

LIBYA

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Key figures:

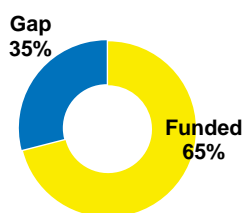
392,241 Libyans

 currently internally
 displaced (IDPs)¹
493,716 returned IDPs¹
46,247 registered
 refugees and asylum-
 seekers²
194 monitoring visits to
 detention centres in 2020

231 refugees and asylum-
 seekers released from
 detention in 2020

5,724 vulnerable
 refugees and asylum-
 seekers departed since
 November 2017 (**331**
 individuals departed in
 2020)

Funding

 USD **84.1** M required for
 2020

¹ IOM-DTM August 2020.

² Data as of 25 September 2020.

Population movement

As of 23 September, 8,247 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and disembarked in Libya. On 21 September, some 91 individuals mainly from Sudan disembarked at the Tripoli Naval Base. UNHCR and its partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), continue to be present at the disembarkation points to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) before individuals are transferred to detention centres by the Libyan authorities.



UNHCR at the Tripoli Naval Base during disembarkation. ©UNHCR

UNHCR response

Last week, UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP) conducted the distribution of food assistance to refugee and asylum-seeker populations in Misrata (190 km east of Tripoli), Al-Zawiya (45 km west of Tripoli) and Zwara (100 km west of Tripoli). Movement restrictions and curfews related to COVID-19 have made it difficult for people to find daily work, while food prices have also sharply risen, making it hard for families to feed themselves. Last week, more than 2,200 food-insecure refugees and asylum-seekers received food packages. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 9,600 internally displaced persons, refugees and asylum-seekers have received food assistance.



Joint distribution by UNHCR and WFP of food parcels in Zawiya. ©UNHCR

UNHCR and its partners continue to provide protection services in the urban community in Tripoli. The Sarraj Registration Office received 232 individuals last week, including 57 refugees and asylum-seekers scheduled for refugee-status determination and resettlement appointments. A total of 151 individuals mainly from Sudan but also Syria, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Palestine were also registered and received hygiene kits. As of 24 September, more than 5,800 individuals were registered with UNHCR in Libya.

On the medical front, UNHCR's partner, IRC, provided a total of 99 medical consultations and 37 referrals at the Community Day Centre in Tripoli, while 291 medical consultations and 110 referrals were provided in Misrata. The 24/7 medical emergency hotline team also supported 15 persons of concern. So far this year, over 2,740 primary healthcare consultations were provided to urban refugees and asylum-seekers.

Distribution of cash assistance is ongoing. UNHCR's partner, CESVI, has provided cash assistance to 112 refugees and asylum-seekers including regular cash assistance (44 individuals, 15 households) and emergency cash assistance (68 individuals, 39 households). So far this year, 2,862 refugees and asylum-seekers have received cash grants.

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