

LIBYA

18 April 2023

Key Figures:

134,787 Libyans

currently internally displaced (IDPs)¹

695,516 IDP

returnees¹

45,915 registered

refugees and asylum-seekers²

196 monitoring

visits to detention centres so far in 2023

8 refugees and

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

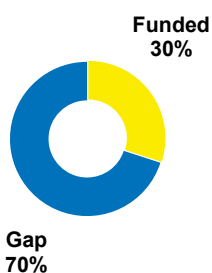
281 vulnerable

refugees and asylum-seekers have departed so far in 2023

Funding

USD **70.0** M

required for 2023



¹ IOM-DTM Aug 2022.

² Data as of 1 April 2023.

Highlights

UNHCR, together with International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), facilitated the reunification of a 60-year-old Syrian man with his wife, children, and grandchildren in Germany after a nearly 12-year separation. Family reunification is one of the complementary pathways UNHCR pursues, in addition to humanitarian visas, education pathways, third country skill-based employment opportunities and private sponsorships. In 2022, UNHCR assisted 73 asylum-seekers and refugees to depart Libya for safety in third countries through complementary pathways. UNHCR urges countries to provide more legal pathways to help some of the most vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees reach safety out of Libya.

On 18 April, UNHCR chaired the meeting of the IDPs Durable Solutions Group (IDDS), a Results Group serving the materialization of the Collective Outcome 1 of UNSDCF on Durable Solutions for IDPs. In the meeting, the joint work plan (JWP) was presented to all members, especially to those who were not part of the process that took place in fall 2022. The JWP is a tool allowing UN and INGOs to collectively engage in joint programming to ensure the inclusion of IDPs in the wide spectrum of the Libyan welfare, access to education, health, basic services, and employment opportunities. UNHCR also outlined and emphasized the significance of the indicators based on the Common Country Analysis, which will allow the group to track the progress and identify gaps and required follow-up actions.

As part of enhancing the channels of communication with refugee communities, UNHCR developed a communication and information needs survey aiming to develop a better understanding on the preferred means of communication with the people UNHCR serves. Based on the results, the operation will identify gaps and come up with an action plan to further strengthen the communication with communities. The survey was launched last week during the two community consultation sessions, and it will also be used by UNHCR's partners to ensure a high level of participation.

Population Movements

So far in 2023, more than 4,200 individuals have been reported as rescued or intercepted by the Libyan authorities. Last week, no disembarkations were carried out and two unidentified bodies were recovered along the Libyan shores.

UNHCR Response

UNHCR, with partners, continues to provide help and services to some of the most vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees. Last week, partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) distributed hygiene kits, blankets, tracksuits, slippers, soap, and jackets to 90 individuals, including 24 women and 40 children, at the Community Day Centre (CDC). IRC also targeted 211 asylum-seekers and refugees, including 77 women, with the distributions of non-food items in various areas of Tripoli. Partner CESVI provided emergency cash assistance to 26 refugee and asylum-seeker households (49 individuals) at the CDC. Last week, IRC provided 313 general health and reproductive health consultations, 29 mental health consultations, and referred 71 individuals to public hospitals and private clinics. IRC medical team also supported 23 individuals through the 24/7 hotline, 18 of whom were referred for secondary medical assessments.

As of 16 April, 4,154 people are estimated to be in detention centres across Libya, of whom more than 1,200 are from nationalities UNHCR registers in Libya. On 8 and 13 April, UNHCR in partnership with LibAid distributed non-food items and hygiene kits to 276 detainees in Guanfooda detention centre and to 251 individuals including women and children in Kufra detention centre. IRC carried out visits to Triq Al-Sikka, Ain Zara, and Triq Al-Matar detention centres and provided more than 60 medical consultations.

At the Serraj Registration Centre, UNHCR identified 13 individuals who have reportedly escaped or been released from trafficking camps. They were all referred for protection interviews to identify their needs and provide the necessary assistance. Last week, 14 best interest assessments and eight protection needs assessments were conducted with children and adults to identify their protection concerns, and assess their needs, including referrals to specialized services.

UNHCR outreach team carried out two field visits to Gurji and Al-Hay Al-Islami areas of Tripoli targeting more than 20 individuals from Eritrea and Sudan, including women and children and people that had previously been in trafficking camps. Several issues and vulnerabilities were identified, and referrals were made for specialized services according to the identified needs. Under the community-based care arrangement programme of partner CESVI, there are currently around 50 active caregivers, hosting more than 120 cases in alternative care arrangements. Last week, four vulnerable individuals who were identified as in need of shelter were integrated within the community.

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