

LIBYA

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Key Figures:

159,996 Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

680,772 IDP returnees¹

43,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers²

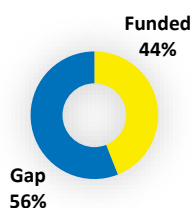
395 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2022

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

1,266 vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers have departed so far in 2022

Funding

USD **70.0** M required for 2022



Highlights

On 11 October, a ceremony took place at Al-Mabrouk Haman School, Tripoli, which was severely damaged by conflict in recent years. Thanks to extensive rehabilitation work overseen by partner, ACTED, more than 600 pupils, including IDPs, returnees, refugees, and asylum-seekers, will have a better learning environment. Under the project, water and sanitation facilities were renovated and a 2,000-litre water tank was provided. Access was improved for people with disabilities, interior walls were repainted, and new light fixtures were installed. The event was attended by the Minister of Education, the Mayor of Qasr Bin Ghasheer, school teachers and local community.



Ceremony at the Al-Mabrouk Haman School. ©UNHCR

On 17 October, a ceremony was held to mark the completion of renovation work at Al Istiqlal school, Derna, eastern Libya, overseen by UNHCR partner, ACTED. Two new classrooms were built, increasing the school capacity, and alterations were made to provide access for students with disabilities. Many students are returnees, who were displaced from Derna when fighting broke out in 2018-19. On the same day, a handover ceremony took place marking the completion of work overseen by UNHCR's partner, Intersos, at Assabil school, Tajoura. Nearly 400 students attend the school, which runs separate morning and afternoon study shifts. Pupils include displaced Libyans from Sebha, Murzuq, Al-Shati and Benghazi, and non-Libyans. The project included the rehabilitation of bathrooms, doors, and windows, installing a new electrical system, water tanks, plumbing, tiling, painting, and insulation work. Both projects are part of UNHCR's Quick Impact Projects, designed to promote peaceful coexistence and community resilience.

Population Movements

So far in 2022, more than 18,000 asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan authorities. The last disembarkation was carried out the General Administration of Coastal Security (GACS) on 17 October at Tripoli Commercial Port with 87 survivors including two women and four children. UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) responded to the disembarkation, and medical assistance was provided to the survivors. Last week, seven rescue/interception operations were carried out by the Stabilization Support Apparatus (SSA) at Al Maya disembarkation point (DP), by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) at Azzawya Oil Refinery Port, by the GACS at Tripoli Commercial Port, and by the Counter-Terrorism Force at Azzawya Marsa Deelah disembarkation point, with 606 survivors, among whom there were 171 people of concern to UNHCR. IRC responded to five disembarkations, and distributed food and core relief items to the survivors.

UNHCR Response



Distribution of core relief items in Abusliem, Tripoli. ©UNHCR

On 17 October, UNHCR and partner LibAID provided hygiene kits and other items to more than 100 displaced Libyans who were evicted from Sidi Al-Sayeh settlement. Most still live in the same neighbourhood, although some individuals have returned to Tawergha. The distribution, which took place in Abusliem municipality, Tripoli, included solar lamps, raincoats, and soaps.

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 134 individuals, including 43 women and 14 children at the Community Day Centre (CDC), and core relief items to 307 asylum seekers and refugees, including 141 women, in various areas of Tripoli. On 13 October, UNHCR, in coordination with partners CESVI and WFP, supported 200 individuals with emergency food packages at the WFP site.

As of 16 October, 3,329 persons are estimated to be in detention centres (DCs) across Libya, of whom 1,327 individuals are persons of concern to UNHCR. Last week, IRC carried out visits to Triq Al-Sikka and Ain Zara DCs and provided over 130 medical consultations. IRC also distributed core relief items to 416 individuals at Ain Zara DC.

At the Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR identified 58 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, 24 best interest assessments and 80 protection needs assessments were conducted with children and adults to identify their protection concerns, and assess their needs, including referrals to specialized services. One individual, who was identified as in need of shelter, was successfully put in care arrangement. UNHCR outreach team held a meeting with community mobilizers to discuss the issues faced by the community including feedback on UNHCR and its processes. The participants shared many suggestions on the possible improvement of services.

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