UNHCR UPDATE

LIBYA

19 February 2021

Key figures:

278,177 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)[1]

604,965 returned IDPs[1]

43,870 registered refugees and asylum-seekers[2]

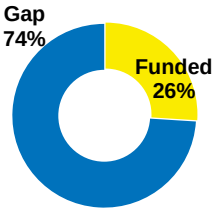
14 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021

121 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2021

6,256 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (**82** individuals departed in 2021)

Funding

USD **93.0** M required for 2021



[1] *IOM-DTM December 2020.*
[2] *Data as of 19 February 2021.*

Population movement

As of 18 February, 2,232 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya. On 12 February, some 90 individuals arrived at the Tripoli Naval Base. UNHCR and its medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), were present at the disembarkation point to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items before individuals were transferred to detention centres by the Libyan authorities.

UNHCR and IRC await the arrival of individuals at the disembarkation point. ©UNHCR

UNHCR response

On 14 February, UNHCR in coordination with IOM and IRC distributed CRIs at Al-Mabani detention centre in Tripoli. The distribution targeted some 980 refugees and migrants where assistance including blankets, hygiene kits and winter clothes was provided. Since January 2020, UNHCR has provided CRIs to some 18,800 refugees and asylum-seekers both living in the urban community and held in detention centres in Libya.

Distribution of CRIs at the Al-Mabani detention centre. ©UNHCR

Last week, UNHCR registered a total of 239 individuals at the Serraj Registration Office, Tripoli. Newly registered individuals included nationals from Sudan (114), Syria (99), Palestine (16), Eritrea (6), Ethiopia (2) and Somalia (2). Those newly registered were provided with UNHCR certificates. The office also processed a total of 515 individuals including 67 individuals with refugee-status determination and resettlement appointments. So far in 2021, UNHCR has registered 943 refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya.

UNHCR's hotlines continue to respond to the enquires of its persons of concern. Last week, a total of 132 calls were received through the registration and Benghazi hotlines. Information on durable solutions, registration, medical and cash assistance was provided.

UNHCR's winter assistance programme continues, providing help for some of the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Libya. Last week, partner LibAid distributed assistance to some 2,500 IDPs in Al-Zawiya (45 km west of Tripoli) and Al-Qala'a in the Nafusa mountains. This included blankets, solar lamps, hygiene kits, winter clothes, socks, gloves and plastic sheets. As of 18 February, some 13,000 IDPs (2,400 households) have received winter assistance.

Provision of medical assistance is crucial for refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya. Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR through its medical partner, has IRC provided 1,626 primary healthcare consultations including 1,397 in the urban community, 173 at the disembarkation points and 56 in detention centres.

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UNHCR Libya Response in 2020/2021

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Key Figures

927,012 people of concern

43,870 registered refugees & asylum-seekers

278,177* internally displaced persons

604,965* IDP returnees

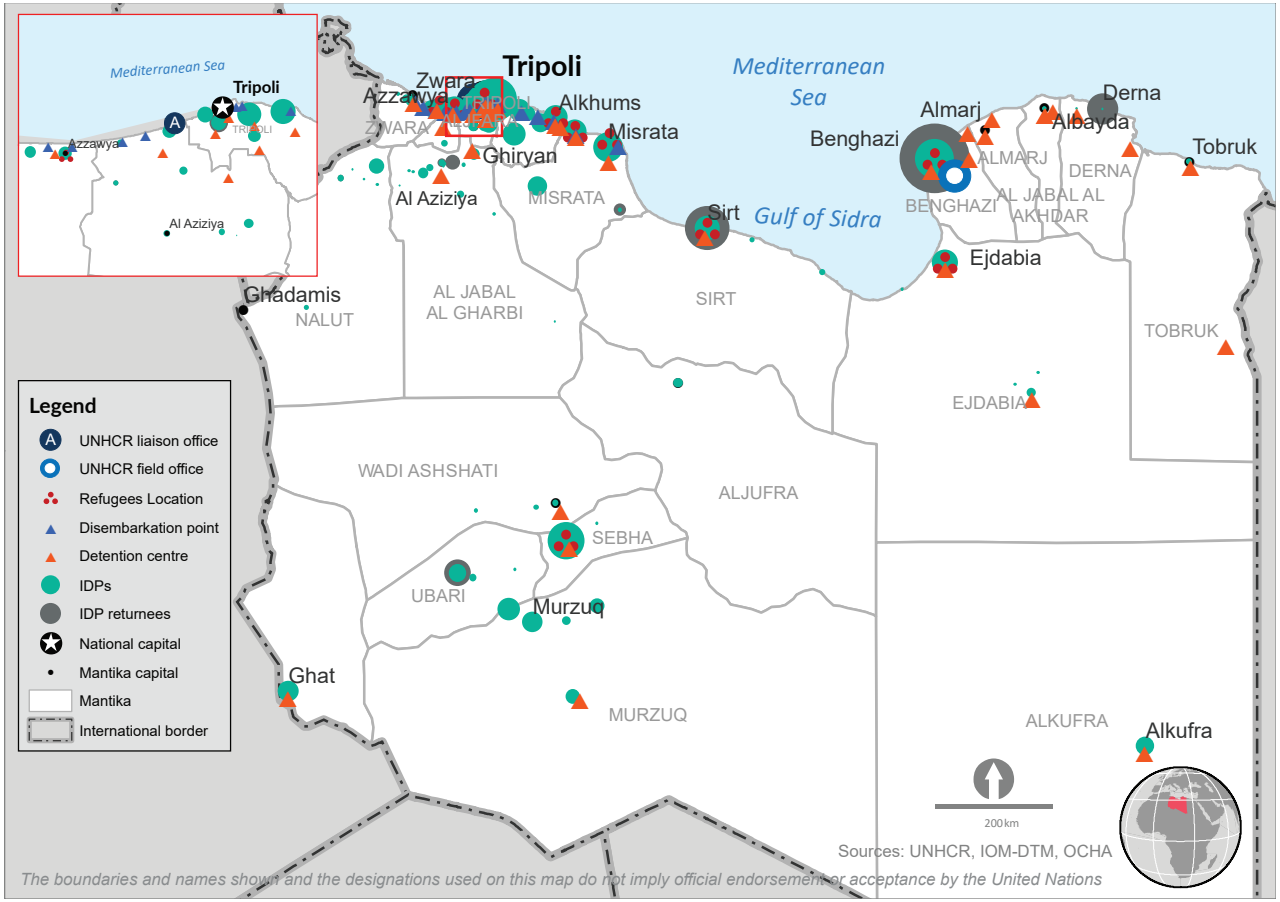
UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

Protection Sector

Shelter & NFI Sector

Cash Working Group

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



Key Achievements

1,626 medical consultations (Disembarkation: 173- Detention: 56-Urban: 1,397) in 2021

52,166 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,372 -Refugees 18,794)

210 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points in 2021

23,209 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 19,819- Refugees: 3,390)

18,187 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 14,400)

QIP **59** Quick Impact Projects implemented

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UNHCR Funding Requirements

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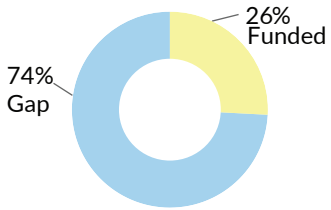

* IOM-DTM