

# **LIBYA**

5 November 2021

#### **Key Figures:**

**212,593** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

643,123 IDP returnees<sup>1</sup>

**41,404** registered refugees and asylumseekers<sup>2</sup>

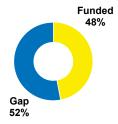
**268** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021<sup>3</sup>

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

**6,738** vulnerable refugees and asylumseekers departed since 2017 (539 so far in 2021)

#### **Funding:**

USD **93.0** M required for 2021



USD 44.1 M received.

### **Population Movements**

So far in 2021, a total of 27,551 asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants have been reported as rescued/intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). During the week of 30 October and 3 November, five disembarkations took place in Tripoli Naval Base and Azzawya Oil Refinery Point, with 595 individuals returned, including 58 women and 25 children. UNHCR and medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), were present at the disembarkation points to provide urgent aid and medical assistance.



UNHCR staff providing assistance at the disembarkation point. ©UNHCR

So far this year, 201 boats have been disembarked; 347 persons have been missing and 109 bodies have been recovered.

## **UNHCR Response**



Staff assisting asylum-seekers at Tripoli International Airport as they prepared to leave for the evacuation flight to Niger. ©UNHCR

On 3 November, long-awaited resettlement departures resumed with the first refugees departing to Sweden. On 4 November, the first humanitarian evacuation flight to Niger in more than a year, via the Emergency Transit Mechanism, departed from Tripoli. 172 asylum-seekers from a mix of nationalities were flown to safety, including 31 women and 27 children – one, born just a few weeks ago. Over the last week, UNHCR also facilitated the reunification of four asylum-seekers with their family members

in Europe, reuniting a child with his father, and a wife and two children with her husband and their father.

With large crowds continuing to gather in front of the Community Day Centre (CDC) preventing others from accessing the site for help, activities remain temporarily suspended. Distribution of food and emergency cash assistance is ongoing in other locations, targeting some of the most vulnerable people affected by the recent security operations in Tripoli. This week, UNHCR, through partners Norwegian Refugee Council and CESVI, distributed cash assistance to more than hundred asylum-seekers and refugees. UNHCR provided cash assistance to caregivers hosting other asylum-seekers who had lost their homes during the security operations. Partner IRC also distributed non-food items in different areas in Tripoli.

**UNHCR continues its winter assistance programme, distributing core-relief items (CRIs) to persons of concern in Libya.** This week, UNHCR, through partner LibAid, distributed CRIs to more than a thousand internally displaced persons in Al Fallah, Alkhums, Al Dawa al Islameya, Sidi Assayeh, and Zliten.

Following the flooding that happened in Eastern Libya, **UNHCR**, **through partner LibAid**, **distributed emergency assistance to affected families in Derna**. Each family received CRIs, hygiene kits and winter clothing.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM June 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data as of 1 November 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data as of 30 October 2021.