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Sudanese Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Libya

As of 05 May 2025

Overview

It is estimated that over 313,000 Sudanese refugees have arrived in Libya since April 2023.This includes 50,542 individuals who were registered post-conflict, bringing the total number of Sudanese registered by UNHCR at its registration centre in Tripoli to 70,394.

Authorities in Alkufra reported issuing 164,500 health certificates as of March 2025 with approximately 245,000 Sudanese arriving through Alkufra alone.

Due to the irregular nature of entry, the ad hoc data shared by authorities, and the vast remote land border with Chad, Egypt, and Sudan, combined with movements towards cities along the coast, it remains challenging to provide an accurate number of Sudanese refugees.

Urgent Needs in the East

Needs are increasing due to continuous Sudanese arrivals, specifically in health, WASH, cash, food and shelter. Refugees show concerning health conditions, requiring immediate assistance, including food support. WASH infrastructure is overstretched risking the spread of disease. Immediate support for increased access to water and strengthening public health system, sanitation and hygiene. Local authorities provide significant assistance, including access to emergency and primary health care and education enrollment. However, support to local communities is needed throughout the country, as Sudanese refugees are moving towards coastal cities. Specifically tailored protection assistance to female-headed households is required to ensure no-one is left behind.

Registered with UNHCR Libya

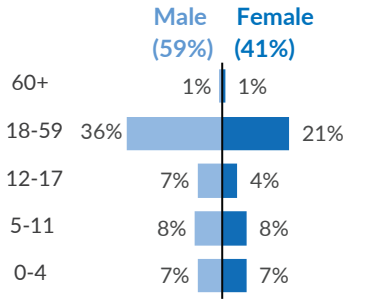
70,394

Total individuals registered

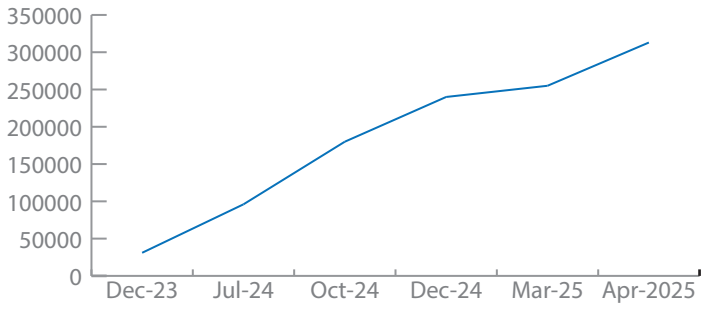
95%

Individuals entered Libya via unofficial border crossing points

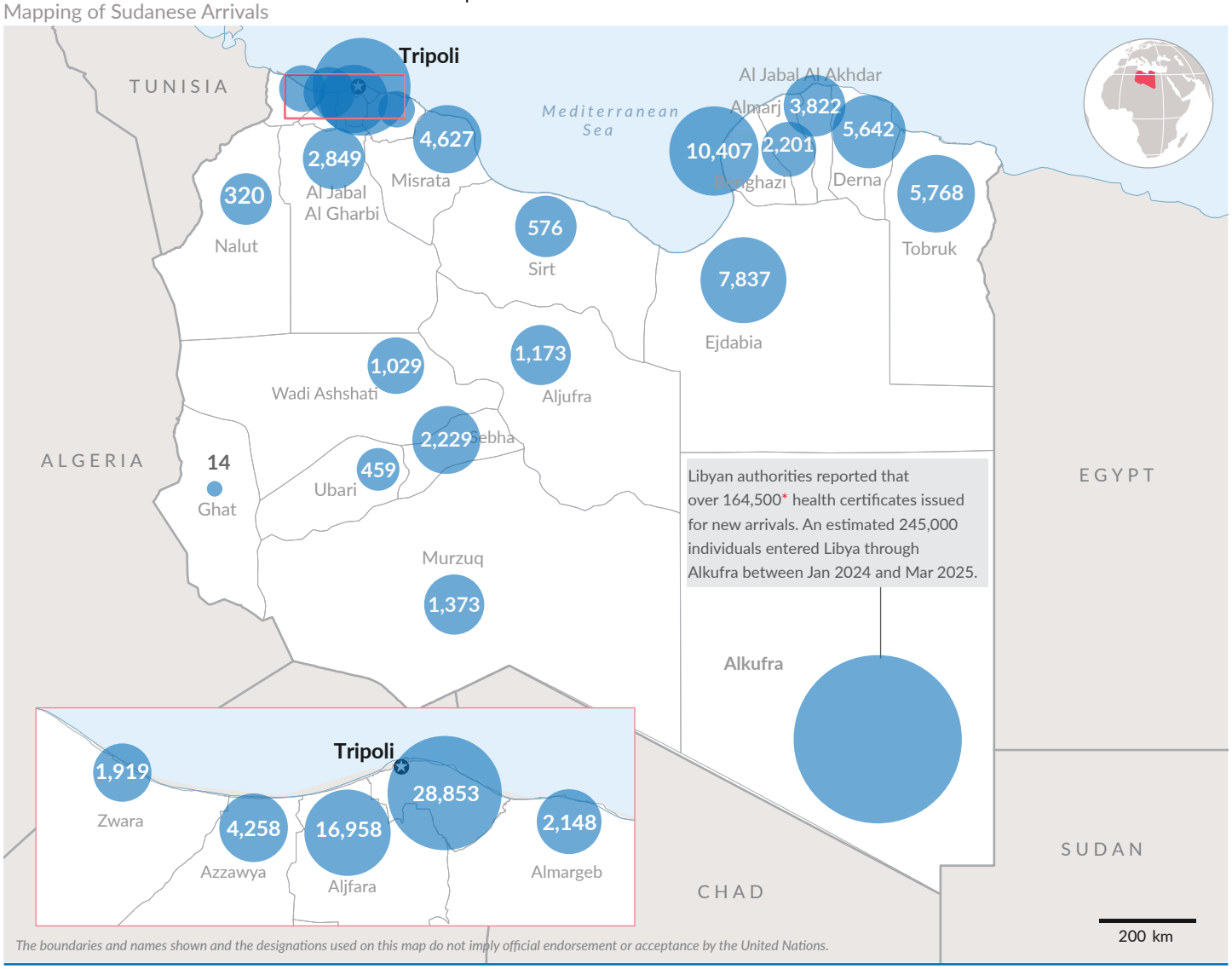
Age and gender breakdown



Estimaed Sudanese Arrivals Trend



Mapping of Sudanese Arrivals



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Note: population figures estimated in collaboration with **IOM** and **REACH IMPACT**

(*) Correspondence received from the Libyan authorities refers (letter ref# 22/1)