

Libya continues to be a transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. UNHCR's interventions at disembarkation points in Libya focus on the provision of life-saving assistance and protection monitoring, to identify persons in need of international protection, as well as vulnerable individuals, such as unaccompanied and separated children, elderly, medical cases, women at risk or victims of trafficking. UNHCR through its partner International Rescue Committee provides medical services and core relief items.

As of 31 July 2021, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) rescued/ intercepted a total of 18,708 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Of the 139 operations from Jan -July 2021, UNHCR and it's partners were present at 110 operations representing 15,780 people. Over the same period last year, they rescued/intercepted a total of 6,625 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2021, Libyan local authorities have reported **193** people missing while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

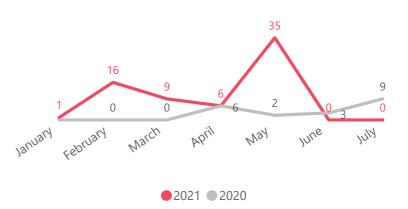
Monthly trends - people rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2020-2021

Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2020-2021

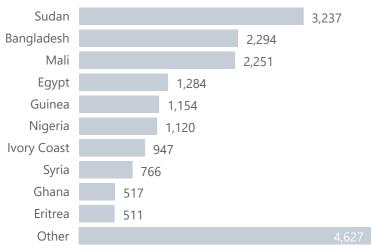
From Jan - July 2021, 18,708 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, an increase of 281 % compared to the same period in 2020.

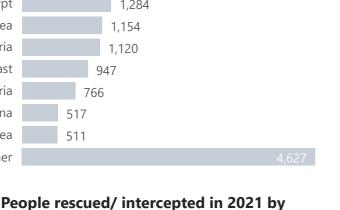


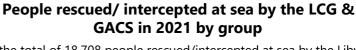
From Jan - July 2021, 67 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 20 over the same period in 2020. In addition, 193 people were reported missing, compared to 38 in the same months in 2020.



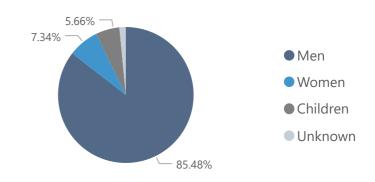
Nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the LCG & **GACS** in 2021







Of the total of 18,708 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 15,992 were men, 1,373 women, 1,058 children, 285 unidentified.



UNHCR's life-saving activities at disembarkation points

As of 31 July 2021, UNHCR, through its partner International Rescue Committee, provided medical assistance to 878 people and distributed 1,735 hygiene kits at disembarkation points. In addition to the Health services there are distributions of 3,986 food items, 629 blankets, 76 dignity kits, 37 baby kits.

