

LIBYA

5 - 12 October 2018

Key figures:

192,581 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

382,222 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - April 2018)¹

56,045 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya²

21,319 persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018³

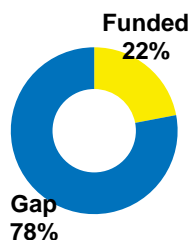
982 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

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

1,862 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



¹ IOM-DTM June 2018

² Data as of 25 September 2018

³ www.data2.unhcr as of 25 September 2018

Population Movements

As of 11 October, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted 14,156 refugees and migrants (9,801 men, 2,126 women and 1,373 children) at sea during 108 operations. So far in 2018, the LCG recovered 99 bodies from the sea. The number of individuals disembarked in Libya has gradually increased over the past weeks when compared to the month of August (552 individuals in August, 1,265 individuals in September and 884 individuals so far in October). An increase in disembarkations may be expected as the sea is currently very calm.

During the reporting period, 174 refugees and migrants (163 men, eight women and three children) disembarked in Alkhums (97 km southwest of Tripoli) and Zawia (45 km west of Tripoli). The group was comprised mainly of Bangladeshi and Sudanese nationals. UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) provided core-relief items (CRIs) and vital medical assistance both at the disembarkation points and in the detention centres to which individuals were subsequently transferred by the authorities.

So far in 2018, UNHCR has registered 11,401 refugees and asylum-seekers, bringing the total of individuals registered to 56,045.

UNHCR Response

On 9 October, UNHCR in coordination with the municipality of Benghazi, distributed water tanks, medical waste disposal bins and wheelchairs to 14 hospitals and clinics in Benghazi. This was part of UNHCR's quick-impact projects (QIPs). QIPs are small, rapidly implemented projects intended to help create conditions for peaceful coexistence between displaced persons and their hosting communities. QIPs also strengthen the resilience of these communities. So far in 2018, UNHCR implemented 83 QIPs across Libya.

On 8 October, UNHCR and its partner CESVI began a three-day school bag distribution campaign at its social centre in Tripoli. The aim is to reach 1,000 children with bags in preparation for the new school year. Due to the liquidity crisis in Libya, the price of school materials has increased over the past years. With this distribution, UNHCR hopes to mitigate the financial impact that the start of the school year has on refugee families.

UNHCR estimates that 5,893 individuals are detained in Libya, of whom 3,964 are of concern to UNHCR. On 7 October, UNHCR visited Abu-Slim detention centre to deliver humanitarian assistance and address the concerns of refugees and asylum-seekers held in the facility. UNHCR distributed non-food items including blankets, hygiene kits, dignity kits, sleeping mats and water to all detained individuals. UNHCR carried out a Q&A session with refugees and migrants to discuss UNHCR's activities and possible solutions for persons of concern. Security permitting, UNHCR will resume its registration activities in detention centres over the coming days, targeting all persons of concern.

So far in 2018, UNHCR conducted 982 visits to detention centres and registered 3,600 refugees and asylum-seekers. As of 10 October, UNHCR distributed 15,282 core-relief items to refugees and migrants held in detention centres in Libya. Through its partner IMC, UNHCR continues to provide medical assistance in detention centres in Libya. So far in 2018, IMC provided 21,548 primary health care consultations at the detention centres and 231 medical referrals to public hospitals. As conditions in detention remain extremely dire, UNHCR continues to advocate for alternatives to detention in Libya and for solutions in third countries.

Since 1 September 2017, 901 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to eight States (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland).

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