

Libya: Rescue at Sea, monthly update

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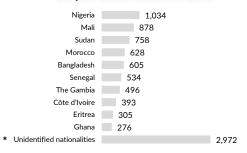
Libya continues to be the main transit point for departure from North Africa towards Europe. As of 31 August 2017, the Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 10,592 people in different locations along the Libyan coast. Since 1 January 2017, Libyan local authorities have recovered 400 bodies of people who drowned while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe. UNHCR through its partner International Medical Corps provides medical services, rescue kits and rehabilitation of WASH facilities at six disembarkation points, in Azzawya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2016-2017

From January to August 2017, 10,592 people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, an increase of 5% compared to the same period in 2016.



Top 10 nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017



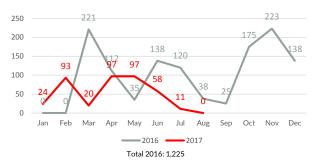
People rescued/intercepted in 2017 by disembarkation point

Nearly 60% of the total number were rescued/intercepted at Azzawya. 6,336



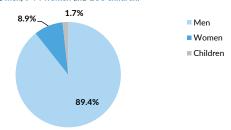
Monthly trends - recorded loss of life in Libyan waters in 2016-2017

From January to August 2017, 400 dead bodies were recovered in Libyan waters, compared to 664 over the same period in 2016.



People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017 by group

Of the total of 10,592 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard, 9,465 were men, 944 women and 183 children.

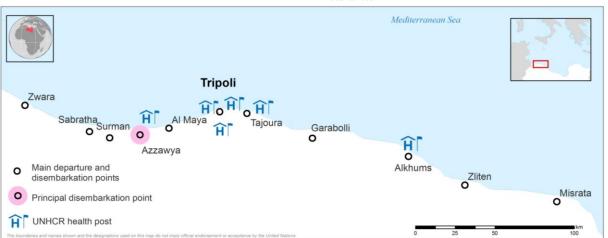


UNHCR health posts at disembarkation points



As of 23 August 2017, UNHCR, through its partner International Medical Corps, provided medical assistance to 1,998 people and distributed 1,799 hygiene kits at six health posts.

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^{*} Unidentified nationalies refers to individuals whose nationality was not possible to capture at the moment of disembarkation.