LIBYA-NIGER situation

Persons of Concern to UNHCR in Libya
As of 11 November 2019, a total of 45,215 asylum seekers and refugees are registered with UNHCR in Libya. A total of 2,351 individuals have been identified by UNHCR and its partners to be currently in one of the accessible Libyan detention centres.

Evacuation from Libya
Since the start of the evacuation operation from Libya in late 2017, a total of 4,252 persons have been evacuated to Niger (2,913), Italy (808) and the ETC in Romania (531). There are 870 evacuees from Libya now remaining in Niger, including 135 unaccompanied children. Since September 2019, an additional 189 individuals have been evacuated from Libya to Rwanda.

UNHCR processes following groups for resettlement in Libya and Niger

Group 1: Individuals fully processed by both UNHCR and resettlement States in Libya, who will depart directly from Libya on resettlement.

Group 2: Individuals fully processed by UNHCR in Libya, who are evacuated to ETC Niger for interviews by resettlement States and depart from Niger.

Group 3: Individuals evacuated to Niger for full processing by UNHCR in Niger and for interviews by resettlement State / departures from Niger.

Group 4: Individuals registered as refugees in Niger, fully processed by UNHCR Niger for interviews by resettlement States / departures from Niger.

For statistical reporting, information on resettlement for Groups 2 and 3 have been combined under “resettlement of evacuees from Libya.”

Resettlement processing in Libya (Group 1)
Since 1 September 2017, 1,922 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to nine States (Canada, Finland, France, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland).

A total of 821 individuals have departed for resettlement from Libya directly or through the ETC in Romania to Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

A total of 415 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are now pending departure from Libya directly or through ETC Romania to France (19), Norway (353) and Sweden (43).

A total of 602 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or a decision by a resettlement State in Libya.

Resettlement processing of evacuees from Libya in Niger (Group 2 + 3)
Since 1 September 2017, 2,816 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to 12 States (Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States).

A total of 2,022 individuals have departed for resettlement from Niger to Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

A total of 317 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are now pending departure from Niger to Canada, Finland, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

A total of 286 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or a decision by a resettlement country in Niger.
Resettlement processing of refugees registered in Niger (Group 4)
Since 1 September 2017, 1,443 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to seven resettlement States (Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States).

A total of 634 individuals have departed for resettlement to Canada, Finland, France, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.

A total of 180 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are now pending departure from Niger to Canada, France, Sweden, and the United States.

A total of 223 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or a decision by a resettlement State in Niger.

Total resettlement processing in Libya and Niger (Groups 1, 2, 3, 4)
Since 1 September 2017, a total of 6,181 individuals have been submitted for resettlement from Libya and Niger to 14 resettlement States.

A total of 3,477 individuals have departed for resettlement from Libya and Niger.

A total of 912 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are now pending departure from Libya and Niger.

A total of 1,111 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or a decision by a resettlement State in Libya or Niger.

Other solutions identified for asylum seekers/refugees in Niger and evacuees from Libya
Since 1 September 2017, 5,484 persons have found a solution other than resettlement.

- Voluntary return to their country of origin (refugees in Niger: 5,284 persons)
- Refugees readmitted to a previous country of asylum (42 persons)
- Humanitarian visa to a third country (7 evacuees to Switzerland)
- Humanitarian evacuation of refugees/asylum seekers in Niger and evacuees from Libya (149 persons to Italy)
- Family reunification (1 evacuee to France, 1 evacuee to Denmark via Italy)

Resettlement commitments
As of 11 November 2019, 13 States have committed a total of 6,169 resettlement places for the Libya-Niger situation. The 13 States are: Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Out of these pledges, 2,044 have been/will be used for resettlement processing directly out of Libya (Group 1), while 4,125 places have been/will be allocated to evacuees from Libya (Groups 2 and 3) and refugees registered in Niger (Group 4).