UNHCR UPDATE

LIBYA

8 May 2020

Key figures:
373,709 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)\(^1\)
448,573 returned IDPs\(^1\)
48,735 registered refugees and asylum-seekers\(^2\)
155 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020
231 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2020
5,709 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (297 individuals departed in 2020)

Funding
USD 85.1 M required for 2020
Gap 68%
Funded 32%

\(^1\) IOM-DTM February 2020.
\(^2\) Data as of 8 May 2020.

Population movement
As of 8 May, 3,078 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya. So far this year, 809 persons of concern (PoCs) to UNHCR have disembarked in Libya. UNHCR and its partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), continue to provide medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) at the disembarkation points.

UNHCR response
Thanks to humanitarian waivers from the authorities and a less restrictive curfew in Tripoli, the Community Day Centre (CDC) and the Serraj Registration Centre are once more active. The delivery of services is still by appointment-only and social distancing measures for COVID-19 are being respected. Current opening times reflect the schedule of public services during the month of Ramadan (0900 to 1400). This week, registration hotlines received 111 calls (encompassing 226 family members). UNHCR through its partner, IRC, continues to provide medical assistance at the CDC including primary healthcare consultations and medical referrals to secondary hospitals. So far this year, more than 1,400 medical consultations were provided at the CDC.

On 6 May, UNHCR and its partners, LibAid and IRC, conducted a distribution campaign of CRIs that targeted 219 refugees and asylum-seekers (including 85 women) living in Gergaresh district in Tripoli, where many PoCs reside. This was the third such distribution to take place last week where some 460 refugees and asylum-seekers received assistance including food baskets, hygiene kits, jerry cans and water purification tablets (the latter provided by sister agency, UNICEF). The campaign is part of a series of onsite distributions during Ramadan, targeting 4,000 persons. It is part of UNHCR’s strategy to diversify its urban assistance. Periodic assessments highlight the worrying socio-economic impact of COVID-19, which is compounding the vulnerability of refugees. Data suggests that since the end of March, a significant proportion have lost their jobs, particularly those who relied on temporary employment and daily labour, e.g. working on construction sites. With increasing prices of basic food and commodities, many PoCs cannot afford even the most basic items essential for day-to-day living.

UNHCR continues to conduct protection monitoring visits to detention centres in Libya. These visits allow UNHCR to access the conditions of its PoCs who are being held in detention; provide protection services such as registration and identifying vulnerable cases for durable solutions; and providing assistance including CRIs. As of 8 May, UNHCR has undertaken 155 protection monitoring visits to detention centres.

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UNHCR Libya Response in 2020

**Key Figures**

- **871,014** people of concern
- **48,732** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
- **373,709*** internally displaced persons
- **448,573*** 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**

- **2,327** medical consultations (Disembarkation: 135
  Detention: 783-Urban: 1,409)
- **17,228** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 15,187
  - Refugees 2,041)
- **856** individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points
- **1,306** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (IDPs: 90 - Refugees: 1,216)
- **8** Quick Impact Projects implemented
- **3,327** individuals registered (44 in detention)
- **155** monitoring visits to detention centres
- **231** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released
- **1,713** refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility since 2018
- **169** individuals resettled from Libya in 2020
- **128** individuals evacuated from Libya in 2020
- **5,709** individuals departed from Libya since 2017

**UNHCR Funding Requirements**

- **USD 85.1 million** required in 2020

- **32%** Funded

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**Sources:** UNHCR, IOM-DTM, OCHA

* IOM-DTM
UNHCR LIBYA: Support to COVID-19 Response
16 March – 8 May 2020

UNHCR donated large quantities of medicines and medical supplies to various public health facilities towards the end of 2019 and at the beginning of 2020, which might be used by the authorities concerned in support of the ongoing COVID-19 response.

Completed:
- Ambulances – 6
- Blankets – 873
- Hospital tent – 1
- Hygiene kits – 1,279
- Mattresses – 1,073
- Sanitary cloth – 15 rolls
- Soap bars – 8,740
- Tents – 3
- Awareness raising campaigns

Planned:
- Ambulances – 9
- Body bags – 1,000
- Face masks – 10,000
- Generators – 10
- Hand sanitizers – 10,000
- Hospital tents – 10
- Hygiene kits – 37,831
- Mattresses – 2,081
- Prefabricated container – 10
- Protective gloves – 10,000
- Sanitary cloth – 85 rolls
- Soap bars – 17,400
- Ventilators – 6

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