LIBYA
23 October 2020

Key figures:
392,241 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)\(^1\)
493,716 returned IDPs\(^1\)
45,661 registered refugees and asylum-seekers\(^2\)
209 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020
387 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2020
5,877 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (502 individuals departed in 2020)

Funding
USD 84.1 M required for 2020

Gap 34%
Funded 66%

\(1\) IOM-DTM August 2020.
\(2\) Data as of 23 October 2020.

Population movement
As of 22 October, 9,389 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and disembarked in Libya. With the latest disembarkations, the figure of those rescued/intercepted at sea in 2020 has now surpassed that for the whole of 2019 (9,035).

UNHCR and its partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), remain present at disembarkation points in order to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) before individuals are transferred to detention centres by the Libyan authorities. In September and onwards into October, authorities have increasingly been distributing survivors mostly between the same three detention centres: Abusiliem, Azzawaya Al-Nasr, and Triq Al-Sikka, with the latter having received almost 60 per cent of those disembarked in the period.

On 18 October, UNHCR met with the Head of the LCG who was supportive of the idea of setting up a joint technical team that could be used as a mechanism for resuming regular dialogue and improving co-ordination, especially in alerting UNHCR and its partners to imminent disembarkations. Capacity building for LCG staff was also discussed.

UNHCR response
The 16 October marked World Food Day. UNHCR and WFP have scaled up their joint programme in order to support some of the most vulnerable and food-insecure refugees and asylum-seekers. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing numbers are unable to find work and so to feed themselves. To date, the programme has provided food parcels to some 10,000 refugees and asylum-seekers in the urban setting.

With COVID-19 still very much a concern across Libya, UNHCR continues to visit and make distributions to those in detention. Last week, UNHCR provided hygiene kits to a total of 473 at three detention centres: Al Nasr (257), Triq al Sikka (164), and Ganfouda (52). Since April, UNHCR and partners have distributed over 6,000 hygiene kits to the inmates of 16 detention centres. Blankets and mattresses were also distributed and to date nearly 5,400 blankets have been provided at 12 detention centres and 2,700 mattresses at nine detention centres.

UNHCR and partners, CESVI and IRC, continue to provide services in Tripoli at the Community Day Centre (CDC) and the Serraj Registration Office. Through CESVI, UNHCR distributed hygiene kits, soaps, and solar lamps to 158 individuals at both facilities. Last week, the IRC medical team at the CDC provided medical assistance to 110 asylum-seekers and refugees.

UNHCR cash assistance remains an effective protection tool, offering the most vulnerable the means of sustaining themselves. Last week, CESVI provided cash to a total of 81 refugee and asylum-seeker households (172 individuals). Regular cash assistance was delivered 14 households (56 individuals) and emergency cash assistance to 66 households (116 individuals). For internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and host communities, partner Danish Refugee Council reported having provided cash assistance to some 400 households in the latest distributions, which have now been put on hold due to precautionary health measures. The remaining one hundred households will be targeted once DRC resumes activities.

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UNHCR Libya Response in 2020

UNHCR Libya Response in 2018

931,618 people of concern
45,661 registered refugees & asylum-seekers
392,241* internally displaced persons
493,716* IDP returnees

Shelter & NFI Sector
Cash Working Group
Migrants and Refugees Platform (Co-led by UNHCR, IOM & IRC)

Key Achievements

4,618 medical consultations (Disembarkation: 468-Detention: 1,175-Urban: 2,975)
51,102 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,748-Refugees 17,354)
890 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points
7,168 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 4,269- Refugees: 2,899)
13,886 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 10,099)
QIP 31 Quick Impact Projects implemented
6,740 individuals registered (64 in detention)
209 monitoring visits to detention centres
387 detained refugees/asylum-seekers released
1,713 refugees departed via Gathering and Departure Facility since 2018
221 individuals resettled from Libya in 2020
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5,877 individuals departed from Libya since 2017

UNHCR Funding Requirements
USD 84.1 million required in 2020

* IOM-DTM

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UNHCR LIBYA: Support to COVID-19 Response
16 March – 23 October 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.

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Legend
- National capital
- Mantika capital
- International boundary

Mantikas
16 Detention centres

Completed:
- Ambulances – 9
- Blankets – 12,729
- Generators – 11
- Hospital tents – 14
- Hand sanitizers – 710
- Hygiene kits – 17,894
- Face masks – 4,000
- Mattresses – 3,252
- Medical beds – 5
- Prefabricated containers – 8
- Protective gloves – 3,100
- Sanitary cloth – 95 rolls
- Wet-wipe packages – 4,818
- Soap bars – 26,657
- Tents – 3
- Hand sanitizers – 3,801

Planned:
- Ambulances – 6
- Blankets – 2,000
- Body bags – 1,000
- Face masks – 7,500
- Hand sanitizers – 6,500
- Hospital tents – 2
- Hygiene kits – 36,500
- Mattresses – 2,000
- Prefabricated containers – 2
- Protective gloves – 7,500
- Sanitary cloth – 5 rolls
- Soap bars – 14,000
- Ventilators – 6

* - Detention Centres