UNHCR UPDATE

LIBYA

16 October 2020

Key figures:

392,241 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)[1]

493,716 returned IDPs[1]

45,661 registered refugees and asylum-seekers[2]

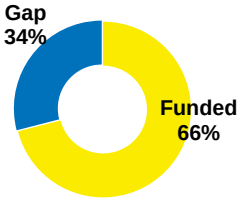
205 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020

231 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2020

5,877 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (**502** individuals departed in 2020)

Funding

USD **84.1** M required for 2020



[1] *IOM-DTM August 2020.*
[2] *Data as of 16 October 2020.*

Highlights

Evacuees at Mitiga airport, Tripoli, await embarkation for their flight to ETM Niger. ©UNHCR/M. Alalem

On 15 October, UNHCR evacuated a group of 153 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers out of Libya to the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) in Niger. This marks the end of a seven-month long suspension of evacuation flights from Libya, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; all passengers tested negative prior to departure. The majority of evacuees had experienced arbitrary detention in Libya – with some detained for more than two years. UNHCR is grateful for the support of the Libyan authorities for facilitating the procedures that led to this long-awaited flight. Evacuees will now receive humanitarian assistance at the ETM, including shelter, food, and medical care while further options for them, such as resettlement, are pursued. In 2020, with this latest flight, UNHCR has now assisted 502 vulnerable refugees out of Libya, including 221 resettled in Europe.

Population movement

As of 14 October, 8,998 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and disembarked in Libya. The population comprises 84 per cent men, 7.7 per cent women and 8.3 per cent children. The majority of those who disembarked this year are Sudanese followed by Bangladeshi and Malian nationals.

UNHCR response

On 12 October, UNHCR took part in a joint visit to Al Ajaylat town (100 km west of Tripoli) with the Libyan Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and partner LibAid. The aim of the visit was to assess and monitor the conditions of displaced families residing in the area. The major concerns reported included lack of stable income and poor housing conditions.

As COVID-19 cases rapidly increase across Libya, UNHCR continues to support activities aimed at mitigating the impact of the virus. On 15 October, UNHCR distributed 80 hygiene kits and sanitary cloth to the Gheryan isolation centre, where suspected COVID-19 cases are quarantined and monitored. On 14 October similar distributions were made to the isolation centre at Zintan.

UNHCR and partners continue to visit government-run detention centres (DCs), where more than 3,400 refugees and migrants are estimated to be held. In eastern Libya, partner PUI conducted visits to Ganfouda DC on 12 and 15 October and also made a visit to Ajdabiya DC 13 October. On 15 October, UNHCR distributed blankets and mattresses to 164 refugees and migrants held at Triq al Sikka DC in Tripoli.

Last week, partner CESVI provided cash assistance to 108 refugees and asylum-seekers living in the urban community in Tripoli (81 families). This included regular cash assistance to five individuals (four families) and emergency cash assistance to 103 individuals (44 families). Last week, UNHCR partner, the Danish Refugee Council, started a second round of pre-paid cash cards for 500 displaced Libyan families, reaching 203 households. The distribution continued this week on 12 October with the remaining 297 families being targeted.

At the Serraj Registration Office, UNHCR has newly registered 257 individuals from Sudan (119), Syria (74), Somalia (18), Eritrea (16), Palestine (14), Ethiopia (8), Nigeria (5) and South Sudan (3).

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UNHCR Libya Response in 2020

16 Octobber 2020

Key Figures

931,618 people of concern

45,661 registered refugees & asylum-seekers

392,241* internally displaced persons

493,716* IDP returnees

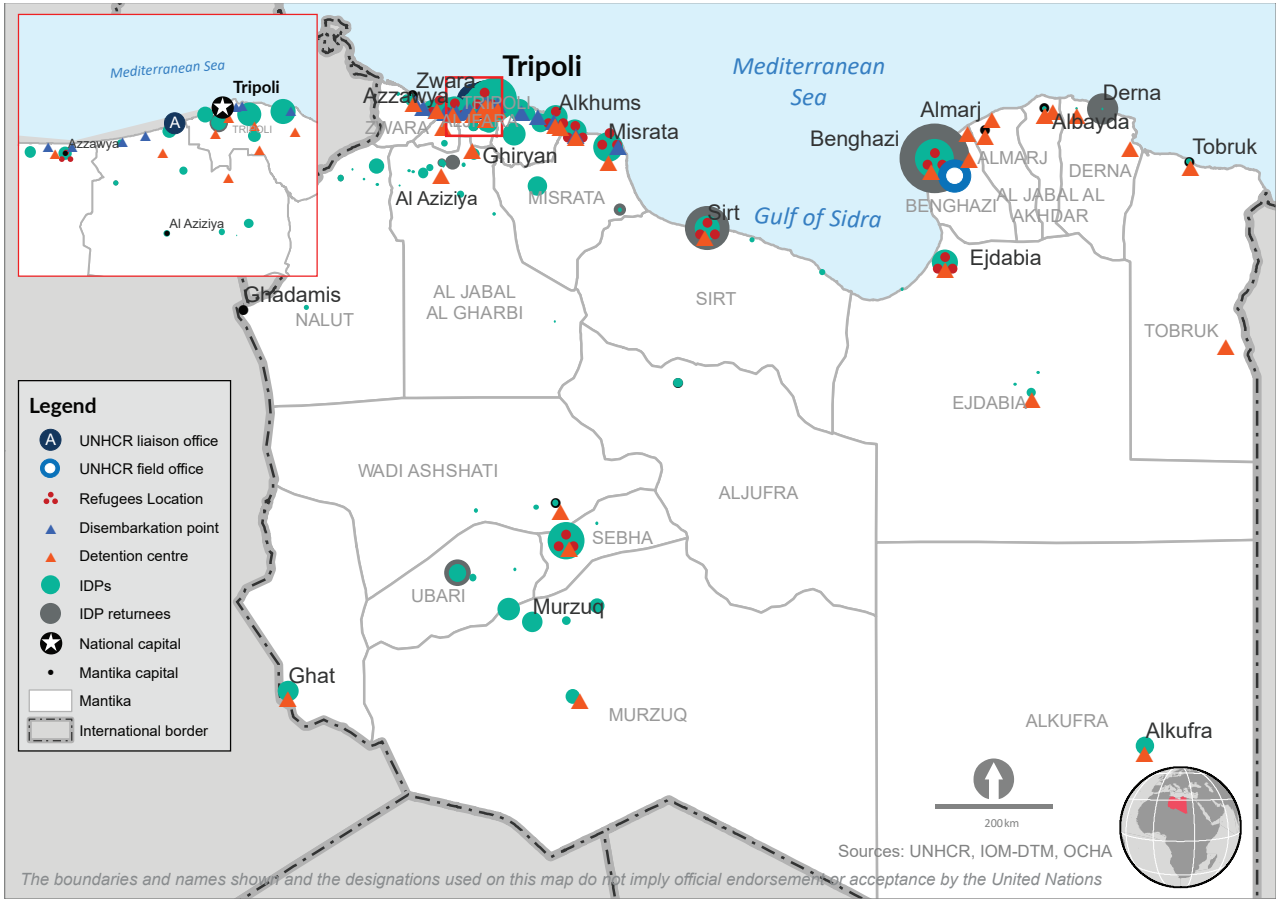
UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

Protection Sector

Shelter & NFI Sector

Cash Working Group

Migrants and Refugees Platform
(Co-led by UNHCR, IOM & IRC)



Key Achievements

4,581 medical consultations (Disembarkation: 431- Detention: 1,175-Urban: 2,975)

50,797 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,748 -Refugees 17,049)

890 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points

7,168 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 4,269- Refugees: 2,899)

11,610 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 7,399)

QIP **31** Quick Impact Projects implemented

6,740 individuals registered (64 in detention)

205 monitoring visits to detention centres

231 detained refugees/asylum-seekers released

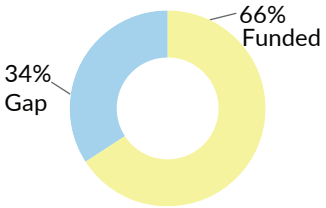
1,713 refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility since 2018

221 individuals resettled from Libya in 2020
281 individuals evacuated from Libya in 2020

5,877 individuals departed from Libya since 2017

UNHCR Funding Requirements

USD 84.1 million
required in 2020



* IOM-DTM

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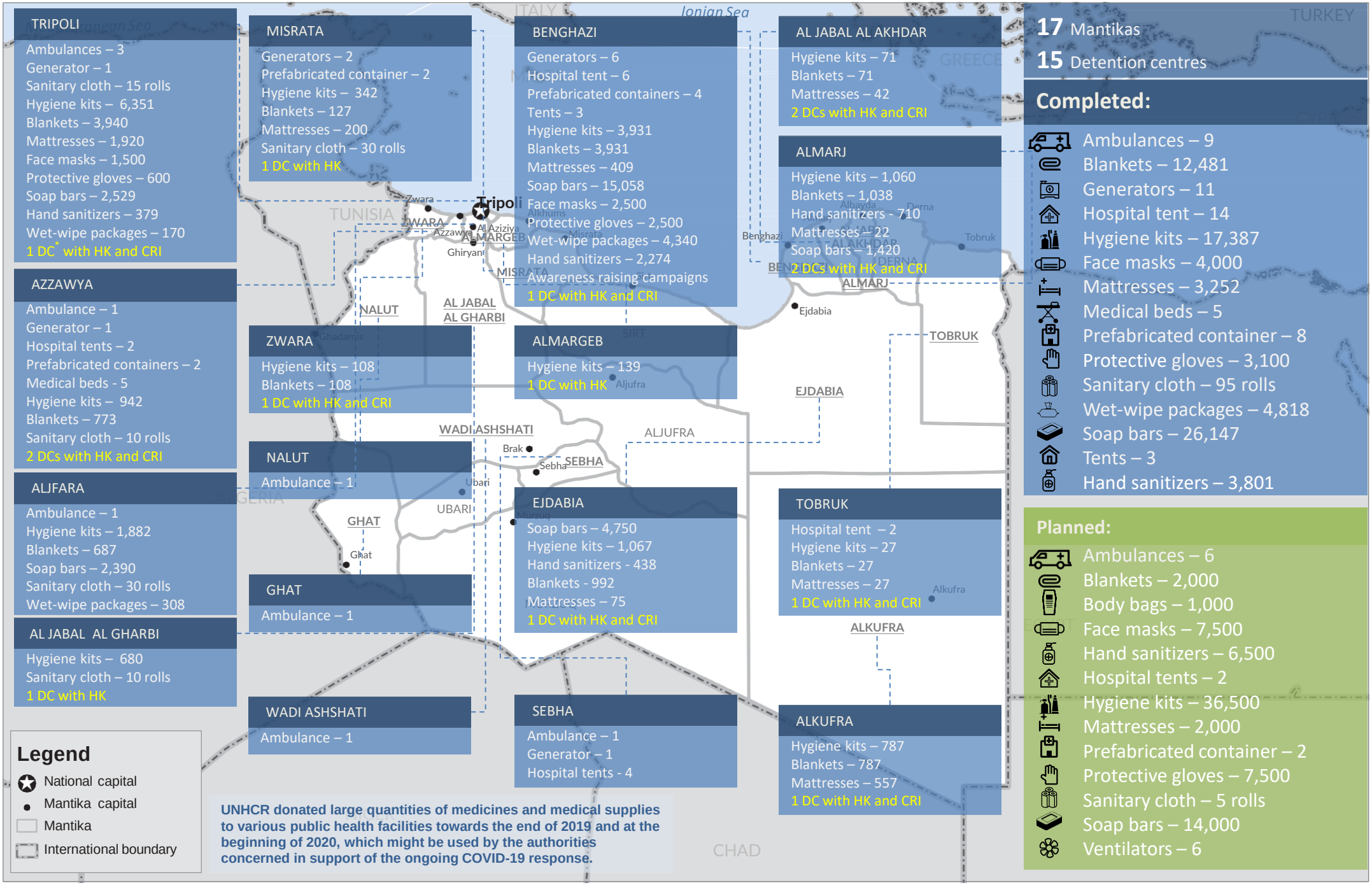

TRIPOLI

- Ambulances – 3
- Generator – 1
- Sanitary cloth – 15 rolls
- Hygiene kits – 6,351
- Blankets – 3,940
- Mattresses – 1,920
- Face masks – 1,500
- Protective gloves – 600
- Soap bars – 2,529
- Hand sanitizers – 379
- Wet-wipe packages – 170
- 1 DC* with HK and CRI

MISRATA

- Generators – 2
- Prefabricated container – 2
- Hygiene kits – 342
- Blankets – 127
- Mattresses – 200
- Sanitary cloth – 30 rolls
- 1 DC with HK

BENGHAZI

- Generators – 6
- Hospital tent – 6
- Prefabricated containers – 4
- Tents – 3
- Hygiene kits – 3,931
- Blankets – 3,931
- Mattresses – 409
- Soap bars – 15,058
- Face masks – 2,500
- Protective gloves – 2,500
- Wet-wipe packages – 4,340
- Hand sanitizers – 2,274
- Awareness raising campaigns
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

AL JABAL AL AKHDAR

- Hygiene kits – 71
- Blankets – 71
- Mattresses – 42
- 2 DCs with HK and CRI

ALMARJ

- Hygiene kits – 1,060
- Blankets – 1,038
- Hand sanitizers - 710
- Mattresses – 22
- Soap bars – 1,420
- 2 DCs with HK and CRI

AZZAWYA

- Ambulance – 1
- Generator – 1
- Hospital tents – 2
- Prefabricated containers – 2
- Medical beds - 5
- Hygiene kits – 942
- Blankets – 773
- Sanitary cloth – 10 rolls
- 2 DCs with HK and CRI

ZWARA

- Hygiene kits – 108
- Blankets – 108
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

ALMARGEB

- Hygiene kits – 139
- 1 DC with HK

NALUT

- Ambulance – 1

ALJFARA

- Ambulance – 1
- Hygiene kits – 1,882
- Blankets – 687
- Soap bars – 2,390
- Sanitary cloth – 30 rolls
- Wet-wipe packages – 308

EJDABIA

- Soap bars – 4,750
- Hygiene kits – 1,067
- Hand sanitizers - 438
- Blankets - 992
- Mattresses – 75
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

TOBRUK

- Hospital tent – 2
- Hygiene kits – 27
- Blankets – 27
- Mattresses – 27
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

GHAT

- Ambulance – 1

AL JABAL AL GHARBI

- Hygiene kits – 680
- Sanitary cloth – 10 rolls
- 1 DC with HK

WADI ASHSHATI

- Ambulance – 1

SEBHA

- Ambulance – 1
- Generator – 1
- Hospital tents - 4

ALKUFRA

- Hygiene kits – 787
- Blankets – 787
- Mattresses – 557
- 1 DC with HK and CRI

17 Mantikas

15 Detention centres

Completed:

- Ambulances – 9
- Blankets – 12,481
- Generators – 11
- Hospital tent – 14
- Hygiene kits – 17,387
- Face masks – 4,000
- Mattresses – 3,252
- Medical beds – 5
- Prefabricated container – 8
- Protective gloves – 3,100
- Sanitary cloth – 95 rolls
- Wet-wipe packages – 4,818
- Soap bars – 26,147
- Tents – 3
- Hand sanitizers – 3,801

Planned:

- Ambulances – 6
- Blankets – 2,000
- Body bags – 1,000
- Face masks – 7,500
- Hand sanitizers – 6,500
- Hospital tents – 2
- Hygiene kits – 36,500
- Mattresses – 2,000
- Prefabricated container – 2
- Protective gloves – 7,500
- Sanitary cloth – 5 rolls
- Soap bars – 14,000
- Ventilators – 6

Legend

- National capital
- Mantika capital
- Mantika
- International boundary

UNHCR donated large quantities of medicines and medical supplies to various public health facilities towards the end of 2019 and at the beginning of 2020, which might be used by the authorities concerned in support of the ongoing COVID-19 response.

The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

* - Detention Centres