

# LIBYA

30 October 2020

## Key figures:

**392,241** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**493,716** returned IDPs<sup>1</sup>

**45,661** registered refugees and asylum-seekers<sup>2</sup>

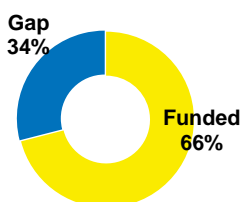
**209** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020

**387** refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2020

**5,877** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since November 2017 (**502** individuals departed in 2020)

## Funding

USD **84.1** M required for 2020



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM August 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 30 October 2020.

## Highlights

**Last week, UNHCR secured the release from detention of 141 refugee men, women and children.** They were being held at Suq Alkhamees detention centre, 140 km east of Tripoli, some of them for over a year. At the Community Day Centre (CDC) and Serraj registration office, UNHCR, together with partners CESVI and International Rescue Committee (IRC), provided those released with core relief items (CRIs) and hygiene kits, medical check-ups, and WFP food packages.



Recently released refugees and asylum-seekers receive assistance at the CDC, Tripoli. © UNHCR

**UNHCR hosted a virtual visit of Her Royal Highness, the Countess of Wessex** at its CDC in Tripoli. She was briefed and given a video tour of the centre which provides a range of services for refugees and asylum-seekers. She also heard from two female refugees who have received assistance, about the challenges they face and their hopes for the future.

## Population movement

**As of 29 October, 9,389 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and disembarked in Libya.** UNHCR and its partner, IRC, remain present at disembarkation points in order to provide medical assistance and CRIs.

## UNHCR response

**Last week, UNHCR and UNICEF launched a joint plan, the BluePrint Initiative,** pledging to expand assistance, improve delivery of essential services (water, sanitation and hygiene), education and protection to refugee and displaced children in Libya.

**UNHCR continues assisting internally displaced Libyans (IDPs).** Last week, partner the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) started a second round of UNHCR projects to rehabilitate urban shelters in the Assabri area (52 households). NRC recently completed UNHCR shelter projects in Ajdabiya with rehabilitation of water, electricity, sanitation system and communal lighting, benefitting the 237 families hosted there. On 26 October, UNHCR's partner, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), completed their second round of cash assistance activities by distributing pre-paid cards to the last 89 of 500 IDP, returnee and host-community households in the municipality of Abusliem. DRC have also started identifying new beneficiaries for a third round of assistance this year, targeting an additional 500 households.

**UNHCR continues monitoring detention centres (DCs) in Libya.** As of 25 October, some 2,370 migrants and refugees/asylum-seekers remain in government-run detention centres. UNHCR continues to advocate for their release as well as providing assistance for all detainees. Out of this group, around 700 are persons of concern to UNHCR, most of whom are being held at Triq al Sikka in Tripoli and at Zintan (135 km SW of Tripoli). Despite a spike in detentions over the summer months due in most part to increased rescue/interception at sea operations, the numbers of detainees continue to decrease. This week, in eastern Libya, partner Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) conducted visits to Ganfouda DC (distributing CRIs and hygiene kits to 156 detainees), Ajdabiya DC (distributing to 100 detainees), and Tolmeitha, where they distributed hygiene kits to 40 detainees.

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