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 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 2019, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 2,350 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Over the first five months last year, the LCG rescued/intercepted a total of 7,013 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2019, Libyan local authorities have recovered 9 bodies of people who perished while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe, while 155 people were reported missing.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2018-2019
Form January to May 2019, 2,350 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, a decrease of 66.5% compared to the same period in 2018.

Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2018-2019
Form January to May 2019, 9 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 41 over the same period in 2018. In addition, 155 people were reported missing, compared to 229 in the same months in 2018.

People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2019 by group
Of the total of 2,350 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 1,820 were men, 175 women, 220 children and 135 unidentified.

UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points
As of 31 May 2019, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 225 people and distributed 1,307 hygiene kits at disembarkation points.