Libya continues to be the main 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 Medical Corps provides medical services and core relief items. In addition, UNHCR rehabilitated WASH facilities at six disembarkation points, in Azzawya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums.

As of 31 May 2018, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 6,929 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. 1,756 individuals were rescued/intercepted in May, 1,463 in April and 1,054 in March. Since 1 January 2018, Libyan local authorities have recovered 41 bodies of people who perished while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

From January to May 2018, 6,929 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, a decrease of 35.77% compared to the same period in 2017.

Of the total of 6,929 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 4,748 were men, 1,140 women, 577 children and 464 unidentified.

As of 31 May 2018, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 780 people and distributed 5036 hygiene kits at six health posts.