

LIBYA

4 - 14 September 2017 **Highlights**

Key figures

226,164 Libyans currently internally displaced persons (IDPs)¹

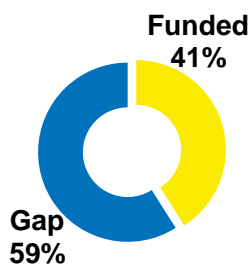
267,002 returned IDPs (returns registered in 2017)¹

42,834 registered refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya

100,287 persons arrived in Italy by sea so far in 2017²

Funding

USD **75.5** M requested in 2017



¹ IOM-DTM June 2017

² data2.unhcr.org as of 14 September 2017

UNHCR steps up efforts to identify alternatives to detention in Libya and solutions for vulnerable refugees. UNHCR is currently negotiating with the Libyan authorities to establish an open reception centre, granting refugees and asylum-seekers freedom of movement and giving priority to the most vulnerable among them. In this reception centre, UNHCR would provide registration, accommodation, food, social services, counselling and support to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and solutions in third countries for the most vulnerable. While opposing the routine detention of refugees and displaced persons and expressing concern about the conditions in detention centres in Libya, UNHCR considers it important to maintain a dialogue with the relevant authorities. This ensures UNHCR's access (over 650 visits conducted to detention centers this year by UNHCR and its partners), to distribute life-saving assistance and advocate for release as well as for enhanced access to screening, identification and registration, and measures preventing risks of sexual and gender-based violence.

Population movements

So far in September, UNHCR recorded two rescue/interceptions at sea conducted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). The two events took place on 12 and 13 September, with 333 refugees and migrants (including 76 women and three children) disembarked in Azzawiya (50 km east of Tripoli). In both occasions, individuals were transferred to a detention centre. With these operations, the total of refugees and migrants rescued/intercepted at sea by the LCG in 2017 amounts to 10,925. A total of 1,741 individuals were rescued/intercepted in August, and 686 individuals in July.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR completed the renovation of water and sanitation facilities and shaded areas in six disembarkation points in Azzawya, Tripoli (3), Tajoura (Al Hamidiyah) and Alkhums, allowing refugees and migrants to have access to hygiene facilities and shelter from the elements, upon disembarkation by the LCG, and following rescue/interception at sea.

For the new school year, UNHCR and its partner LibAid distributed school bags to displaced Libyan children enrolled in primary schools in Tripoli. On 12 September, 169 children currently living in the Triq al Matar, an internally displaced persons (IDP) settlement, received a school bag that contains pens, pencils, notebooks, and books. Subsequent distributions will take place in other IDP settlements in and around Tripoli in the coming weeks. During the distribution, UNHCR assessed IDP needs, including an inspection of the school facilities.

UNHCR and IMC assisted 608 refugees and migrants with primary health care in seven detention centres throughout Libya. Conditions in detention continue to be a concern. UNHCR advocates for the release of persons in need of international protection from detention. As a result, last week, a refugee family of three was released from Triq Al Sika detention centre. Since 2016, 985 refugees and asylum-seekers were released from detention following UNHCR's interventions, of which 407 were released in 2017 alone.

UNHCR, CESVI and IMC provided documentation, counselling, medical support, cash assistance and core relief items to 1,170 refugees and asylum-seekers in UNHCR's two Community Development Centres Tripoli. Out of those assisted, 47% were Syrian, 31% Sudanese, 11% Palestinian and the remaining from various nationalities. UNHCR and partners conducted 38 home visits to vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers from Syria and Sudan, to assess their needs and provide direct support.

UNHCR and LibAid continued the distribution of core relief item kits to 1,934 IDPs and returnees, reaching over 5,200 IDPs and returnees (865 households) in Al-Sabri and Sooq al-Hoot, north of Benghazi. In total, UNHCR has reached 13,009 IDPs and returnees with core relief items in 2017.

Key Figures

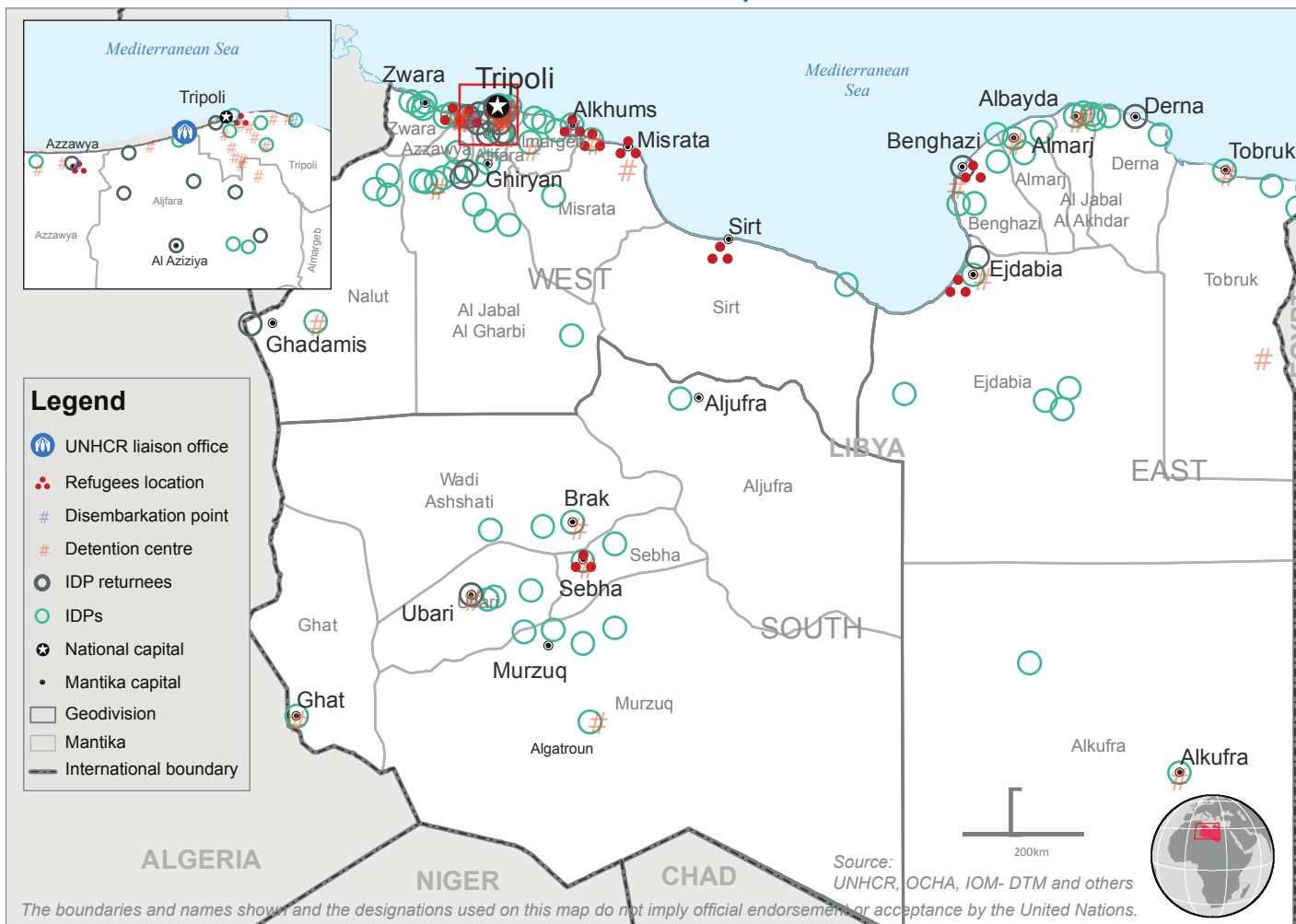
- 536,000** people of concern
- 42,834** registered refugees & asylum seekers
- 226,164*** internally displaced persons
- 267,002*** IDP returnees

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

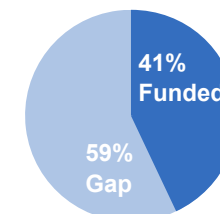
- 22,043** medical consultations
- 19,915** IDPs and refugees received core relief items
- 4,289** individuals registered
- 2,231** rescue kits and **2,109** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points
- 681** monitoring visits to **30** detention centres
- 407** detained refugees/asylum seekers released
- 1,080** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance
- 11** capacity building events for stakeholders



UNHCR Funding Requirements



USD 75.5 million
required in 2017 for Libya
emergency response



* IOM-DTM