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UNHCR UPDATE

LIBYA

22 January 2021

Key figures:

316,415 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)[1]

567,802 returned IDPs[1]

44,199 registered refugees and asylum-seekers[2]

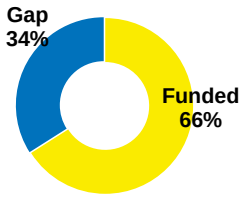
264 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020

510 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2020

6,235 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (**860** individuals departed in 2020)

Funding

USD **84.1** M required for 2020



[1] IOM-DTM October 2020.
[2] Data as of 22 January 2020.

Highlight

Over the past few days, UNHCR has helped to support the transfer of all asylum-seekers detained at Zintan (Daher Al Jabal) detention centre, to Tripoli, upon their release by the authorities. The detention centre is located 135 kms south-west of Tripoli. The agency organized transport to bring the individuals to Tripoli, with escorts provided by the Department for Combatting Illegal Migration (DCIM), from the Ministry of Interior.

Provision of assistance to recently released individuals from Zintan detention centre. ©UNHCR/Alkelani Elmeliti

Population movement

As of 20 January, 172 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya in 2021 (11,265 in 2020; 9,035 in 2019). On 19 January, a shipwreck occurred off the coast of Libya, reportedly claiming 43 lives. According to both UNHCR's partner, the International Rescue Committee, and IOM, ten survivors were disembarked at Zwara.

UNHCR response

UNHCR continues to support internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Libya. Over the reporting period, UNHCR and its national partner LibAid, distributed winter items to 475 IDP families in Fallah 1 (159), Fallah 2 (279) and Sidi Al Sayeh (37) settlements. Items included jerry cans, winter clothes, socks, solar lamps, plastic sheets, blankets, mattresses and hygiene kits. There will be additional distributions of winter items to other areas targeting IDPs and returnees in Tripoli, Al Zawiya and the Nafusa mountains in the upcoming weeks. In 2020 and to date, UNHCR has provided core relief items (CRIs) to some 34,000 IDPs and returnees across Libya.

Winter campaign at Fallah 2 IDPs settlement. ©UNHCR/ F.Harwida

Resettlement flights continue, with the departure of the most vulnerable from Libya. On 13 January, UNHCR with IOM's logistical support facilitated the departure of 29 people (including 16 minors) from Tripoli on resettlement to Canada. A similarly scheduled flight of 19 persons departed on 20 January. Since the start of 2020, 860 refugees and asylum-seekers have been transferred out of Libya on resettlement and evacuation flights.

The Community Day Centre (CDC) in Tripoli continues to provide vital services for refugees and asylum-seekers living in the urban community. A total of 181 individuals approached the CDC for vulnerability assessments and referrals to targeted services where 66 sexual and gender-based survivors and 14 children were followed up on, along with the provision of psycho-social support. CRIs were also provided to 84 individuals who received blankets, mattresses, heaters, hygiene kits, raincoats, plastic sheets and tracksuits. Since 2020, more than 17,000 refugees and asylum-seekers have received CRIs.

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UNHCR Libya Response in 2020/2021

22 January 2021

Key Figures

928,416 people of concern

44,199 registered refugees & asylum-seekers

316,415* internally displaced persons

567,802* IDP returnees

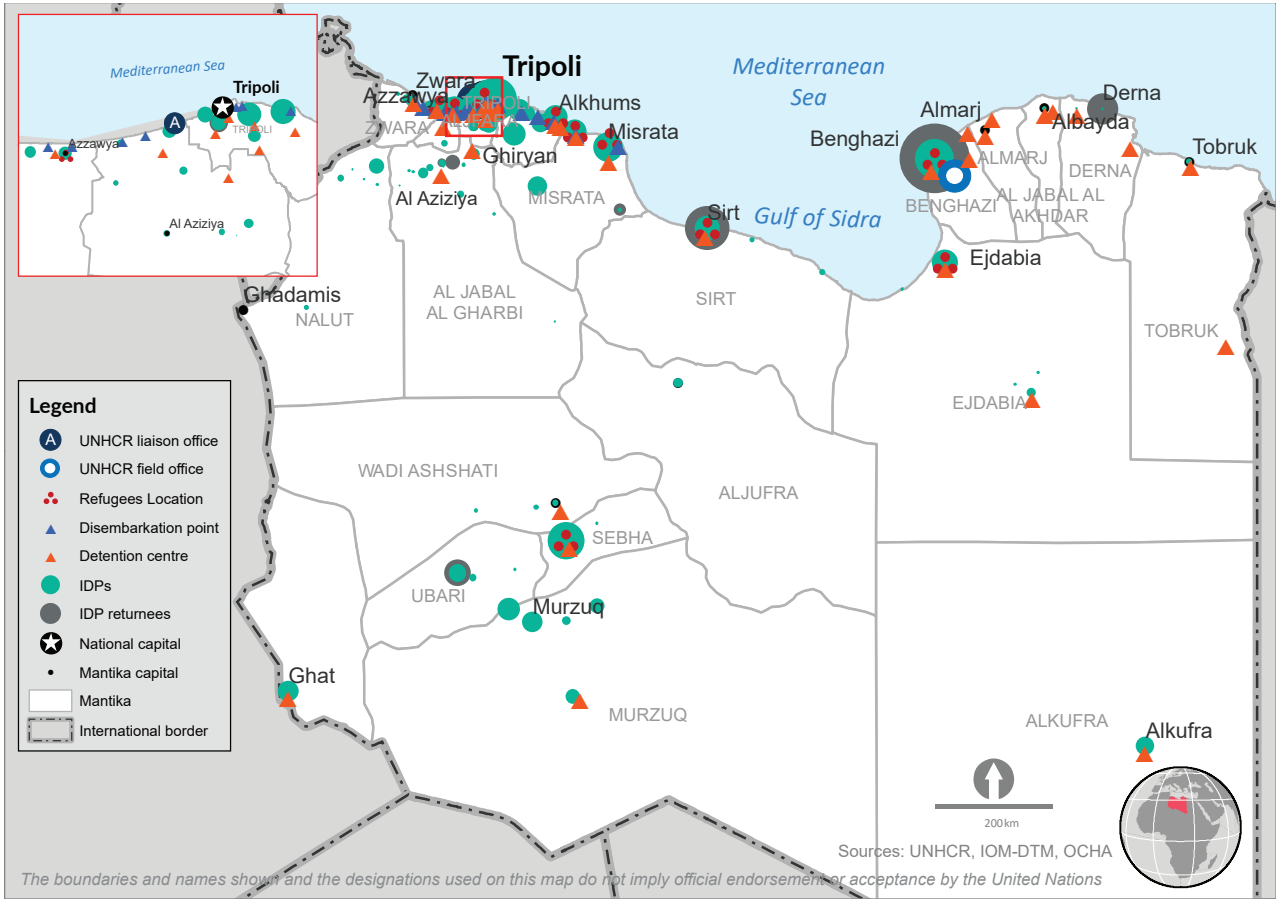
UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

Protection Sector

Shelter & NFI Sector

Cash Working Group

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



Key Achievements

24,396 medical consultations (Disembarkation: 648- Detention: 7,180-Urban: 16,568)

51,102 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,748 -Refugees 17,354)

890 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points

20,036 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 16,842- Refugees: 3,194)

17,098 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 13,311)

QIP **44** Quick Impact Projects implemented

8,391 individuals registered (82 in detention)

264 monitoring visits to detention centres

510 detained refugees/asylum-seekers released in 2020/2021

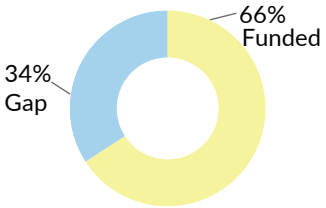
1,713 refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility since 2018

370 individuals resettled from Libya in 2020/2021
490 individuals evacuated from Libya in 2020

6,235 individuals departed from Libya since 2017

UNHCR Funding Requirements

USD 84.1 million
required in 2020



* IOM-DTM