

LIBYA

13 December 2019

301,407 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

447,025 returned IDPs¹

46,086 registered refugees and asylum-seekers²

1,164 monitoring visits to detention centres

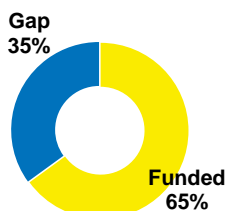
1,780 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention

1,050 refugees and asylum-seekers currently hosted in the Gathering and Departure Facility (GDF)

5,327 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (**2,256** individuals in 2019 including 846 resettled and 1,410 evacuated)

Funding

USD **88.1** M required for 2019



¹ IOM-DTM July 2019.

² Data as of 10 December 2019.

Highlights

This week, a total of 72 refugees (14 men, 40 women and 18 children) departed from Libya to the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Romania. The group who are from Eritrea, Sudan and Syria were previously hosted at the Gathering and Departure Facility (GDF) as well as living in the urban community. In Romania, they will be further processed for resettlement. So far in 2019, a total of 846 individuals have departed from Libya through UNHCR's resettlement programme.

On 10 December, 28 individuals from Eritrea, Sudan, and Somalia were transferred out of the GDF after agreeing to accept an urban package of assistance at the Community Day Centre (CDC). The transfer included 25 men, two women and one child. This is the fifth transfer to have taken place in December. Individuals were provided with core-relief items (CRIs), medical assistance and cash grants, to help them meet their basic needs such as shelter and food. Since October, a total of 174 individuals, previously hosted at the GDF, have been transferred to the urban community in nine separate operations. The GDF is currently host to some 1,050 people, of whom nearly 400 are former detainees of the Abu Salim detention centre, having entered the facility *en masse* last October. A similar number of ex-detainees from the Tajoura detention centre also are being hosted at the GDF, following an airstrike in July.



Distribution of travel documents at the GDF prior evacuation.
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Population movements

As of 11 December, 8,848 refugees and migrants have been rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya. There has been a significant decrease in sea rescue operations, due in most part to the harsh winter season. UNHCR and its partner, the International Medical Corps continue to provide medical assistance and core-relief items (CRIs) to persons at disembarkation points. In recent weeks, boats have been departing from areas west of Tripoli, near Azzawya.

UNHCR response

As of 10 December, UNHCR has conducted more than 1,160 protection monitoring visits to detention centres in Libya. These visits allow UNHCR to assess the conditions of its persons of concern, carry out registration activities and provide humanitarian assistance such as the provision of CRIs. So far in 2019, 1,780 refugees and asylum-seekers have been released through UNHCR's advocacy.

UNHCR's assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) across Libya is ongoing. This week, UNHCR partner, NRC distributed UNHCR shelter kits in Garyouness (Tawerghan IDP Camp) in eastern Libya to 174 Families (854 individuals). Preparations for the distribution of shelter kits in Derna next week are ongoing: 501 families have been registered (3,056 individuals) and 920 kits have been earmarked. Since January 2019, UNHCR has provided CRIs to more than 21,800 IDP individuals (including over 6,000 individuals in the east) and supported over 900 IDP households with cash assistance (385 families in the east).

Nearly 4,200 people in Libya are currently being held in detention centres (DCs), with 2,450 being of concern to UNHCR, who continues to call for an end to detention and the gradual release of all refugees and migrants to the urban community. So far in 2019, UNHCR and partners have made over 1,150 monitoring visits to Libyan DCs.

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