

# LIBYA

18 June 2021

## Key figures:

**245,483** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**623,219** returned IDPs<sup>1</sup>

**42,769** registered refugees and asylum-seekers<sup>2</sup>

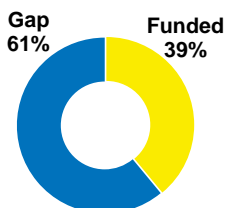
**39** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021

**122** refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2021

**6,388** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since 2017 (189 in 2021)

## Funding

USD **93.0** M required for 2021



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM February 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 1 June 2021.

## Population movement

So far in 2021, some **13,000** refugees and migrants have been reported as rescued/intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) and disembarked in Libya in 2021. The number of those being **returned to Libyan ports** has increased dramatically due to the calm sea conditions. On 12 June, more than **1,000 individuals** were disembarked in Tripoli and at Al-Zawiya (45 km west of Tripoli). UNHCR and its medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), were present at the disembarkation points to provide urgent medical assistance and core relief items (CRIs) before individuals were transferred to detention centres by Libyan authorities.

## UNHCR response

Starting **14 June**, and with **World Refugee Day (WRD)** approaching on **20 June**, UNHCR has been collaborating with a local organization and partner IRC to host a four-day workshop at the **Community Day Centre in Tripoli**. Eight refugees have been taking part in the workshop where they came up with a mural design, aided by three Libyan artists. The mural is being executed at UNHCR's new premises and represents this year's WRD theme of inclusivity. **Another event** is taking place on 18 June with the Libyan Scouts, bringing together internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees for a day of entertainment and awareness. Finally, UNHCR's Benghazi Field Office is coordinating an event where the spotlight will be on the Tawergha IDPs and their cultural heritage, handicrafts, and culinary talents. UNHCR's Chief of Mission is expected to attend this event to reinforce UNHCR's commitment to supporting Libyan displaced communities.



WRD workshop started on 14 June with local artists and refugees coming up with ideas for a mural at UNHCR's office. ©UNHCR/Farah Harwida



CRIs for IDPs near Tawergha, central Libya. ©UNHCR

On 14 June, UNHCR with partner LibAid and the Libyan Scouts **distributed CRIs to 67 IDP families in Abogren and Alwashka (east of Tawergha)**. The IDPs are from several different areas of Libya, having arrived over multiple years.

Last week, UNHCR's partner, CESVI provided cash assistance to **349 urban refugee and asylum-seeker households** (686 individuals), where regular cash assistance was delivered to 88 households (343 individuals) and emergency cash assistance to 261 households (343 individuals).

NRC provided gift cards to 267 households (349 individuals) as part of its hybrid modality, having already received a cash-in-hand component from CESVI.

The **Serraj Registration Office received and processed 578 individuals, including 66 individuals with RSD and RST appointments**. UNHCR newly registered 271 individuals (175 cases) from Sudan (163), Syria (71), Eritrea (19), Somalia (13), Ethiopia (3), Palestine (1) and South Sudan (1).

Recently, the **Women's Empowerment Centre in Tripoli took delivery of two prefab containers** in order to expand activities, where currently refugee women in Tripoli, along with Libyan women, are attending several courses that include sewing, first-aid, cosmetics, and language courses. UNHCR's partner INTERSOS is implementing this quick impact project (QIP).

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