

# LIBYA

28 Sep.- 5 Oct. 2018

## Key figures:

**192,513** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**372,741** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - April 2018)<sup>1</sup>

**55,877** registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

**20,969** persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018<sup>3</sup>

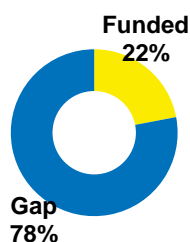
**961** monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

**1,784** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

**1,858** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

## Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM June 2018

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 25 September 2018

<sup>3</sup> www.data2.unhcr as of 25 September 2018

## Highlights

On 1 October, the High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, [called](#) on States to work more closely to find solutions for refugees. Grandi noted that thousands of individuals continue to cross the Sahel into Libya and across the Central Mediterranean to Europe “driven by despair, and exposed to unthinkable cruelty and dangers.” He called for access to asylum in Europe to be preserved. “Rescue at sea,” he said, “has been taken hostage by politics. Responsibility-sharing has been replaced by responsibility-shifting.” Highlighting UNHCR’s protection work in Libya, he reported that an evacuation programme has flown close to 1,850 refugees and asylum seekers to safety, most to Niger, with the aim of onward resettlement, alongside a programme for the voluntary return of migrants carried out by the International Organization for Migration. He emphasised the need for more evacuation options, resettlement places and strategic investments to tackle the conflicts and development problems.

## Population Movements

As of 4 October, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted 13,898 refugees and migrants (9,560 men, 2,118 women and 1,364 children) at sea during 104 operations. This is an increase of 12.3% compared to the same period in 2017. Since the beginning of the year, 99 bodies were recovered in Libyan waters while 608 lives were lost at sea. Most of the individuals disembarked were Nigerian (1,830 individuals), Sudanese (1,765 individuals) and Eritrean (1,532 individuals).

There are 55,877 refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR in Libya. The majority of refugees registered comprise of Palestinians (5,312 individuals) and Iraqis (2,462 individuals), while the majority of asylum-seekers comprise of Syrians (23,203 individuals) and Sudanese nationals (9,409 individuals). In 2018, 11,291 refugees and asylum-seekers were registered by UNHCR through its Community Day Centres and registration office. Last week alone, UNHCR registered 182 individuals, mainly from Sudan and Eritrea.

Most of the 5,000 families who were displaced in Tripoli due to recent clashes have returned to their homes with the exception of families whose houses were severely damaged.

## UNHCR Response

UNHCR is present in Tripoli with both national and international staff. At present, operational capacity is reduced, with the full scope of activities to resume as soon as security conditions permit.

Since 1 September 2017, 897 individuals were submitted for resettlement to 8 States (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland). A total of 70 individuals departed on resettlement directly from Libya to Canada, France, the Netherlands and Sweden. As of 1 October 2018, 12 States have committed a total of 3,886 resettlement places for the Libya-Niger situation. These States are: Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Out of these pledges, 1,090 will be used for resettlement processing directly out of Libya, while 2,796 places will be allocated to evacuees from Libya and refugees registered in Niger.

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