



HIGHLIGHTS

<p>5,440</p> <p>Refugee families received core relief items so far in 2016</p>	<p>3,436</p> <p>Internally displaced families received core relief items so far in 2016</p>	<p>269</p> <p>Monitoring visits to detention facilities were conducted so far in 2016</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Capacity building events organized for government and NGO representatives so far in 2016</p>
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Population of concern

A total of **814,219** persons of concern

 **38,026** Refugees and asylum seekers registered with UNHCR

Country of origin	Total
Syria	19,209
Palestine	5,840
Eritrea	4,652
Iraq	3,066
Somalia	2,341
Sudan	2,288
Other nationalities	630
Total	38,026

 **313,236** Internally displaced persons (IDPs)*

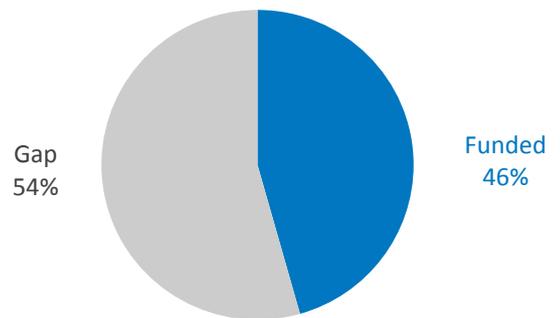
Area of displacement	Total
Benghazi	51,730
Ajdabiya	27,480
Abu Salim	24,670
Al Bayda	19,950
Al Zintan	19,900
Other areas	169,506
Total	313,236

 **462,957** Returnees in Libya*

* Source: DTM – IOM as of September 2016

Funding

USD 23.9 million requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

32 national staff

12 international staff*

Offices:

2 offices located in:

Tripoli, Benghazi

* UNHCR international staff operate remotely from Tunis since their evacuation in 2014.



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR is a **member of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in Libya**. As part of the [Humanitarian Response Plan \(HRP\) 2015-2016 for Libya](#), UNHCR leads the Protection Working Group (PWG), the Shelter/NFI working group and co-leads the Detention Task Force with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) under the HRP for Libya's Refugee and Migrant Response chapter.
- UNHCR collaborates with Libyan authorities** and has set up a forum to strengthen Libya's ability to respond to rescue at sea incidents and provide humanitarian assistance to the persons rescued or intercepted. The group brings together with UNHCR the Libyan Coastguard, the Port Security Department, the Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration (DCIM) and the Libyan Red Crescent Society (LRC), international actors, such as the IOM and the International Medical Corps (IMC).
- UNHCR works with several national and international NGOs in Libya**. For its refugee response and detention monitoring, UNHCR works with two international NGOs, Cooperazione e Sviluppo (CESVI) and the International Medical Corps (IMC), in Benghazi and Tripoli. UNHCR also works with Acted, IMPACT and Mercy Corps to provide core relief items and financial assistance to internally displaced persons (IDP) and to assess migratory pattern across Libya. Finally, UNHCR has three partnerships with national NGOs: Arkan for Development, the Libyan Organization for Development (LOD) and the Libyan State Humanitarian Relief Agency national (Libaid).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- UNHCR's key objective is to **enhance the protection environment of refugees and asylum seekers**. UNHCR identifies, registers and documents persons in need of international protection through its telephone hotlines, via its three Development Community Centers in Benghazi and Tripoli and through outreach visits conducted by partners. UNHCR's partners CESVI and IMC provide support to persons with specific needs, including unaccompanied minors and victims of trafficking as well as newly released refugees and asylum seekers with compelling protection needs.
- UNHCR advocates with Libyan authorities to **find alternatives to detention**, to improve conditions inside detention centers and to adopt protection-sensitive approaches, including during rescue-at-sea, with due respect for the principle of *non-refoulement*. UNHCR's partner IMC has access to 14 detention centers run by Libyan authorities and reaches out to individuals detained for irregular entry or stay in Libya. Through five health posts located in Tripoli (two), Tajurah, Zawiyah and Al Khums ports, UNHCR's partner IMC delivers emergency assistance upon disembarkation to survivors of rescue at sea/interception incidents.
- UNHCR reinforces capacities in Libya regarding international protection in a mixed migration context by offering training to government officials, civil society and other actors on core protection principles and refugee law. This allows UNHCR to reach out to key officials engaged in refugee protection and raise awareness on international protection and refugee law. UNHCR is also training local NGOs in the east, west and south of Libya with the intention to expand its network of partners.
- UNHCR, through its partner Mercy Corps, is undertaking a rapid needs assessment in Sirte in order to identify the gaps and needs of IDPs, returnees and host communities. UNHCR is also working with partner Altai to map out the main migratory patterns in the country and impact on UNHCR activities.

Health

- Refugees and asylum seekers have limited access to Libyan health facilities, which have been badly affected by ongoing clashes and critical shortages of medicines and staff. Thus UNHCR provides **primary health care to refugees and asylum seekers** in Tripoli and in detention facilities through IMC. As of October 2016, 38,778 medical consultations were provided to refugees and asylum seekers. Moreover, UNHCR's partner CESVI provides psychosocial support to the most vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers in Benghazi and Tripoli.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR distributes **monthly financial assistance to vulnerable refugee and internally displaced families** to cover for shelter and basic needs. This cash assistance, suspended in March 2016 due to liquidity issues in Libyan banks, was resumed in June 2016 through a new system. UNHCR continues to distribute non-food items wherever cash assistance is proving challenging.
- UNHCR provides **core relief items to IDP and refugee families**. So far in 2016, UNHCR has reached over 3,000 IDP families in addition to more than 5,000 refugee families with core relief items.
- UNHCR distributes **hygiene items to refugees, asylum seekers**, and to persons of concern held in detention centers, where hygiene conditions are particularly difficult.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR promotes and facilitates **durable solutions, such as resettlement and voluntary repatriation, for refugees and asylum-seekers**, giving particular attention to the most at risk. In total, 31 refugees were resettled to Canada so far in 2016.

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