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 Rescue Committee provides medical services and core relief items.

As of 31 May 2021, the Libyan Coast Guard and General Administration for Coastal Security rescued/intercepted a total of 10,178 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Over the same period last year, they rescued/intercepted a total of 3,852 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2021, Libyan local authorities have reported missing of 116 people while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2020-2021
From Jan - May 2021, 10,178 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, an increase of 164% compared to the same period in 2020.

Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2020-2021
From Jan - May 2021, 67 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 8 over the same period in 2020. In addition, 116 people were reported missing, compared to 9 in the same months in 2020.

Nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2021
Of the total of 10,178 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 8,722 were men, 755 women, 655 children, 46 unidentified.

People rescued/intercepted in 2021 by disembarkation point
As of 31 May 2021, UNHCR, through its partner International Rescue Committee , provided medical assistance to 570 people and distributed 1,728 food items, 629 blankets, 69 dignity kits, 37 baby kits.

UNHCR's life-saving activities at disembarkation points
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