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 Medical Corps provides medical services and core relief items. In addition, UNHCR rehabilitated WASH facilities at six disembarkation points, in Azzawya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums.

As of 31 December 2018, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 15,235 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. 341 individuals were rescued/intercepted in December, 645 in November and 351 in October. Since 1 January 2018, Libyan local authorities have recovered 101 bodies of people who perished while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017-2018

From January to December 2018, 15,235 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, a decrease of 0.8% compared to the same period in 2017.

Top 10 nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2018

- Sudan: 2,114
- Nigeria: 1,870
- Mali: 1,805
- Côte d’Ivoire: 1,068
- Guinea: 899
- Somalia: 665
- Ghana: 552
- Bangladesh: 525
- Senegal: 487
- Unidentified: 1,400
- Other: 2,479

People rescued/intercepted in 2018 by disembarkation point

- Tripoli: 3,115
- Alkhums: 1,574
- Azzawya: 738
- Tajoura Port: 129
- Sabratha: 128
- Other: 120
- Misrata: 109

UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points

As of 31 December 2018, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 1,565 people and distributed 10,009 hygiene kits at six health posts.

Reported missing
January - December 2017: 669
2018: 623

People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2018 by group

- Men: 10.0%
- Women: 5.6%
- Children: 14.5%
- Unidentified: 69.9%

From January to December 2018, 101 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 433 over the same period in 2017.

Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2017-2018

From January to December 2018, 101 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters.