LIBYA-NIGER situation

Persons of Concern to UNHCR in Libya
As of 19 November 2018, a total of 57,213 asylum seekers and refugees are registered with UNHCR in Libya. A total of 3,527 individuals have been identified by UNHCR and its partners to be currently in one of the accessible Libyan detention centres.

Evacuation from Libya
Since the start of the evacuation operation from Libya in late 2017, a total of 2,344 persons (including unaccompanied children) have been evacuated to Niger (1,937), Italy (312) and the ETC Romania (95). There are 219 evacuated unaccompanied children remaining in Niger.

UNHCR processes following groups for resettlement in Libya and Niger

Group 1: Individuals fully processed by both UNHCR and resettlement States in Libya, who will depart directly from Libya on resettlement.

Group 2: Individuals fully processed by UNHCR in Libya, who are evacuated to ETM Niger for interviews by resettlement States and depart from Niger.

Group 3: Individuals evacuated to Niger for full processing by UNHCR in Niger and for interviews by resettlement State / departures from Niger.

Group 4: Individuals registered as refugees in Niger, fully processed by UNHCR Niger for interviews by resettlement States / departures from Niger.

For statistical reporting, information on resettlement for Groups 2 and 3 have been combined under “resettlement of evacuees from Libya.”

Resettlement processing in Libya (Group 1)
Since 1 September 2017, 987 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to 7 States (Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland).

A total of 114 individuals have departed on resettlement directly from Libya to Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden. This includes 10 individuals who departed via the ETC Romania to France.

A total of 245 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are pending departure either directly from Libya to Sweden (6), to Canada (154) or via ETC Romania to Norway (85).

A total of 653 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or decision by a resettlement State in Libya.

Resettlement processing of evacuees from Libya in Niger (Group 2 + 3)
Since 1 September 2017, 1,400 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to 11 resettlement States (Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States).

A total of 860 individuals have departed on resettlement from Niger to Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

A total of 201 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are pending departure from Niger to Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

A total of 231 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or decision by a resettlement country in Niger.

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Resettlement processing of refugees registered in Niger (Group 4)
Since 1 September 2017, 948 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to 6 resettlement States (Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Sweden and Switzerland).

A total of 192 individuals have departed on resettlement from Niger to Finland, France, Sweden and Switzerland.

A total of 104 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are pending departure from Niger to Belgium, Canada and France.

A total of 438 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or decision by a resettlement State in Niger.

Total resettlement processing in Libya and Niger (Groups 1, 2, 3, 4)
Since 1 September 2017, a total of 3,335 individuals have been submitted for resettlement from Libya and Niger to 12 resettlement States.

A total of 1,166 individuals have departed on resettlement from Libya and Niger.

A total of 550 individuals have been accepted for resettlement and are pending departure from Libya and Niger.

A total of 1,322 individuals have been submitted for resettlement and are pending interview or decision by a resettlement State in Libya or Niger.

Other solutions identified for asylum seekers/refugees in Niger and evacuees from Libya
Since 1 September 2017, 2,398 persons have found a solution other than resettlement.

- Voluntarily return to their country of origin (refugees in Niger: 2,344 persons)
- Humanitarian visa (2 evacuees to Switzerland)
- Humanitarian evacuation of refugees/asylum seekers in Niger and evacuees from Libya (51 persons to Italy)
- Family reunification (1 evacuee to France)

Resettlement commitments
As of 19 November 2018, 12 States have committed a total of 3,886 resettlement places for the Libya-Niger situation. The 12 States are: Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Out of these pledges, 1,090 will be used for resettlement processing directly out of Libya (Group 1), while 2,796 places will be allocated to evacuees from Libya (Groups 2 and 3) and refugees registered in Niger (Group 4).