

Highlights

Since the start of the flood response, UNHCR has reached over 66,000 affected people, including refugees and asylum-seekers, through the distribution of Core Relief Items (CRIs), hygiene kits and medical supplies; the majority of them are in Derna (the most affected city by the floods). On 6 October, a second UNHCR airlift with 44 metric tons of CRIs arrived at Benina Airport near Benghazi and was transferred to Derna for distribution to flood-affected families. Protection assessments are underway to further identify needs and inform UNHCR's response.

On 6 October, telecommunications in Benghazi, Libya's second largest city, were cut, coinciding with armed clashes between the Libyan National Army (LNA) and an armed group affiliated with opponent Mahdi Al-Barghathi. On 9 October, UNSMIL called for the urgent restoration of communications and expressed concern over unverified reports of civilian casualties.



Distribution of humanitarian assistance to flood-affected people, Derna, Libya.
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UNHCR, together with partner International Rescue Committee (IRC), undertook a mission to the Tunisia-Libya border area in Al-Assah on 10 October. Al-Assah continues to be used as a transit point to hold people transferred from Tunisia to Libya, before they are brought to detention centres in Tripoli or elsewhere. At the time of the visit, over 1,000 people were held in Al-Assah, with an estimated 90% of them in need of international protection, including persons registered with UNHCR Tunisia. According to IOM, over 4,600 migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers were intercepted at the border with Tunisia by the Libyan Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, Libyan Border Guards and officials from Customs and the Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration since June. During the mission, UNHCR collected biodata of 131 persons with international protection needs (76 men, 19 women and 36 children), and together with IRC, distributed 400 blankets, 350 hygiene kits and 50 sets of children's clothing. IRC medical team provided medical consultations to 40 men and 21 women.

Ambassadors and delegates from four countries visited the Registration Centre in Serraj on 11 October to gain first-hand knowledge of the UNHCR registration process and services provided. The visit was followed by a donor briefing on UNHCR's flood response activities and the needs of the affected people, the urban refugee programme and mixed movements (including the Tunisia-Libya border situation) by the UNHCR Chief of Mission – Aseer T.E. Al-Madaïen – with the participation of over 20 donors, many of them participating virtually.



Visit of ambassadors and delegates to UNHCR Registration Centre.
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Handover ceremony of Abusalim stadium, with the presence of Embassy of Greece. ©UNHCR/Alhamadi.

On 11 October, a handover ceremony was held for the rehabilitation of seats of the AbuSalim stadium in the presence of the donor - the Embassy of Greece. Since 2021, the stadium has undergone multiple rehabilitation projects and is used for the UNHCR Sports for Peace project, an initiative by UNHCR implemented with Fútbol Más and Moomken, bringing together displaced children and the host community, including refugee children, with sport at its heart with the aim to increase access to protection space and life-skills through safe and



50,000 currently internally displaced people (IDPs) with remaining displacement-related needs¹



486 monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2023



43,421 IDPs in north-eastern regions following Storm Daniel²



241 refugees and asylum-seekers were transferred from detention to urban setting so far in 2023

50,986 registered refugees and asylum-seekers³



753 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers have departed so far in 2023

¹ Based on the [press release](#) by UN Geneva)

² IOM Flash Update (19 October 2023)

³ As of 1 October 2023

inclusive sport for all. So far in 2023, **337 children** (266 boys and 71 girls) participated in those structured sports activities.

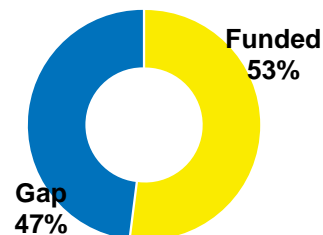


Traghen school, following rehabilitation by UNHCR partner, ACTED. ©ACTED.

On 3 and 18 October, handover ceremonies were organized for two schools rehabilitated by UNHCR and partner ACTED, Traghen School for boys in the South and Talay Al Nasr School in Sidi Khelifi in Benghazi. Rehabilitation work included adding new classrooms, installations of new windows and shaded areas, WASH facilities, toilets and lighting. Thanks to these works, around 920 students will benefit from an enhanced and comfortable learning environment in these schools.

Funding

USD **70.0** M required for 2023



Population Movements

So far in 2023, more than **12,500 individuals** have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan authorities in **178 operations**. Of those disembarked, the largest groups were from Bangladesh, Syria, and Egypt while the nationality of the vast majority remained unrecorded due to the late notification of the disembarkation operation or lack of access to disembarkation points for UNHCR and partner IRC. Of the recorded individuals, 71 per cent were men, 6 per cent were women, 3 per cent were children and 19 per cent were unknown.

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