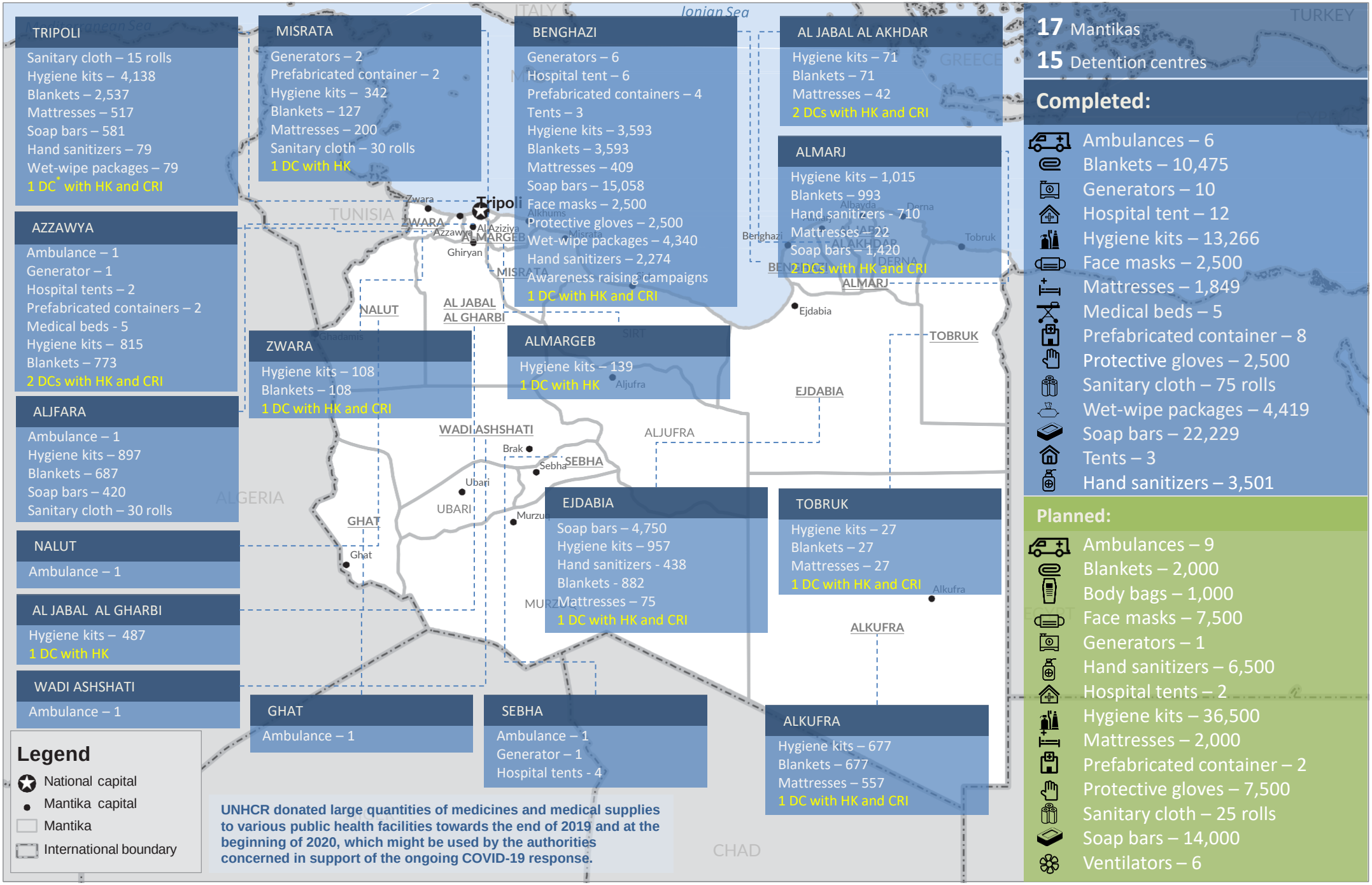

TRIPOLI

- Sanitary cloth – 15 rolls
- Hygiene kits – 4,138
- Blankets – 2,537
- Mattresses – 517
- Soap bars – 581
- Hand sanitizers – 79
- Wet-wipe packages – 79
- 1 DC* with HK and CRI

MISRATA

- Generators – 2
- Prefabricated container – 2
- Hygiene kits – 342
- Blankets – 127
- Mattresses – 200
- Sanitary cloth – 30 rolls
- 1 DC with HK

BENGHAZI

- Generators – 6
- Hospital tent – 6
- Prefabricated containers – 4
- Tents – 3
- Hygiene kits – 3,593
- Blankets – 3,593
- Mattresses – 409
- Soap bars – 15,058
- Face masks – 2,500
- Protective gloves – 2,500
- Wet-wipe packages – 4,340
- Hand sanitizers – 2,274
- Awareness raising campaigns
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

AL JABAL AL AKHDAR

- Hygiene kits – 71
- Blankets – 71
- Mattresses – 42
- 2 DCs with HK and CRI

ALMARJ

- Hygiene kits – 1,015
- Blankets – 993
- Hand sanitizers - 710
- Mattresses – 22
- Soap bars – 1,420
- 2 DCs with HK and CRI

AZZAWYA

- Ambulance – 1
- Generator – 1
- Hospital tents – 2
- Prefabricated containers – 2
- Medical beds - 5
- Hygiene kits – 815
- Blankets – 773
- 2 DCs with HK and CRI

ZWARA

- Hygiene kits – 108
- Blankets – 108
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

ALMARGEB

- Hygiene kits – 139
- 1 DC with HK

ALJFARA

- Ambulance – 1
- Hygiene kits – 897
- Blankets – 687
- Soap bars – 420
- Sanitary cloth – 30 rolls

NALUT

- Ambulance – 1

AL JABAL AL GHARBI

- Hygiene kits – 487
- 1 DC with HK

WADI ASHSHATI

- Ambulance – 1

GHAT

- Ambulance – 1

SEBHA

- Ambulance – 1
- Generator – 1
- Hospital tents - 4

EJDABIA

- Soap bars – 4,750
- Hygiene kits – 957
- Hand sanitizers - 438
- Blankets - 882
- Mattresses – 75
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

TOBRUK

- Hygiene kits – 27
- Blankets – 27
- Mattresses – 27
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

ALKUFRA

- Hygiene kits – 677
- Blankets – 677
- Mattresses – 557
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

17 Mantikas

15 Detention centres

Completed:

- Ambulances – 6
- Blankets – 10,475
- Generators – 10
- Hospital tent – 12
- Hygiene kits – 13,266
- Face masks – 2,500
- Mattresses – 1,849
- Medical beds – 5
- Prefabricated container – 8
- Protective gloves – 2,500
- Sanitary cloth – 75 rolls
- Wet-wipe packages – 4,419
- Soap bars – 22,229
- Tents – 3
- Hand sanitizers – 3,501

Planned:

- Ambulances – 9
- Blankets – 2,000
- Body bags – 1,000
- Face masks – 7,500
- Generators – 1
- Hand sanitizers – 6,500
- Hospital tents – 2
- Hygiene kits – 36,500
- Mattresses – 2,000
- Prefabricated container – 2
- Protective gloves – 7,500
- Sanitary cloth – 25 rolls
- Soap bars – 14,000
- Ventilators – 6

Legend

- National capital
- Mantika capital
- Mantika
- International boundary

UNHCR donated large quantities of medicines and medical supplies to various public health facilities towards the end of 2019 and at the beginning of 2020, which might be used by the authorities concerned in support of the ongoing COVID-19 response.

The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

* - Detention Centres