

# LIBYA

23 - 31 August 2018

## Key figures:

**192,513** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**372,741** returned IDPs (returns registered in 2016 - April 2018)<sup>1</sup>

**55,088** registered refugees and asylum-seekers in the State of Libya<sup>2</sup>

**19,720** persons arrived in Italy by sea in 2018<sup>3</sup>

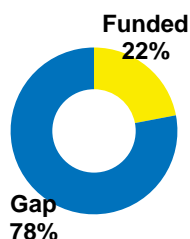
**871** monitoring visits to detention centres so far in 2018

**1,527** asylum-seekers and refugees released from detention so far in 2018

**1,858** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers evacuated since November 2017

## Funding

USD **85** M required for 2018



<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM June 2018

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 29 August 2018

<sup>3</sup> www.data2.unhcr as of 29 August 2018

## Highlights

In a joint effort with the Libyan Ministry of Interior, the Department for Combatting Illegal Migration (DCIM) and other humanitarian actors, UNHCR supported an urgent evacuation of some 300 refugees and migrants held in Ain Zara detention centre in Tripoli. Tensions have been on the rise in the capital in recent days and armed groups are fighting in the immediate vicinity of the centre. Hundreds of refugees and migrants detained in Ain Zara were in clear danger of getting caught in the hostilities. Those evacuated were mainly Eritrean, Ethiopian and Somali nationals. All have been moved to the Abu Salim detention centre, which is in a relatively safer location where international organisations can provide aid to them. UNHCR is distributing basic aid items, including blankets, while IOM is providing mattresses, food and water. **Should the situation in Abu Salim deteriorate, UNHCR will, in coordination with all actors, explore further relocations.** UNHCR, as a matter of principle, opposes detention of refugees and asylum-seekers in need of international protection, but we are present wherever refugees are, in order to provide them with life-saving assistance and to advocate for their release from detention. UNHCR calls on the international community to provide solutions in third countries for refugees and asylum-seekers detained in Libya.

UNHCR and its partner LibAid visited a school in Tripoli where over 35 displaced Libyan families have sought shelter from the hostilities in Ain Zara, Salah al-Din and Khallat al-Farrjan Sala areas (south of Tripoli). These families are traumatized and in urgent need of food, drinking water and basic aid. UNHCR is working in coordination with the authorities and relevant partners to help these families. UNHCR continues to monitor the developments closely and is standing ready to respond to any new and immediate humanitarian needs.

## Population Movements

As of 30 August, the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) rescued/intercepted 13,185 refugees and migrants at sea during 97 operations. The main nationalities of individuals who disembarked in Libya are Nigerian (1,741 individuals) Sudanese (1,714 individuals), and Eritrean (1,531 individuals). Since the beginning of the year, 97 bodies were recovered in Libyan waters while 583 lives were lost at sea. In August, the number of individuals who disembarked in Libya decreased to 552 refugees and migrants when compared to the previous months (3,453 individuals disembarked in June, 2,167 individuals in July). During the week, 250 refugees and migrants disembarked in Azzawya (100 individuals) and at the Tripoli Naval base (150 individuals).





## UNHCR Response

UNHCR and its partner LibAid are distributing core-relief items to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees in Northern Benghazi. UNHCR is targeting 980 returnee families (5,400 individuals) currently living in the city. UNHCR also implemented quick impact projects, such as a provision of water pumps.

UNHCR has registered over 55,000 refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya. In August, UNHCR registered 627 refugees and asylum-seekers. So far in 2018, UNHCR registered 10,499 individuals, of whom the large majority are from Sudan, Eritrea, Syria and Somalia.

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## Key Figures

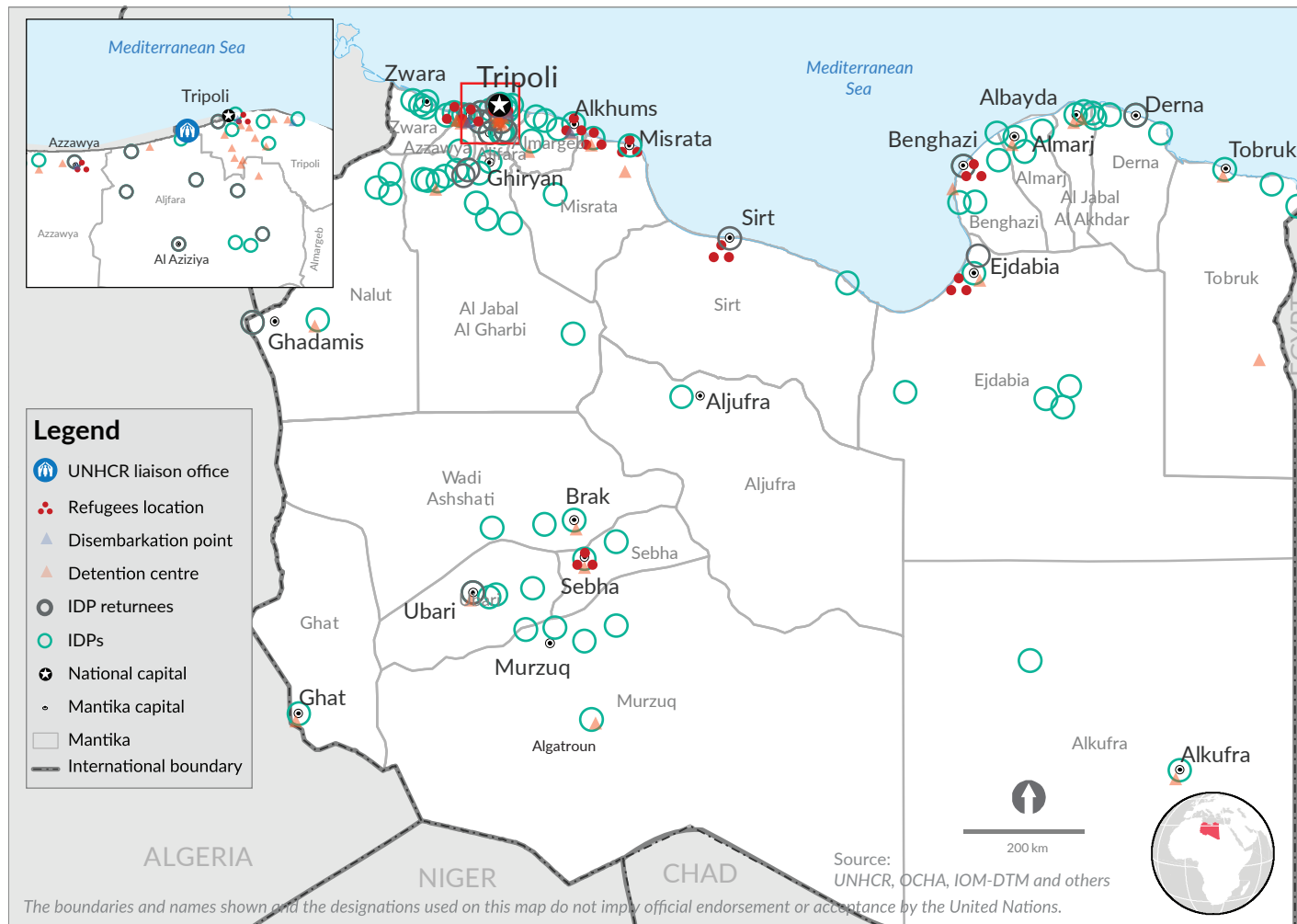
-  **620,342** people of concern
-  **55,088** registered refugees & asylum-seekers
-  **192,513\*** internally displaced persons
-  **372,741\*** IDP returnees

## UNHCR Coordinated Sectors

-  **Protection Sector**
-  **Shelter & NFI Sector**
-  **Cash & Markets Working Group**
-  **Mixed Migration Working Group (Co-led by UNHCR & IOM)**

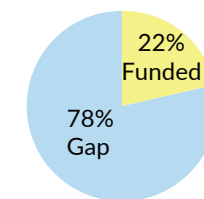
## Key Achievements in 2018

-  **28,223** medical consultations (**35,091** in 2017)
-  **51,075** IDPs and refugees received non-food items (**113,605** in 2017)
- QIP 79** Quick Impact Projects implemented in 2018
-  **3,416** IDP and refugee households received cash assistance (**3,314** in 2017)
-  **18,660** individuals registered since 2016 (**10,499** in 2018)
-  **9,429** rescue kits and **1,369** medical consultations provided at disembarkation points (**5,327** and **2,956** in 2017)
-  **891** monitoring visits to detention centres (**1,080** in 2017)
-  **1,527** detained refugees/asylum-seekers released (**1,428** in 2017)
-  **2,674** refugees and asylum-seekers reached with solutions since Sept 2017: **816** resettlement submissions to third countries and **1,858** individuals evacuated from Libya (**1,536** to Niger, **312** to Italy and **10** to Romania)



## UNHCR Funding Requirements

 **USD 85 million** required in 2018



\* IOM-DTM