

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 Rescue Committee provides medical services and core relief items.

As of 31 August 2021, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) rescued/intercepted a total of 23,582 people* in different locations along the Libyan coast. Of the 173 operations from Jan - August 2021, UNHCR and its partners were present at 134 operations representing 18,756 people. Over the same period last year, they rescued/intercepted a total of 7,835 refugees and migrants at sea. So far in 2021, Libyan local authorities have reported 231 people missing while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe.

Monthly trends - people rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2020-2021

From Jan - August 2021, 23,582 people* were rescued/intercepted at sea, an increase of 201% compared to the same period in 2020.

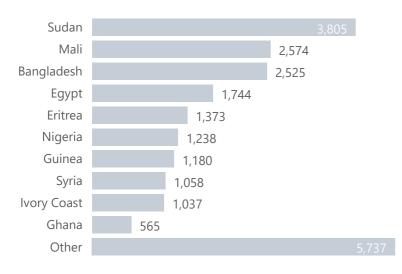


Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2020-2021

From Jan - August 2021, **68** dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 69 over the same period in 2020. In addition, **231** people were reported **missing**, compared to 48 in the same months in 2020.

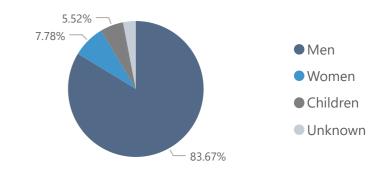


Nationalities rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2021



People rescued/ intercepted at sea by the LCG & GACS in 2021 by group

Of the total of 23,582 people* rescued/intercepted at sea, 19,106 were men, 1,776 women, 1,260 children, 1,440 unidentified.



People rescued/ intercepted in 2021 by disembarkation point



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UNHCR's life-saving activities at disembarkation points

As of 31 August 2021, UNHCR, through its partner International Rescue Committee, provided medical assistance to 1,028 people and distributed 1,735 hygiene kits at disembarkation points. In addition to the Health services there are distributions of 4,928 food items, 629 blankets, 76 dignity kits, 37 baby kits.