

LIBYA

2 – 9 November 2017

Key figures

204,458 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

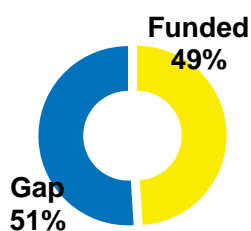
301,988 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)¹

43,608 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya

114,112 persons arrived in Italy by sea so far in 2017²

Funding

USD **75.5** M requested in 2017



¹ IOM-DTM August 2017

² www.data2.unhcr.org as of 8 November 2017

Highlights

The Director of the UNHCR Middle East and North Africa Bureau, Mr Amin Awad, concluded a four-day mission to Tunis and Libya from 6–9 November. The Director and the UNHCR Libya Representative, Mr Roberto Mignone, met with officials of the Ministries of the Interior and Foreign Affairs with whom they discussed the humanitarian needs of 204,458 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 301,988 returnees now reported in Libya. UNHCR is increasing its response to the IDP and returnee situation. Most recently, a distribution of core relief items targeting 2,000 IDP and returnee families in areas North of Benghazi started on 5 November. UNHCR is also increasing cash-based interventions for IDPs and implementing quick-impact projects. In addition, the Director and Representative held meetings with partners and stakeholders including the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General to Libya and the Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration, as well as the Tunis-based donor community.

Population Movements

As of 9 November, 13,184 refugees and migrants were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). So far in 2017, Libyan authorities recovered the bodies of 433 persons who lost their lives after incidents at sea. In November, the LCG conducted two operations rescuing/intercepting a total of 197 refugees and migrants. UNHCR was present at the disembarkation point in Tripoli, where 150 refugees and migrants were disembarked on 4 November. West African nationals remained amongst the top nationalities. However, UNHCR identified ten individuals from Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia. UNHCR and the International Medical Corps assisted refugees and migrants in one detention centre, where medical and protection teams distributed hygiene kits, provided primary healthcare and advocated with detention authorities for the release of persons in need of international protection.





UNHCR Response

Following the discovery of thousands of refugees and migrants held captive in Sabratha, UNHCR estimates that over 18,000 individuals are currently being held in detention centres. Libyan authorities believe that smugglers are still detaining thousands of individuals in undetermined locations. UNHCR continues to provide medical and humanitarian assistance to refugees and migrants in accessible detention centres. During the past month, over 2,000 persons in need of international protection were identified; and UNHCR is advocating for their release.

UNHCR continues to support 270 IDP families with core relief items. In response to the new displacement of families through recent conflicts in areas near Surman and Sabratha, a distribution of 1,350 mattresses, 1,350 pillows and 270 kitchen sets was conducted during the week in coordination with the Local Crisis Committee in Surman (60 km west of Tripoli).

Efforts to register refugees and asylum-seekers continued, with an additional 475 individuals registered by UNHCR in October 2017. To date, over 43,608 refugees and asylum-seekers are registered with UNHCR. Men represent 42% of the registered population, while women and children represent 28% and 30% respectively. Syrians account for 50% of the registered population, followed by Palestinians (16%), Eritreans (11%), Sudanese (9%), Iraqis (7%), and Somalis (5%). UNHCR registers individuals based on the seven nationalities currently recognized by the Libyan authorities as refugee-producing countries and continues to seek access to all refugee nationalities. Refugees and asylum-seekers registered by UNHCR have formal access to public services such as education and healthcare.






Key Figures

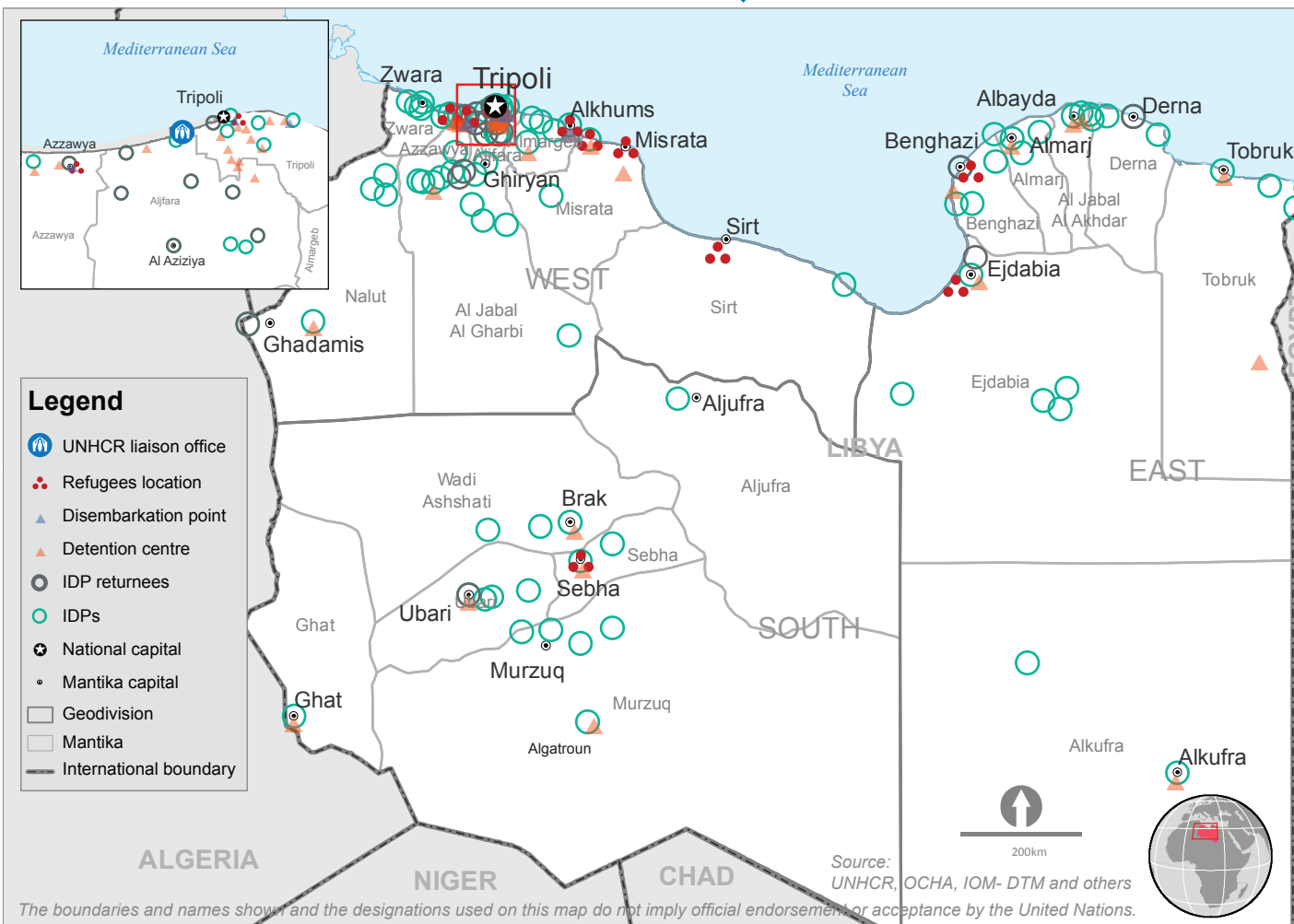
-  **550,054** people of concern
-  **43,608** registered refugees & asylum seekers
-  **204,458*** internally displaced persons
-  **301,988*** IDP returnees

UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash & Markets Working Group**
-  **Mixed Migration Working Group**
(Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)

Key Achievements in 2017

-  **27,550** medical consultations
-  **72,572** IDPs and refugees received core relief items
-  **5,084** individuals registered
-  **3,705** rescue kits and **2,500** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
-  **890** monitoring visits to **34** detention centres
-  **920** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
-  **2,080** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
-  **13** capacity building events for stakeholders

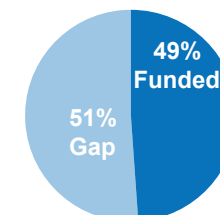


UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 75.5 million

required in 2017 for Libya emergency response



* IOM-DTM