

Update no 29 Humanitarian Situation in Libya and the Neighbouring Countries

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LIBYA

An Inter-Cluster assessment mission composed of UNHCR (Shelter/NFI and Protection), WHO (Health), UNMAS (Mine Action), UNICEF (WASH and Education), WFP (Food Security), UNDSS (Safety and Security) and OCHA (Coordination) visited Ajdabiya from 7-10 June. The mission also met with representatives of the local Relief Committee and members of the Libyan Red Crescent (LRC). The LRC is currently the main humanitarian actor in the city, carrying out food distribution and monitoring the return of internally displaced Libyans. According to reports, 70% of the local population was displaced during the conflict. According to the LRC, a majority of those displaced in March and April have returned to Ajdabiya since the opposition forces gained control of the town. UNHCR cannot verify these reports.



A displaced man from Ajdabiya carries blankets and a kitchen set he has just received from UNHCR in Tobruk. UNHCR non-food items are distributed through a local partner. / UNHCR / H. Caux

The assessment mission made the following recommendations: 1) continuing to monitor the situation of returnees to the city and developing a mechanism to monitor IDP movements, 2) considering early-recovery interventions for Ajdabiya such as livelihoods and focused interventions for returning IDPs, 3) starting mine risk education and clean-up interventions, 4) distributing food to IDPs and other vulnerable populations along with targeted distribution of non-food item, 5) introducing disease surveillance practices.

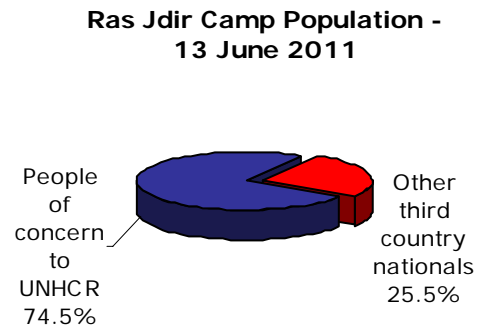
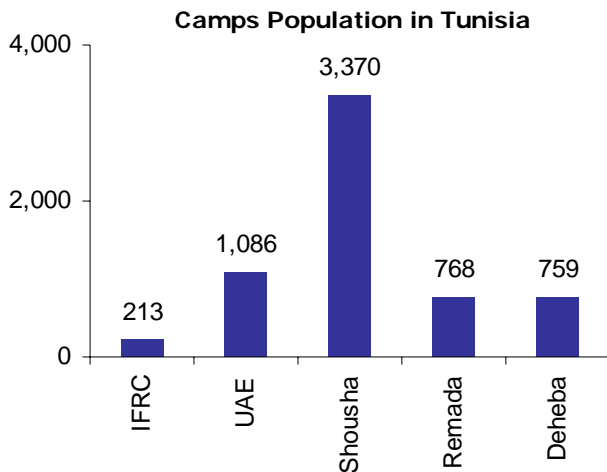
The approximate number of internally displaced Libyans stands as follows: 94,000 in east Libya, 49,000 in Tripoli and Zlitan and 100,000 in Nafusa. These numbers should be treated with caution due to the limited access to verify reports.

TUNISIA

Djerba, Zarzis, Ras Jdir (Medenine Governorate)

Though the number fluctuates daily, there are currently almost 4,700 people hosted in Ras Jdir camps, including 213 in the IFRC camp, 1,086 in the UAE camp and another 3,370 in Choucha camp. Of them, almost 3,500 are persons of concern to UNHCR, including, 1,392 from Somalia, 826 from Eritrea, 737 from Sudan, 243 from Ethiopia and 232 from Iraq.

As of 14 June, 237 refugees who were under resettlement procedures in Libya have been screened by UNHCR in Choucha camp and 77 of them were transferred to the Evacuation Transit Centre in Romania for further processing. An additional 600 persons recognized in Libya or in Choucha camp are currently under resettlement procedures or have been transferred to the Resettlement Hub in Beirut. A total of 590 refugees have been formally submitted to the resettlement countries. Another 134 refugees with private sponsorship applications with Canada and Switzerland have left Ras Jdir camps with the support of UNHCR.



Dehiba, Remada (Tataouine Governorate)

Armed clashes are ongoing on the Libyan side of Dehiba border between Government and rebel forces, however, currently the area remains under the control of the rebel forces. Missiles continue to land a few hundred meters from the border point with Tunisia, however, no one has been reported injured so far. To date, more than 68,000 Libyans have crossed into Tunisia through the Dehiba border. Taking into account the daily returns back to Libya, it is estimated that over 59,000 Libyans are currently hosted by the local communities. The two camps in Tataouine, the UNHCR Remada camp and UAE run Dehiba camp, currently host more than 1,500 Libyan refugees.

UNHCR is undertaking an exercise to establish the number and location of Libyan families living with Tunisian families and communities in southern Tunisia. This household-level registration will be used to assess the needs of Libyan refugees and their host communities in order to design an appropriate assistance response. The registration exercise started in the Governorate of Tataouine this week and will be undertaken in other governorates in the coming week.

EGYPT

Saloum Border Crossing

Since February 2011, a total of more than 343,000 people have entered Egypt through Saloum, approximately 104,000 of Egyptian origin as well as 163,000 Libyans and almost 77,000 third country nationals. Almost 135,000 Libyans have returned to Libya via Saloum border at the same time and it can be estimated that more than 25,000 Libyans currently stay in Egypt. Almost 36,000 third country nationals have been evacuated from Saloum by IOM and UNHCR since the beginning of the conflict.

As of 13 June, 958 people remain at Saloum, 891 of them are people of concern to UNHCR who can not be evacuated to third countries. Most come from Sudan (564), Somalia (115), Ethiopia (89) and Eritrea (81).



Children playing inside and outside the rub halls at Saloum border./UNHCR/N.Bose

Movements across the Mediterranean Italy

The total number of new arrivals since mid-January has increased to some 42,244 people. Among them are 24,222 Tunisians and 18,022 other nationalities, mainly from Nigeria, Ghana, Mali and Ivory Coast.

Resource Mobilization

UNHCR's requirements for the Libya situation have been revised to USD 80,659,396. So far, UNHCR has received contributions in the amount of USD 49,118,233. Some 39% of the Appeal remains unfunded. Without additional contributions, a critical shortfall of funding for UNHCR's operations in Libya and neighbouring countries is likely to affect vital humanitarian assistance.

Population movements from Libya into neighbouring countries

Tunisia	Tunisians	57,707
	Libyans	288,082
	Other TCNs	190,705
	Total Tunisia	536,494
Egypt	Egyptians	104,030
	Libyans	163,223
	Non-Egyptians	76,696
	Total Egypt	343,949
Niger	Nigeriens	68,810
	TCNs	3,555
	Total Niger	72,365
Algeria	Total Algeria	19,632
Chad	Total Chad	30,542
Sudan	Total Sudan	2,800

Source: Government statistics compiled by IOM

* Includes usual border crossings of commuters, traders etc. /TCNs: Third Country Nationals

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