LIBYA

26 February 2021

Key figures:

278,177 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹
604,965 returned IDPs¹
43,870 registered refugees and asylum-seekers²
18 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021
121 refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2021
6,256 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (82 individuals departed in 2021)

Funding

USD 93.0 M required for 2020

Population movement

As of 22 February, 2,515 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Libya. On 20 February, some 280 individuals arrived at the Tripoli Naval Base. UNHCR medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), were present at the disembarkation point to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs).

UNHCR response

UNHCR and WFP’s joint food distribution programme has continued this week. In response to the socio-economic challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, nearly 2,000 refugee and asylum-seeker food-insecure families (over 7,000 individuals) were targeted in Tripoli, Zwara and Zawiya over the course of the week with emergency food parcels. Additional distributions are planned for Misrata (190 km east of Tripoli).

UNHCR’s response to COVID-19 pandemic further continues with support to communities in Libya. Last week in Misrata, UNHCR, together with partner LibAid and in coordination with the Misrata Municipality, provided sanitary cloth to three public health care clinics. The distribution is part of UNHCR’s quick impact projects (QIPs) programme and will benefit internally displaced (IDP), returnee, and host community populations living in and around Misrata.

IDPs across Libya also continue to receive UNHCR’s winter kits. Last week, national partner, LibAid distributed CRIs including solar lamps, winter clothes, socks, gloves, plastic sheets, blankets and hygiene kits to more than 600 IDPs (115 families) in Al-Ajaylat (80 km west of Tripoli). Since the beginning of 2020, UNHCR has distributed CRIs to more than 33,000 IDPs in Libya.

Presently, there are 3,934 asylum-seekers and migrants in detention centres across Libya, of whom 502 are of concern to UNHCR. During the reporting week, UNHCR, through partner IRC, provided 1,130 individuals in Al Mabani DC in Tripoli with soap bars, blankets and hygiene kits. Numbers of persons in detention have risen recently with the increased number of disembarkation operations.

At the Serraj Registration Office in Tripoli, the reception team received and processed a total of 379 individuals, including 55 individuals with refugee-status determination and resettlement appointments. The team also registered a total of 204 individuals from Syria (105), Sudan (72), Palestine (18), Eritrea (4), Iraq (2), South Sudan (2) and Ethiopia (1). The protection desk at the Serraj Registration Office also received a total of 45 referrals. Those included five unaccompanied children who were all scheduled for best interest procedures. Provision of counselling and referrals for the Protection Needs Assessment interviews were also made for the remaining cases.

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¹ IOM- DTM December 2020.
² Data as of 26 February 2021.
UNHCR Libya Response in 2018

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**UNHCR Coordinated Sectors**

- Protection Sector
- Shelter & NFI Sector
- Cash Working Group
- Migrants and Refugees Platform (Co-led by UNHCR, IOM & IRC)

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**Key Figures**

- 927,012 people of concern
- 43,870 registered refugees & asylum-seekers
- 278,177* internally displaced persons
- 604,965* IDP returnees

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**Key Achievements**

- 1,748 medical consultations (Disembarkation: 75- Detention: 56- Urban: 1,617) in 2021
- 52,166 IDPs and refugees received non-food items (IDPs: 33,372 - Refugees 18,794) in 2021
- 210 individuals received rescue kits at disembarkation points in 2021
- 23,209 IDPs and refugees received cash assistance (IDPs: 19,819 - Refugees: 3,390)
- 23,209 IDPs and refugees received food assistance (IDPs: 3,787 - Refugees: 14,400)
- 943 individuals registered in 2021
- 18 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021
- 121 detained refugees/asylum-seekers released in 2021
- 82 individuals resettled from Libya in 2021
- 490 individuals evacuated from Libya in 2020
- 6,256 individuals departed from Libya since 2017

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**UNHCR Funding Requirements**

- USD 93.0 million required in 2021

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* IOM-DTM
UNHCR LIBYA: Support to COVID-19 Response
16 March – 26 February 2021

**Completed:**
- Ambulances – 15
- Blankets – 21,748
- Generators – 12
- Hospital tent – 10
- Hygiene kits – 29,441
- Face masks – 16,800
- Mattresses – 4,564
- Medical beds – 5
- Prefabricated container – 14
- Protective gloves – 62,700
- Sanitary cloth – 120 rolls
- Wet-wipe packages – 4,912
- Soap bars – 31,539
- Tents – 13
- Hand sanitizers – 3,961
- Medical equipment – 24
- Thermometers – 36
- Protective gear – 2,955
- Ethanol – 170 bottles
- Ventilators – 3

**Planned:**
- Face masks
- Hand sanitizers
- Hospital tents
- Hygiene kits
- Mattresses
- Protective gloves
- Soap bars

UNHCR donated large quantities of medicines and medical supplies to various public health facilities towards the end of 2019 and at the beginning of 2020, which might be used by the authorities concerned in support of the ongoing COVID-19 response.

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