

# LIBYA

1 March 2019

## Key figures:

**170,490** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**445,845** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - 2018)<sup>1</sup>

**56,705** registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

**262** overall persons arrived in Italy<sup>3</sup>

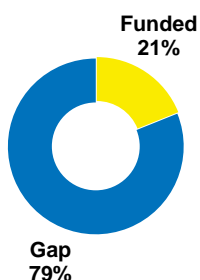
**217** monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2019

**439** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2019

**3,175** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

## Funding

USD **88.1** M required for 2019



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM December 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 27 February 2019.

<sup>3</sup> www.data2.unhcr.org as of 27 February 2019

## Populations Movements

**As of 1 March, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted 778 refugees and migrants at sea during seven operations.** The number of disembarkations significantly decreased in January and February 2019 when compared with data collected during the same period last year (2,740 individuals). In February 2019, 309 refugees and migrants were disembarked in Al Khums port (247 individuals) and at the Tripoli Naval Base (62 individuals). The majority of those disembarked so far in 2019 are from Somalia, Ivory Coast, Mali and Sudan. Departure of boats took place from areas near Al Khums. UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps continued to assist those disembarked with core-relief items and medical assistance.

## UNHCR Response

**From 23 to 26 February, UNHCR visited Sabha in the southern region as part of an inter-agency mission.** Over the past two months, southern Libya has experienced clashes leading to displacement, with recent reports informing about the displacement of 200 families from Murzuq to Al Qatrun. Along with other UN agencies, UNHCR met with the municipal council of Sabha to discuss humanitarian assistance and cooperation, including the provision of assistance and protection for UNHCR persons of concern.

**UNHCR continues to implement quick-impact projects (QIPs) to support internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities in Tripoli.** QIPs are small, rapidly implemented projects intended to help create conditions for peaceful coexistence between those displaced and their hosting communities, and to strengthen their resilience. This week, UNHCR supported two schools in Janzour with 250 school desks. In Abu Salim, a third educational facility received 100 school desks. Some 700 students will benefit from these projects. Approximately 10% of children attending these schools are displaced. All QIPs were identified by UNHCR with IDPs and host communities.





**On 24 February, UNHCR and partners started the Annual Participatory Assessment at its Community Day Centres in Tripoli.** The sessions brought together different groups of refugees and asylum-seekers to discuss their needs and concerns in Libya. During the first round of consultations, refugees and asylum-seekers living in the urban context raised access to health, documentation and livelihood opportunities as primary concerns. Following the end of this extensive exercise, UNHCR will plan its upcoming interventions and adjust its programmes accordingly.

**UNHCR continues to advocate for an end to detention and the release of persons in need of international protection from Libyan detention centres.** So far in 2019, 449 refugees have been released from detention centres and transferred to the Gathering and Departures Facility (GDF) in Tripoli. In the last two months, 289 refugees and asylum-seekers departed from the GDF to the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) in Niger. UNHCR is now processing refugees and asylum-seekers at the GDF for the next evacuation to Niger.

**During the week, UNHCR registered 450 asylum-seekers in Abu-Salim detention centre.** Since the start of the registration campaign in October, UNHCR has registered 4,500 individuals in detention centres in Libya.

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## Key Figures

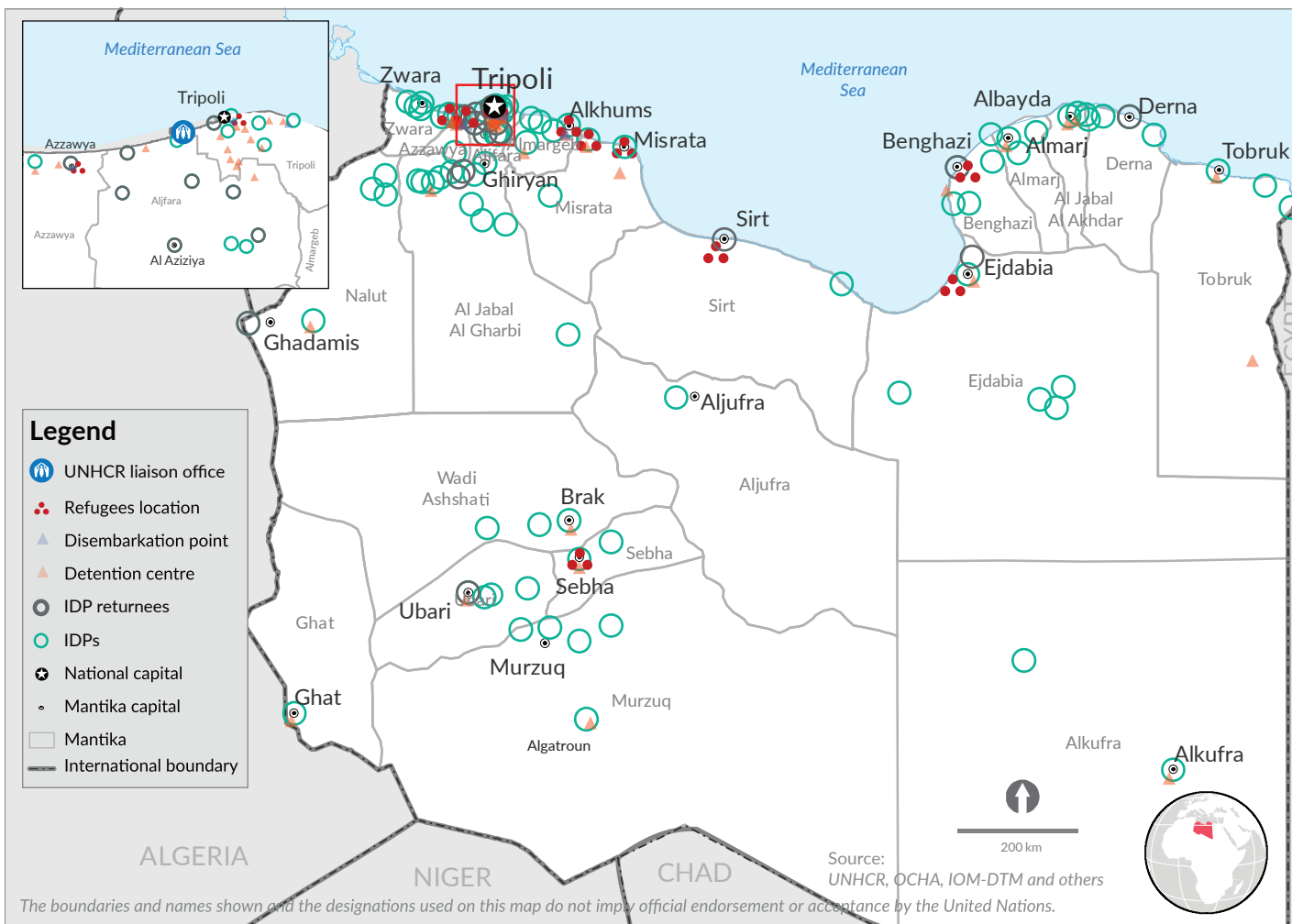
-  **673,040** people of concern
-  **56,705** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **170,490\*** internally displaced persons
-  **445,845\*** IDP returnees

## UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash Working Group**
-  **Refugee and Migrant Platform**  
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

## Key Achievements in 2018-19

-  **36,764** medical consultations (In 2019 Disembarkation: 22 -Detention: 2,273 -Urban: 1,763)
-  **122,574** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (In 2019 IDPs: 7,935 -Refugees: 2,522)
- QIP 174** Quick Impact Projects implemented (3 in 2019)
-  **4,099** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (108 in 2019)
-  **16,429** individuals registered (1,302 in 2019)
-  **10,360** rescue kits and **1,633** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (358 rescue kits in 2019)
-  **1,591** monitoring visits to detention centres (217 in 2019)
-  **3,123** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (439 in 2019)
-  **509** refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility (289 in 2019)
-  **4,324** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Sept 2017: **1,149** resettlement submissions to third countries and **3,175** individuals evacuated from Libya (2,491 to Niger, 415 to Italy and 269 to Romania)



## UNHCR Funding Requirements

