

# Libya: Rescue at Sea, monthly update

**UNHCR LIBYA** 

**JULY 2017** 

Libya continues to be the main transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. As of 31 July 2017, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 8,851 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Since 1 January 2017, Libyan local authorities have recovered 400 bodies of people who drowned while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe. UNHCR through its partner International Medical Corps provides medical services, rescue kits and rehabilitation of WASH facilities at six disembarkation points, in Azzawya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums.

#### Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2016-2017

From January to July 2017, 8,851 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, a decrease of 10% compared to the same period in 2016.

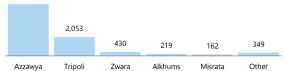


#### Top 10 nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017



### People rescued/intercepted in 2017 by disembarkation point

Nearly 64% of the total number were rescued/intercepted at Azzawya. 5.638



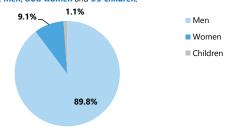
### Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2016-2017

From January to July 2017, 400 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 626 over the same period in 2016.



## People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017 by group

Of the total of 8,851 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 7,944 were men, 808 women and 99 children.

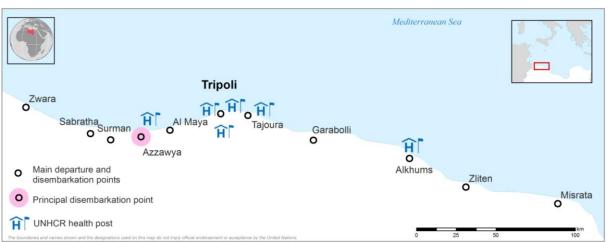


## **UNHCR** health posts at disembarkation points **H**



As of 31 July 2017, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 1,799 people and distributed 1,794 hygiene kits at six health posts.

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