LIBYA

15 October 2021

Key Figures:

212,593 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)[1]

643,123 IDP returnees[1]

41,681 registered refugees and asylum seekers[2]

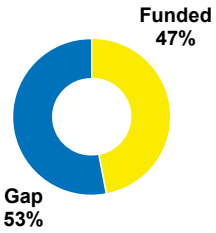
202 monitoring visits by UNHCR to detention centres in 2021

137 refugees and asylum seekers released from detention in 2021

6,544 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since 2017 (345 so far in 2021)

Funding:

USD **93.0** M required for 2021



USD **43.9 M** received.

[1] *IOM-DTM June 2021.*
[2] *Data as of 1 October 2021.*

Population Movements

So far in 2021, a total of 26,314 refugees and migrants have been reported as rescued/intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). On 11 October, 177 people disembarked at Tripoli Naval Base including 31 women and 13 children. Bodies of 15 persons were recovered during the operations. The passengers had set off from Zwara (116 km west of Tripoli) and Alkhums (122 km east of Tripoli) the night before. UNHCR and medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), were present at disembarkation points to provide urgent aid and medical assistance. This year, more than 109 bodies have been recovered while 347 persons remain missing.

Staff provide assistance at disembarkation point, Tripoli Naval Base 11 Oct. ©UNHCR

UNHCR Response

As of 12 October, 7,024 persons are estimated to be in detention centres across Libya, of whom 1,680 individuals are persons of concern to UNHCR. More than 5,000 individuals had been arrested and detained in a security operation launched by the Libyan authorities on 1 October. A series of raids and arrests targeted areas in Tripoli with high concentrations of asylum seekers and migrants. **On 8 October, six people were reportedly shot dead at Al-Mabani detention centre in Ghot Al Shaal, Tripoli, as many escaped from the facility**. This week UNHCR provided hygiene kits, mattresses, and blankets to more than 1,300 people currently being held at Ain Zara detention centre as a result of the security operation.

On 12 October, a 25-year-old Sudanese asylum seeker died in Tripoli. According to reports, he had been beaten and shot before being taken to hospital by a group of masked armed men. He had been held at Al-Mabani detention centre following recent raids, but later escaped with others. UNHCR issued a news statement urging an investigation into the killing and for perpetrators to be held accountable.

Large numbers of people, affected by the raids, continue to gather in front of the Community Day Centre (CDC). Activities remain suspended due to security concerns. Attempts to provide help at the CDC for asylum seekers in urgent need, including women and children, were hindered. Distribution of food, emergency cash, hygiene kits and replacement of UNHCR documentation is underway in other locations of Tripoli.

UNHCR continues its winter assistance programme, distributing core relief items (CRIs) to persons of concern in Libya. On 13 October, UNHCR, through partner LibAid, provided winter items to displaced Tawerghan families in Abusliem, Tripoli, in a two-day distribution. 236 families (1,211 individuals) were targeted.

Winter kits and CRIs were also distributed by UNHCR and partner, LibAid, to displaced families from Murzuq. Distributions took place in Ajdabiya, (targetting 94 families/462 individuals) and Al Marj (87 families/424 individuals). Items provided included winter clothes and heaters.

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