LIBYA
17 July 2020

Key figures:
401,836 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹
457,324 returned IDPs¹
47,859 registered refugees and asylum-seekers²
176 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 84.1 M required for 2020

Population movement
As of 16 July, 5,650 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya. The majority of those disembarked so far this year comprise nationals from Sudan, followed by Bangladesh and Mali. There is a 42 per cent increase in arrivals compared to the same period last year, where 3,982 persons disembarked between January and July 2019. So far this year, 1,670 persons of concern to UNHCR were brought back to Libyan ports. These include nationals from Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Palestine. UNHCR and its partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), continue to be present at disembarkation points to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) before individuals are transferred to detention centres by the Libyan authorities.

UNHCR response
Last week, UNHCR registered 155 refugees and asylum-seekers at its Serraj Office. Those registered comprised Sudanese, Syrian, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Somali, Palestinian and Iraqi nationals. Presently, there are 47,859 refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR in Libya (45 per cent men, 23 per cent women and 33 per cent children). Syrians comprise the highest nationality registered (36 per cent), followed by Sudanese (30 per cent) and Eritreans (12 per cent). So far this year, UNHCR registered 4,321 individuals in Libya.

Cash-based interventions (CBIs) continue to be provided to refugees and asylum-seekers living in the urban community. A total of 209 individuals (86 families) received cash assistance including regular cash assistance (142 individuals) and one-time emergency cash-assistance (67 individuals). These cash grants help persons of concern fulfill their basic needs, including food, water and shelter, in a dignified manner. As of 16 July, a total of 2,358 refugees and asylum-seekers were provided with cash assistance.

Distribution of CRIs continues across Libya for refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Over the reporting period, UNHCR through its partners CESVI, Première Urgence Internationale and LibAid distributed CRIs to a total of 2,415 individuals. These include 352 refugees and asylum-seekers in Tripoli; 346 individuals held in Gafouda, Ajdabia and Tolmaithat detention centres in eastern Libya; and 1,717 IDPs from Tarhuna displaced to Al-Hawari, Zweilita and Albrayga areas in eastern Libya. Assistance included hygiene kits, soap bars, jerry cans, kitchen sets, blankets, plastic sheets, solar lamps, hand sanitizers and wipes.

Presently, an estimated 2,234 refugees and migrants are being held in detention centres in Libya. Of these, 1,211 are persons of concern to UNHCR. Protection visits to detention centres continue to be undertaken by UNHCR to assess the conditions of its persons of concern, provide assistance such as CRIs and protection services including registration.

Lastly, during Libya’s COVID-19 lockdown UNHCR and partner, IRC, have been helping re-open the primary healthcare centre at Gergash. The Tripoli facility provides free healthcare and protection services to a population of 30,000 that includes Libyans, refugees and migrants.

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¹ IOM DTM April 2020.
² Data as of 17 July 2020.
**UNHCR Libya Response in 2020**

**Key Figures**
- 907,019 people of concern
- 47,859 registered refugees & asylum-seekers
- 401,836* internally displaced persons
- 457,324* 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)
- 47,891 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 32,031 - Refugees: 15,860)
- 856 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points
- 5,852 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 3,494 - Refugees: 2,358)
- 9,322 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 5,535)
- 26 Quick Impact Projects implemented
- 4,321 individuals registered (48 in detention)
- 178 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 84.1 million
  - Required in 2020
  - 57% Funded
  - 43% Gap

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* IOM-DTM

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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.