

LIBYA

11-21 September 2017 **Population Movements**

Key figures

226,164 Libyans currently internally displaced persons (IDPs)¹

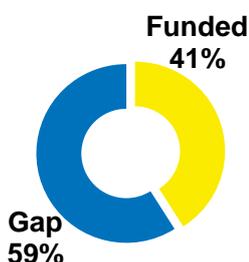
267,002 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)¹

42,887 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya

102,879 persons arrived in Italy by sea so far in 2017²

Funding

USD **75.5** M requested in 2017



¹ IOM-DTM June 2017

² data2.unhcr.org as of 210September 2017

Between 12 and 16 September, a total of 1,218 refugees and migrants were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). The most recent disembarkation took place on 16 September, with 816 individuals disembarked. This represents the largest number of persons disembarked in a single interception/rescue at sea operation since May 2017. On 12 and 16 September, UNHCR provided primary health care, hygiene kits and core relief items (CRIs) upon disembarkation in Azzawya (50 km east of Tripoli). Although 65% of individuals rescued/intercepted were men, UNHCR noted a substantial increase in the number of women (20%) and children (15%) in comparison to previous months. West African nationals remained the most prevalent (Nigeria: 36%, Senegal: 14%, Ghana: 10%), while Syrian (96 individuals – 8%) and Sudanese (30 individuals – 3%) nationals were also among those disembarked. The total number of refugees and migrants rescued/intercepted at sea by the LCG in 2017 stands at 11,810.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR continues to improve reception conditions for refugees and migrants rescued/intercepted by the LCG. This week, UNHCR delivered a mobile medical facility to the Marine Club in Tripoli. This stationary clinic will be used by partner IMC to treat refugees and migrants who are in need of immediate medical assistance upon disembarkation.

Efforts to support internally displaced persons (IDPs) throughout the country continued. During the reporting period, UNHCR and LibAid distributed core relief item kits to 10,488 IDPs and returnees in areas north of Benghazi. In addition to this in-kind assistance, UNHCR continues to work with local communities to identify IDPs with specific needs and to tailor interventions for them. Additionally, and in consultation with affected communities, UNHCR is identifying quick impact projects to be implemented throughout the country. A total of 125 quick impact projects will be implemented during the coming 15 months.

In preparation for the new school year, UNHCR and LibAid distributed school bags to almost 600 displaced Libyan children enrolled in primary schools in Tripoli. While distributing the school material, UNHCR also assessed the current needs of IDPs living in urban settlements.

UNHCR and its partners IMC and LibAid continued to undertake regular visits to official detention centres throughout Libya with the purpose of providing life-saving assistance. A total of 1,021 refugees and migrants were reached with primary health care and CRIs during the reporting period. UNHCR's presence and activities in detention centres does not represent an endorsement of such facilities. Given the urgent humanitarian needs and appalling conditions, it is essential that UNHCR continues to be engaged in the provision of life-saving assistance as well as advocacy for alternatives to detention, as the first and foremost priority. **Since 2016, 1,028 refugees and asylum-seekers were released from detention facilities following UNHCR's interventions, of which 450 were released in 2017.**

On 15 September, UNHCR and IOM briefed donors on key messages and humanitarian interventions carried out by members of the Mixed Migration Working Group in detention centres and disembarkation points. They also provided an overview on recent trends on arrivals to Libya. Over 25 representatives from embassies, NGOs and UN agencies attended this event.

Key Figures

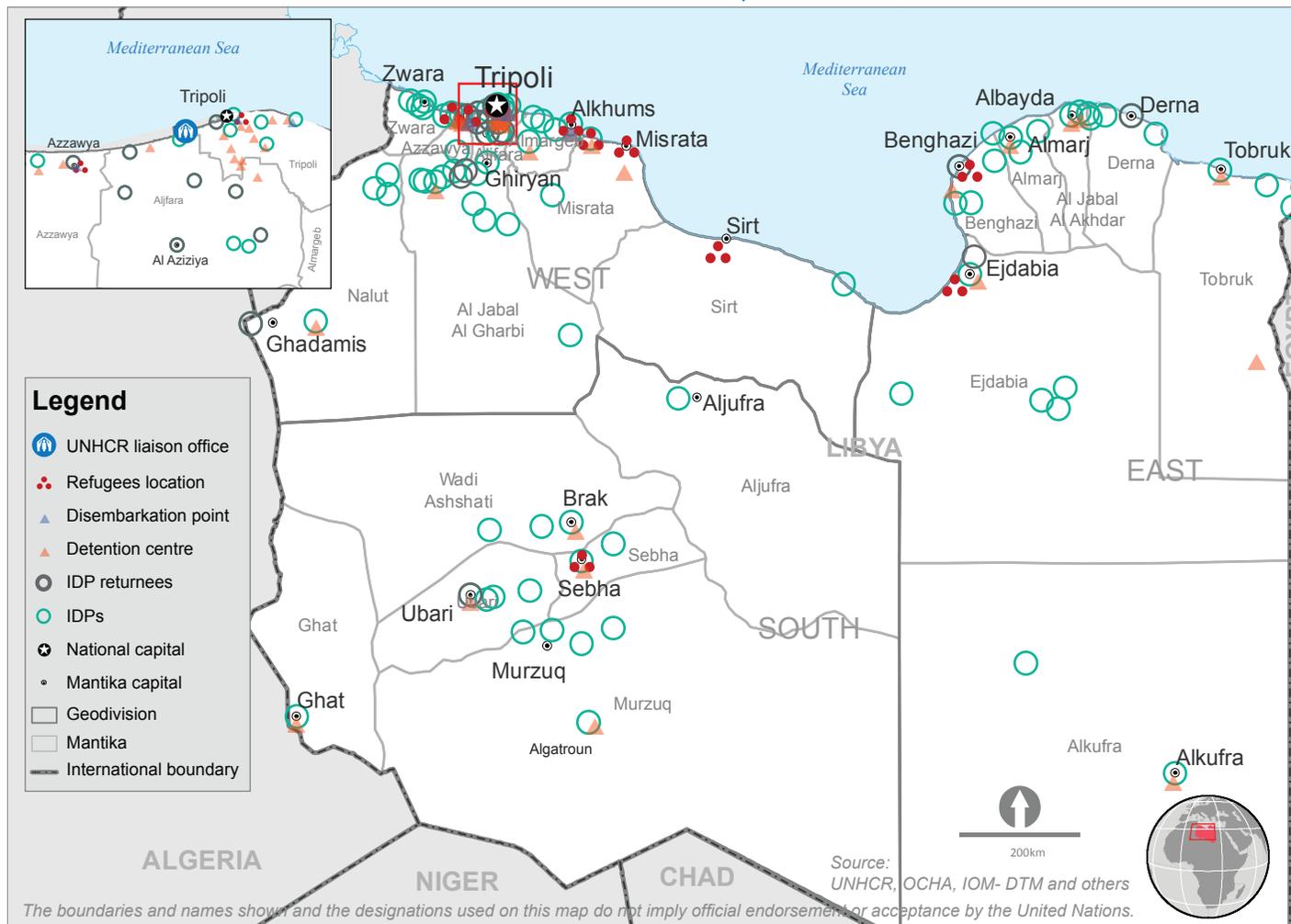
-  **536,000** people of concern
-  **42,834** registered refugees & asylum seekers
-  **226,164*** internally displaced persons
-  **267,002*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

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

Key Achievements in 2017

-  **22,141** medical consultations
-  **29,873** IDPs and refugees received core relief items
-  **4,289** individuals registered
-  **2,231** rescue kits and **2,207** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **696** monitoring visits to **30** detention centres
-  **450** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
-  **1,080** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
-  **11** capacity building events for stakeholders

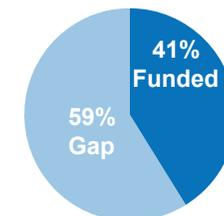


UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 75.5 million

required in 2017 for Libya emergency response



* IOM-DTM