

LIBYA

6 November 2020

Key figures:

392,241 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

493,716 returned IDPs¹

45,255 registered refugees and asylum-seekers²

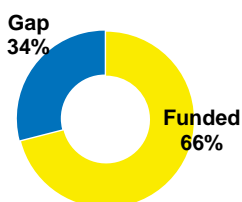
214 monitoring visits to detention centres in 2020

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



¹ IOM-DTM August 2020.

² Data as of 6 November 2020.

Highlights

The October round of food distribution under the joint UNHCR/WFP project has concluded with more than 3,000 vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees reached, in Zawiya, Zwara and Misrata. UNHCR and WFP aim to reach 10,000 people by the year's end.

On 4 November, at UNHCR's Community Day Centre (CDC) in Tripoli, a new free WIFI hotspot service was rolled out. Thanks to an innovative partnership with the WFP-led

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETS) refugees and asylum-seekers at the CDC will now be able to explore online support information available to them and stay in touch with relatives and friends while waiting for their appointments. WIFI access points have been installed in the waiting areas on each of the facility's three floors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures, visits to the CDC are currently by appointment only, except in the case of emergencies. Before the pandemic, the centre hosted around 150 visitors every day.



The joint WFP and UNHCR distribution of monthly food parcels continues, this time at the city of Misrata, 200 km to the east of Tripoli. © UNHCR

Population movement

As of 5 November, 9,389 refugees and migrants have been registered as rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and disembarked in Libya. Between 3 and 5 November, a total of 421 refugees and migrants in six boats were intercepted/rescued and disembarked by the LCG at the Tripoli Naval Base. UNHCR and its partner, the International Rescue Committee, were present to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs).

UNHCR response

Cash assistance to vulnerable refugee and asylum-seeker households continues to be provided. Given the ongoing socio-economic challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this form of assistance has become even more beneficial. In the reporting period, partner CESVI provided cash assistance to a total of 19 refugee and asylum-seeker households (56 individuals), where regular cash assistance was delivered to three households (13 individuals) and emergency cash assistance to 16 households (43 individuals).

Through CESVI, UNHCR distributed hygiene kits (HKs) and other CRIs to 215 individuals at the CDC and the Serraj registration office.

There are currently some 2,400 persons in detention centres (DCs) in Libya, of whom 698 are UNHCR persons of concern. This week, partner Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI) visited Shahat, Al Baydha, Ejdabia, and Ganfouda DCs. PUI also distributed UNHCR CRIs/HKs to 51 detainees in Al Marj DC, 84 detainees in Ejdabia DC and 194 detainees in Ganfouda DC.

A new weekly legal service has started at the CDC, through UNHCR's partner the Norwegian Refugee Council, providing refugees and asylum-seekers with practical legal advice on topics such as legal residence and rental agreements.

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