

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 September 30, 2021, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) rescued/ intercepted a total of 25,428 people* in different locations along the Libyan coast. Of the 185 operations from January - September 2021, UNHCR and its partners were present at 144 operations representing 19,932 people. Over the same period last year, they rescued/intercepted a total of 9,083 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2021, Libyan local authorities have reported 301 people missing while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

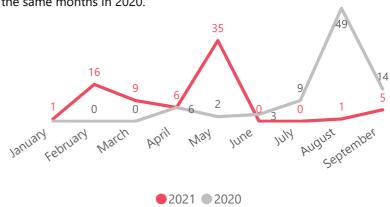
Monthly trends - people rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2020-2021

From January - September 2021, **25,428 people*** were rescued/ intercepted at sea, an increase of **180%** compared to the same period in 2020.

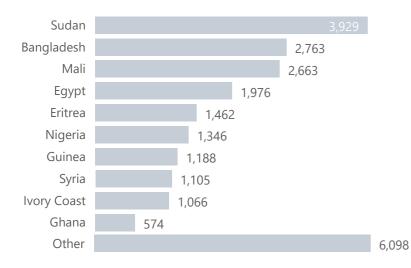


Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2020-2021

From January - September 2021, **73** dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 83 over the same period in 2020. In addition, **301** people were reported **missing**, compared to 100 in the same months in 2020.

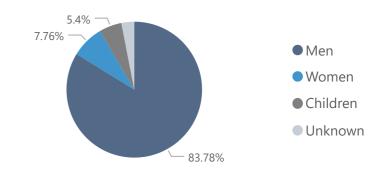


Nationalities rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2021

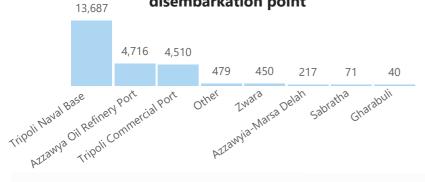


People rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2021 by group

Of the total of 25,428 people* rescued/intercepted at sea, **20,250** were men, **1,875** women, **1,306** children, **1,997** unidentified.



People rescued/ intercepted in 2021 by disembarkation point



UNHCR's life-saving activities at disembarkation points

As of September 30, 2021, UNHCR, through its partner International Rescue Committee, provided medical assistance to 1,087 people and distributed 1,735 hygiene kits at disembarkation points. In addition to the Health services there are distributions of 5,462 food items, 629 blankets, 76 dignity kits, 37 baby kits.