

LIBYA

30 August 2022

Key Figures:

159,996 Libyans

currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

680,772 IDP

returnees¹

43,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers²

324 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2022

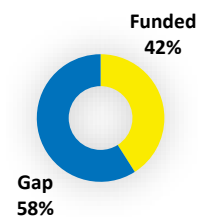
406 refugees and asylum seekers released from detention so far in 2022

924 vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers have departed so far in 2022

Funding

USD **70.0 M**

required for 2022



¹ IOM-DTM April 2022.

² Data as of 1 August 2022.

Security Developments

Due to clashes that broke out in Tripoli on 27 August, UNHCR staff were instructed to work from home on 28 and 29 August, and the Serraj office and the Community Day Centre (CDC) were closed. Some damage was caused to the CDC building as the adjacent building was hit by a missile. A full assessment and clean-up of the premises is still ongoing, but the damage is described as minor, and the CDC is expected to reopen on 31 August. Work at the Serraj office resumed as of 30 August.

Highlights

On 24 and 29 August, UNHCR resettled 71 refugees from Libya to safety in Europe, with logistical support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The two groups included 11 women and 19 children. Since 2017, 8,785 asylum seekers and refugees have departed from Libya on direct resettlement and evacuation flights, as well as through complementary pathways including humanitarian visas and family reunification. UNHCR continues to urge countries to provide more legal pathways to help some of the most vulnerable people reach safety out of Libya.

UNHCR Libya External Relations team produced a [video](#) for the Sports for Peace Initiative, to mark the completion of training for the first group of young displaced Libyans, asylum seekers and refugees. The project aims to help youth develop life skills and live harmoniously with others, irrespective of their differences.

Population Movements

So far in 2022, 14,384 asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG), the General Administration of Coastal Security (GACS) and the Libyan Navy over 130 operations. Last week, eleven rescue/interception operations were carried out by the LCG, Stabilization Support Apparatus (SSA), GACS and the Special Navy Forces, with four disembarkations at Azzawya Oil Refinery Port, five at Al Maya disembarkation point (DP), and one at Tripoli Commercial Port (TCP) and one in Talmitha in the eastern region, with 1,379 survivors. UNHCR did not have access to the disembarkations. At the disembarkations carried out by LCG and GACS, 116 persons of concern to UNHCR were identified. Partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) responded to four disembarkations at Azzawya Oil Refinery Port and TCP and provided food and medical consultations to the survivors.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR, with partners, continues to provide help and services to some of the most vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees. Last week, IRC distributed hygiene kits and baby diapers to 33 individuals, including five women and six children at the Community Day Centre (CDC) and core relief items to 98 individuals, including 47 women, at UNFPA's Women and Girls' Safe Space in Tripoli. Partner CESVI provided emergency cash assistance to 33 households (73 individuals). At the Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR identified 51 individuals who managed to escape or who were released from trafficking camps. They were all referred for protection interviews to identify their needs and provide the necessary assistance. Last week, 20 best interest assessments and 69 protection needs assessments were conducted with children and adults to identify their protection concerns, and assess their needs, including referrals to specialized services.

UNHCR outreach team carried out two field visits in Kobri Al-Thallajat and Al-Hay Al-Islami in Tripoli, to follow up on the situation of over 20 individuals, who have recently been transferred from detention centres to urban settings. Several unaccompanied children were identified, and they were referred for urgent registration and specialized services. The team also carried out a home visit in Ghot Alshaal to follow up on a child at risk under the care of a community member. The child was referred for additional services and follow-up visits will be scheduled to monitor the situation.

As of 28 August, it is estimated that there are 2,469 persons in detention centres across Libya, of whom 1,304 are persons of concern to UNHCR. Last week, partner IRC distributed hygiene kits, tracksuits, slippers, and baby diapers to over 1,900 individuals in Ain Zara, Triq Al Sikka, and Triq Al Matar detention centres.

Through partner IRC, UNHCR provides health services at different public primary healthcare centres in Tripoli. During the reporting period, IRC provided 256 general health and reproductive health consultations, 43 mental health consultations and referred 18 cases to public hospitals and private clinics. IRC medical team supported 27 individuals through the 24/7 hotline, 16 of whom were referred for secondary medical assessments. Five visits were carried out to Triq Al-Matar, Triq Al-Sikka and Ain Zara detention centres (DCs), over 130 medical consultations were provided.

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