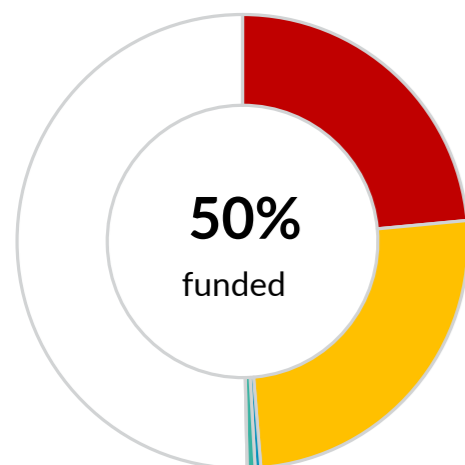


FUNDING THE RESPONSE

UNHCR's comprehensive needs for Libya are **\$88.2 million**, for which almost **50%** (\$43.8 million) has already been funded (3 September 2019), but leaving unmet needs of \$44.4 million. Given recent and unexpected developments, UNHCR is urgently appealing to the international community for **\$8.6 million** in prioritized emergency and life-saving activities. Following the attack on Tajoura Detention Centre in July, UNHCR's focus at the time was on saving lives and exceptionally providing services to all spontaneous arrivals in the GDF. The GDF is now severely overcrowded, hosting over 1,000 people while its capacity is only for 700.

Funds are required to immediately reduce the pressure on the GDF and support the relocation of people to urban areas, provide urban support packages, evacuate people of concern to the Rwanda ETM, offer cash assistance to vulnerable IDPs, as well as overall operational support for the implementation of UNHCR's humanitarian activities. Without receiving these funds immediately, urgent activities risk grinding to a halt, entailing serious protection risks for people of concern to UNHCR.



\$88.2 million required for the Libya response in 2019

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)



Activity	Requested amount
Urban support package for ex-detainees and refugees to be relocated from the GDF, as well as people of concern released from disembarkation points and closed detention centres, and the existing urban caseload	\$2,500,000
Operation and management of the GDF for the fourth quarter of 2019	\$2,000,000
Essential infrastructure and security investments for protection activities	\$1,000,000
Cash grants for the most vulnerable IDPs (5,000)	\$1,000,000
Evacuation flights to ETM Rwanda	\$900,000
Warehousing	\$300,000
Protection staff / monitoring	\$900,000
TOTAL	\$8,600,000

THE IMPORTANCE OF FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR UNHCR'S SITUATIONS

The most valuable financial support that donors could provide to this prioritised response would be with flexible funding, that is, funding which is unearmarked or softly earmarked. This support allows UNHCR to place it anywhere within a given situation, in line with the Office's priorities, from where people in need are forced to flee, to where they find refuge. Importantly, flexible funding needs to be timely for UNHCR to plan in the most efficient manner, allocating to priorities first.

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An estimated 823,000 people are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance in Libya (2019 Libya HRP); however, needs are expected to be much higher as hostilities have continued amid political instability. Delivery of humanitarian assistance and basic services is crucial to save lives and avoid unnecessary suffering of the displaced. While working alongside partners, UNHCR's overall strategic priorities in Libya are to enhance the protection environment and provide life-saving assistance to the most vulnerable.



A UNHCR staff member at a disembarkation point in Tripoli assists refugees and migrants intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard.

Key challenges for UNHCR in Libya

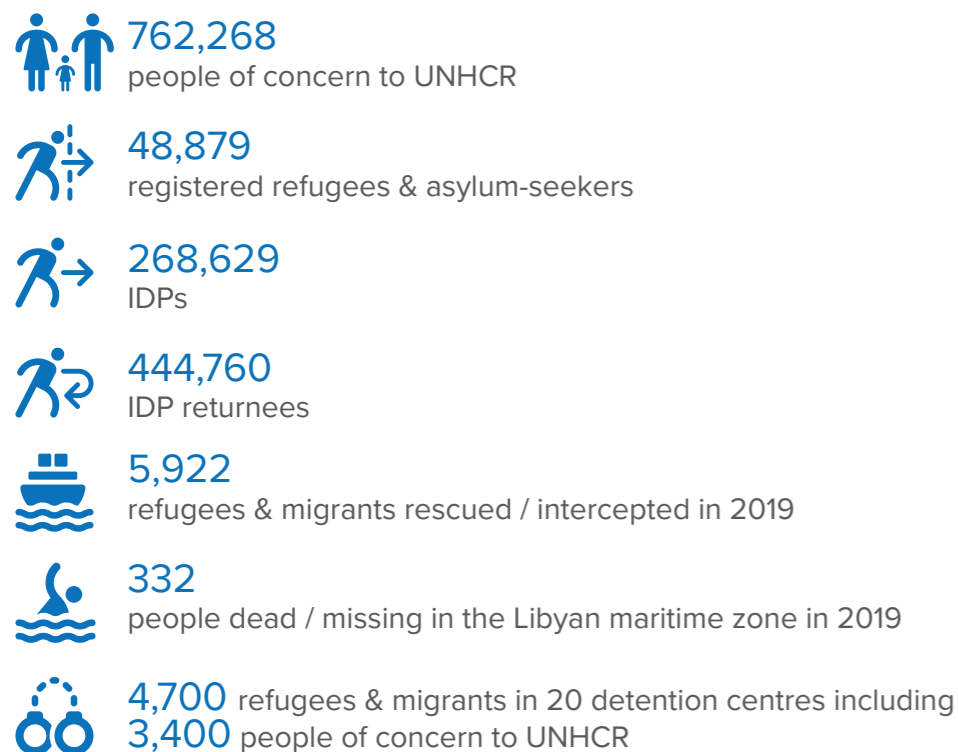
- **Armed conflict and political instability are continuing to drive displacement and humanitarian needs**, with rapidly shifting front lines affecting UNHCR's ability to reach persons of concern and deliver assistance;
- UNHCR's **Gathering and Departure Facility (GDF)** is currently operating above its original capacity, with an immediate solution needed to ensure its original purpose is maintained; and
- There are **increasing numbers of refugees in urban areas requiring humanitarian assistance**, which necessitates strengthening the urban response programme.

Key needs

- **Strengthening the urban support package** for ex-detainees, refugees released from the GDF, newly disembarked persons of concern and existing urban refugee populations;
- Ongoing **operational costs for the GDF**;
- **Essential investments** in infrastructure and security for protection activities;
- **Providing cash grants** for most vulnerable IDPs; and
- Establishing humanitarian evacuation flights to the **Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) in Rwanda**.

Coordination and partnership | UNHCR is a member of the United Nations Country Team and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in Libya. An inter-sector working group serves as a platform for operational coordination and formulation of strategies and harmonized approaches. UNHCR leads the Protection and Shelter/NFI Sectors, and the Cash and Market Working Group, and co-leads the Migrant and Refugee Platform (MRP) with IOM and IRC. UNHCR Libya also has key partnerships with international and national NGOs, as well as civil society organizations. Partners include Cooperazione e Sviluppo (CESVI), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee, Danish Refugee Council, ACTED, IMPACT Initiatives, Première Urgence Internationale, Handicap International, and LibAid.

KEY FIGURES



Refugee response | UNHCR advocates an end of detention in Libya and for the release of all refugees and asylum-seekers. The GDF in Tripoli is a key component of UNHCR's refugee programme. This brings vulnerable refugees to a safe environment while they await durable solutions including resettlement, family reunification or evacuation to other emergency facilities. At the GDF, UNHCR staff and partners provide registration, shelter, food, and medical care and other services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. The GDF and the services it offers save lives; it is essential that it continues to act as a transit centre for vulnerable people of concern with identified onward solutions. A new Emergency Transit Mechanism will be established in Rwanda, to which refugees in Libyan detention centres, as well as others identified as vulnerable and at-risk, will be transferred to safety.

There are 48,879 registered refugees and asylum-seekers living in Libya's urban communities. UNHCR is strengthening its urban response programme to enhance access of refugees and asylum-seekers to basic needs and essential services, including the current urban caseload and those released from detention. UNHCR is also taking steps to implement a pilot programme that will support the orderly relocation of some 500 individuals from the GDF to the urban community and serve as a foundation for the overall release of refugees and asylum-seekers currently in detention, particularly in view of the Government's recent decision to close three detention centres.

UNHCR is also assisting through its Community Day Centre (CDC) and mobile outreach teams, ensuring maximum access of people of concern living in urban areas to protection services including registration, medical assistance, core-relief items, cash assistance and other protection-oriented activities.

IDP response | As part of a collective inter-agency effort and in the framework of the 2019 Libya Humanitarian Response Plan, UNHCR supports IDPs and IDP returnees and works to strengthen their protection environment. UNHCR provides basic assistance such as in the form of essential household items and cash grants, which enhances their resilience during protracted displacement and helps them cover immediate shelter and basic needs. UNHCR also implements quick impact projects to support IDPs, returnees and their host communities with a view to promoting social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

Latest developments | Since clashes in Tripoli resumed in April, nearly **120,000** people have been forced to flee in search of safety, creating additional needs amongst the IDP community. Following an airstrike on Tajoura Detention Centre on 2 July 2019, UNHCR's focus at the time was on saving lives and it exceptionally provided services to all spontaneous arrivals in the GDF, even for those not previously identified or registered with UNHCR, and for whom solutions out of Libya had not yet been identified. With the GDF overcrowded and its infrastructure and services stretched thin, these individuals have been offered support in urban areas.

Main achievements to date

- 48,879 people of concern registered
- 5,720 detained refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention centres since 2017
- 1,225 refugees departed through the GDF since its establishment in December 2018
- 88,039 refugees received medical consultations at disembarkation points, detention centres and in urban areas since 2017
- 10,621 IDP and refugee households received cash assistance since 2017

Libya Humanitarian Response Plan 2019

In 2019, 23 partners appealed for \$202 million to assist 552,000 people in need in Libya including IDPs, returnees, host & non-displaced, refugees and migrants. UNHCR's requirements in the Plan are \$46.5 million.

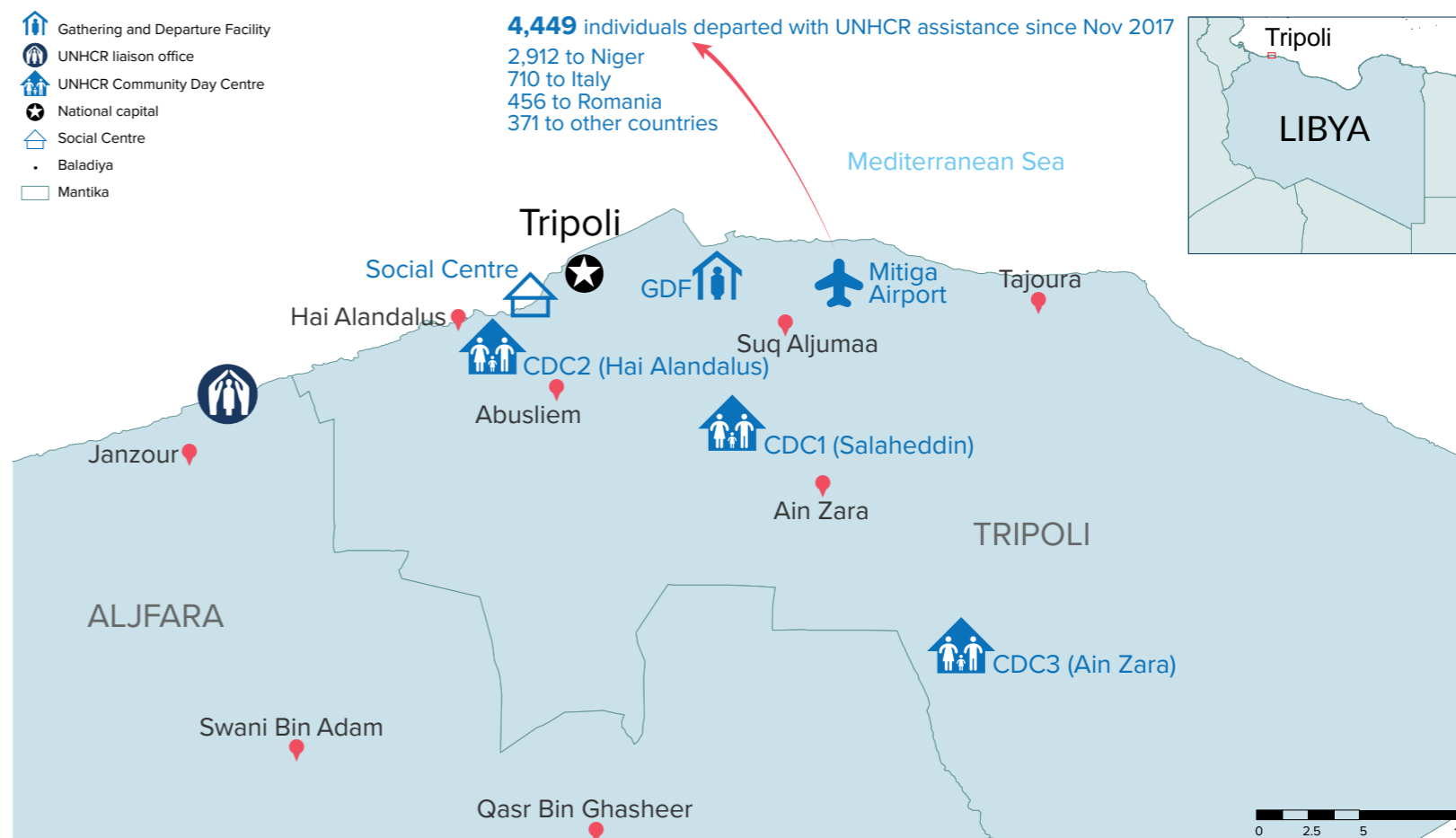


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