

# LIBYA

29 October 2021

## Key Figures:

**212,593** Libyans currently internally displaced (IDPs)<sup>1</sup>

**643,123** IDP returnees<sup>1</sup>

**41,681** registered refugees and asylum-seekers<sup>2</sup>

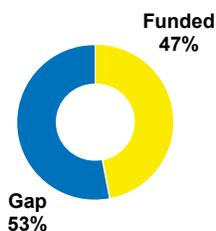
**264** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2021

**358** refugees and asylum-seekers released from detention in 2021

**6,544** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers departed since 2017 (345 so far in 2021)

## Funding:

USD **93.0** M required for 2021



USD **44.0** M received.

<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM June 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Data as of 1 October 2021.

## Population Movements

So far in 2021, a total of 27,551 asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants have been reported as rescued/intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). On 23 and 24 October, two disembarkations took place in Tripoli Naval Base (TNB) and Tripoli Commercial Port (TCP) respectively. A total of 177 individuals were returned, including 24 women and seven children. UNHCR and medical partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), were present at TCP to provide urgent aid and medical assistance. IRC provided emergency assistance at the TNB. All survivors were later transferred to detention centres. So far this year, 200 boats have been disembarked; 347 persons were reported as missing, and 109 bodies have been recovered.



UNHCR and IRC staff providing assistance at the disembarkation point. ©UNHCR

## UNHCR Response

With more than a thousand people continuing to gather in front of the Community Day Centre (CDC), following security operations by the Libyan authorities, activities there remain temporarily suspended due to safety and security concerns. Distribution of food and emergency cash assistance is ongoing in other locations, targeting some of most vulnerable people affected by the recent security operations in Tripoli. This week, UNHCR carried out five home visits for 25 asylum-seekers and refugees, including women and children, affected by the raids. They were provided with cash assistance to meet their basic needs.

On 27 October, a young male Eritrean asylum-seeker died in Tripoli. According to reports received, he was hit by a car outside the CDC. The incident was reported through a UNHCR partner emergency hotline and a medical team was deployed. He was taken to hospital but passed away shortly afterwards. UNHCR issued a news statement calling for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.



UNHCR distributing CRIs and HKs in DCs. ©UNHCR

As of 24 October, there are 6,374 persons in detention centres (DC) across Libya, of whom 2,525 individuals are of concern to UNHCR. This week, UNHCR, through partner IRC, distributed core relief items (CRIs) and hygiene kits (HKs) to 136 detainees in Gheryan DC. Furthermore, partner LibAid provided CRIs and HKs to 57 detainees, including seven women, in Ganfouda DC.

This week, UNHCR delivered sport kits to four schools in Tripoli and Al-Sabri area in Benghazi, where large numbers of asylum-seekers, refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees reside. UNHCR, through partners, rehabilitated these schools earlier this year as part of its quick-impact projects (QIPs), designed to promote social cohesion.

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