

LIBYA

19 - 25 January 2019

Key figures:

187,423 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

403,978 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - April 2018)¹

56,240 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya²

156 overall persons arrived in Italy³

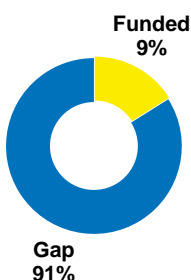
1,438 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2018 and 2019

2,825 asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention in 2018 and 2019

2,886 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

Funding

USD **88.1** M required for 2019



¹ IOM-DTM October 2018.

² Data as of 23 January 2019.

³ www.data2.unhcr as of 23 January 2019

Highlights

On 22 January, UNHCR called for urgent action on the Mediterranean Sea. UNHCR is alarmed at recent developments, including the situation in the Mediterranean, where at least two shipwrecks and numerous other rescue incidents occurred. UNHCR believes it has become urgent for States to take action to reassert effective rescue capacity in the Mediterranean by increasing coordinated multi-state rescue, restoring rapid disembarkation in a place of safety, and lifting impediments to the work of NGO rescue vessels.

Populations Movements

So far in 2019, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted 469 refugees and migrants. This week, UNHCR recorded an increase in disembarkations in Libya. On 22 January, UNHCR provided food and water to 141 refugees and migrants who disembarked in Misrata, after being rescued by a merchant vessel, the Lady Sham. The group had been stranded at sea for three days. On 21 January, 106 persons were rescued by a commercial ship, the Gesina Schepera, and disembarked in Alkhoms Naval Base. On 20 January, 152 persons were disembarked in Tripoli. On 19 January, 70 refugees and migrants disembarked at the Tripoli Naval Base. On all occasions, UNHCR and its partner the International Medical Corps (IMC) provided core-relief items and medical assistance both at the disembarkation points and in the detention centres to which individuals were transferred by the authorities.

UNHCR Response





On 22 January, UNHCR evacuated 26 refugees to the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Romania with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The group was composed of Syrian, Sudanese and Eritrean nationals who will remain in the ETC pending their resettlement to a third country. In January alone, 93 refugees and asylum-seekers departed from Libya to Romania. Since September 2017, UNHCR has identified and submitted 1,064 individuals for resettlement to seven resettlement countries: Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

During the week, refugees and asylum-seekers were transferred to UNHCR's Gathering and Departure Facility (GDF) from detention centres. On 22 January, a group of 80 individuals previously held in Triq Al Sikka, Abu Salim, Tajura and Al Sabaa detention centres arrived to the GDF. A second group of 60 persons arrived to the GDF on 24 January, previously held in Souq Al-Khamis detention centre. All individuals will be processed for solutions in third countries. The GDF currently hosts 142 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers.



Since October 2018, UNHCR has registered 3,140 refugees and asylum-seekers in detention centres. In January alone, UNHCR registered 328 individuals. This week, UNHCR registered asylum-seekers in Zwara and Azzawya detention centres (100 and 45 km west of Tripoli, respectively). In addition, last week UNHCR visited Al Khoms detention centre (115 km east of Tripoli) and Triq al Sikka detention centre in Tripoli. UNHCR estimates that 5,000 refugees and migrants are detained in Libya of whom 3,800 are of concern to UNHCR.

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Key Figures

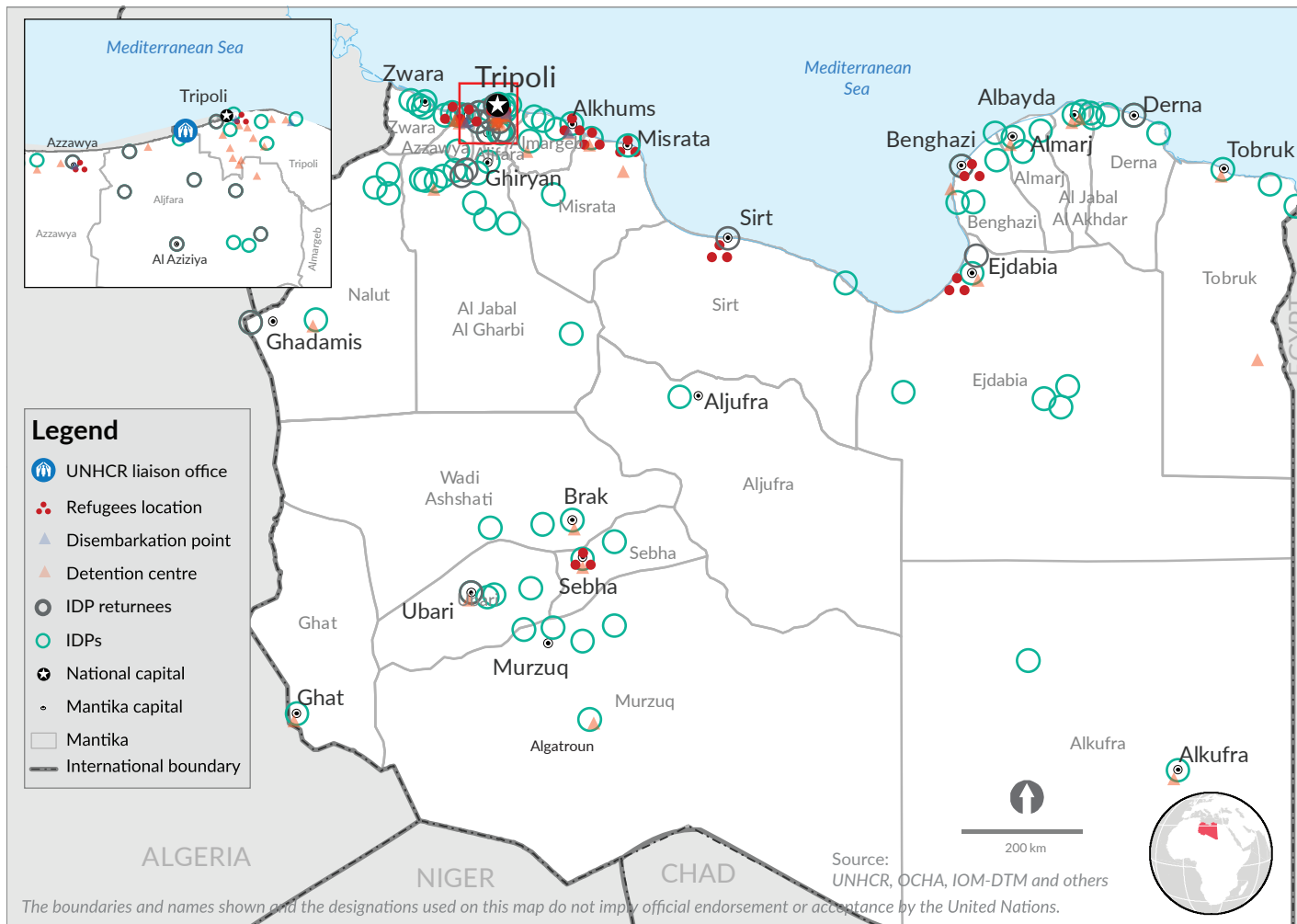
-  **647,641** people of concern
-  **56,240** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **187,423*** internally displaced persons
-  **403,978*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash Working Group**
-  **Refugee and Migrant Platform**
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

Key Achievements in 2018-19

-  **34,366** medical consultations (Disembarkation: **1,611** -Detention: **22,987** -Urban: **9,768**)
-  **112,240** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: **74,480** -Refugees: **37,760**)
- QIP 158** Quick Impact Projects implemented
-  **6,205** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (IDPs: **4,076** -Refugees: **2,129**)
-  **15,245** individuals registered
-  **10,002** rescue kits and **1,611** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **1,438** monitoring visits to detention centres
-  **2,825** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released
-  **221** refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility
-  **3,950** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Sept 2017: **1,064** resettlement submissions to third countries and **2,886** individuals evacuated from Libya (**2,202** to Niger, **415** to Italy and **269** to Romania)



UNHCR Funding Requirements

