

# **LIBYA**

3 - 9 August 2018

#### **Key figures:**

179,400 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)1

**372,022** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 -April 2018)1

54,644 registered refugees and asylumseekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

18,860 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018<sup>3</sup>

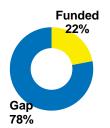
819 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

1,527 asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

1,858 vulnerable refugees and asylumseekers evacuated since November 2017

#### **Funding**

USD 85 M required for 2018



- 1 IOM-DTM April 2018.
- <sup>2</sup> Data as of 30 May 2018.
- 3 www.data2.unhcr as of 8 August 2018

#### **Highlights**

The UN in Libya strongly condemns the forced eviction of displaced Tawerghan families from Tariq al-Matar Camp early this morning, leaving them homeless for a second time in seven years.

#### **Population Movements**

In 2018, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted 12,688 refugees and migrants at sea during 90 operations. Since June, over 5,500 refugees and migrants were brought back to Libya (3,453 individuals in June, 2,167 individuals in July and 55 individuals so far in August). The main nationalities of those disembarked in Libya during the past three months are Nigerian (1,635), Sudanese (1,628) and Eritrean (1,409). UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) provided core-relief items and vital medical assistance both at the disembarkation points and in the detention centres to which individuals were subsequently transferred by the authorities. So far in 2018, UNHCR and IMC provided 9,229 rescue kits and 1,317 primary healthcare consultations at disembarkation points. From January to July 2018, 97 bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 400 over the same period in 2017. Since the beginning of the year, more than 500 lives were lost at sea. UNHCR continues to call for safe and legal pathways for refugees and asylum-seekers trying to cross the Central Mediterranean route in search of protection and safety.

### **UNHCR** Response

On 5 August, UNHCR conducted a mission to Misrata (190 km east of Tripoli). UNHCR visited internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in Misrata and held focus group discussions to assess their needs and concerns. Access to healthcare, education and basic services, including potable water and garbage collection, remains very limited. UNHCR and its partners will provide humanitarian assistance to the community while conditions are not yet in place for a voluntary, safe and dignified return. On 6 August, UNHCR visited Sirte (450 km east of Tripoli) and met with local authorities, NGOs and civil society organisations to discuss the humanitarian needs in the city. There are 20,000 displaced families in the city of Sirte. The city was severely affected by conflict in 2016, and over 2,500 houses are currently destroyed. The main needs are linked to shelter, health, education and the presence of explosive remnants of war. In the past months, UNHCR and its partners implemented six quick impact projects (QIPs) in Sirte, including the provision of solar street lights, waste management items and the distribution of nonfood items to clinics and schools. UNHCR will continue to coordinate with partners and local authorities to provide the humanitarian assistance for IDPs, returnees and hosting communities.

In 2018, UNHCR provided solutions to 2,520 refugees and asylum-seekers. Since 1 September 2017, 701 individuals were submitted for resettlement to 8 States (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland). A total of 70 individuals departed on resettlement directly from Libya to Canada, France, Sweden and the Netherlands. A total of 10 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are pending departure directly from Libya to Sweden. In addition, a total of 1,858 persons (including unaccompanied children) were evacuated to Niger (1,536), Italy (312) and the Romania (10). Currently, the total remaining capacity to accommodate evacuees in the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Niamey is 322 persons.



## **Key Figures**



619,898 people of concern



**54,644** registered refugees & asylum-seekers



**192,513**\* internally displaced persons



**372,741\*** IDP returnees

## **UNHCR Coordinated Sectors**



**Protection Sector** 



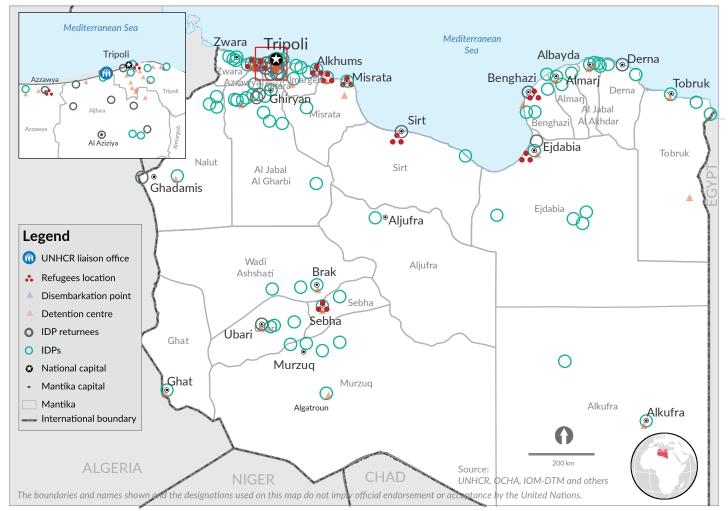
**Shelter & NFI Sector** 



**Cash & Markets Working Group** 



Mixed Migration Working Group (Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)



## **Key Achievements in 2018**



**26,528** medical consultations (35,091 in 2017)



**49,604** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (113.605 in 2017)



75 Quick Impact Projects implemented in 2018



**3,378** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (3,314 in 2017)



**18,225** individuals registered since 2016 (10.064 in 2018)



**9,229** rescue kits and **1,317** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (5,327 and 2,956 in 2017)



**819** monitoring visits to detention centres (1,080 in 2017)



**1,527** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (1,428 in 2017)



**2,520** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solution since Sept 2017: **662** resettlement submissions to third countries and **1,858** individuals evacuated from Libya (**1,536** to Niger, **312** to Italy and **10** to Romania)

# **UNHCR Funding Requirements**



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\* IOM-DTM