

## Highlights

When Storm Daniel struck eastern Libya in September 2023, UNHCR teams promptly initiated an emergency response. Working closely with national and international partners, including LibAid, UNHCR delivered life-saving assistance as part of a joint UN response. **Over 40,000 people were reached with Core Relief Items and hygiene kits. In addition, UNHCR provided power generators and rubble halls, donated medical supplies, and handed over prefab containers and equipment to health authorities to set up psychosocial services. In mid-December, UNHCR participated in an inter-agency mission to the east of Libya alongside OCHA, IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, UNDP, WFP, ACTED, and NRC. The agencies met with the local authorities to evaluate the coordinated humanitarian response and remaining needs following Storm Daniel.**



Interagency mission to the east of Libya. ©UNHCR

The Memorandum of Understanding between UNHCR, the Italian Ministry of Interior, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as local partners was signed on 20 December 2023 extending the humanitarian corridor/evacuations to Italy for 1,500 refugees and asylum-seekers during the next three years.



Asylum-seekers about to board UNHCR's final evacuation flight of 2023. ©UNHCR

On 28 December 2023, the final evacuation flight of the year occurred, with 153 asylum-seekers and refugees departing from Libya to Rwanda. The group comprised people from different countries including Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. Evacuation flights are a crucial part of UNHCR's work in Libya that offer durable solutions for refugees at heightened risks. **In 2023, over 1,200 and asylum-seekers were able to attain a durable solution and departed from Libya through evacuation, resettlement and family reunification programs with the support of UNHCR and facilitated by Libyan authorities.**

**53 houses in Al-Sabri and Benina areas of Benghazi for families whose houses have been badly damaged by conflict in the past.** This will allow people to finally return to their homes after years of displacement and having to stay in inadequate shelter or renting houses and incurring additional financial burden. **Over the years, UNHCR together with NRC, rehabilitated nearly 300 houses in Benghazi offering a sustainable solution to facilitate the return of the displaced population and helping people to rebuild their lives.**

In late December, UNHCR and partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the rehabilitation of



**125,802** internally displaced people (IDPs), among them<sup>1</sup>  
**50,000** currently internally displaced people (IDPs) with remaining displacement-related needs<sup>2</sup>  
**44,862** IDPs in north-eastern regions following Storm Daniel<sup>3</sup>



**56,687** registered refugees and asylum-seekers<sup>4</sup>



**601** monitoring visits to detention centres in 2023



**249** refugees and asylum-seekers were transferred from detention to urban setting in 2023



**1,260** vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers have departed in 2023

<sup>1</sup> IOM Displacement and Solutions Report August 2023

<sup>2</sup> Based on the press release by UN Geneva

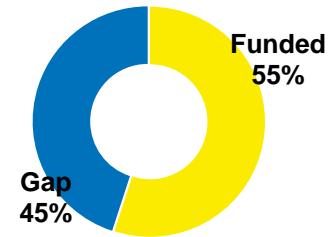
<sup>3</sup> IOM Update on displacement and needs (November 2023)

<sup>4</sup> As of 1 January 2023

**UNHCR completed two Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) during December through partner ACTED.** On 7 December, a handover ceremony was held to mark the completion of rehabilitation works at Al-Hay Al-Jamee school in Ain Zara, Tripoli. About 900 students will benefit from the project, all of whom are returnees. The project included tiling, electrical works, replacement of WASH facilities, painting works, installation of new doors and windows, and the provision of fire extinguishers and first-aid kits. On 14 December, UNHCR and ACTED successfully completed the rehabilitation of the Ras Obieda Clinic in Benghazi. The clinic is located in the heart of several residential neighborhoods, making it a convenient and crucial destination for patients seeking medical care. It offers specialized treatments including pediatrics, gynecology, internal medicine, ophthalmology, emergency medicine, psychiatry, and vaccinations. This rehabilitation project addressed critical repairs, such as plumbing, reinforcing concrete structures, and installing doors. Additionally, essential medical equipment was donated to fulfill healthcare needs. **These two projects concluded UNHCR's 2023 QIPs which covered the west, east, and south of Libya and helped rehabilitate public facilities including schools, medical centres, playgrounds, and sport facilities.** A total of 36 QIPs were implemented through either partner ACTED or directly by UNHCR.

## Funding

USD **70.0** M required for 2023



## Population Movements

**In 2023, more than 16,600 individuals have been reported as rescued/intercepted by the Libyan authorities.** Of those disembarked that we managed to record through partners, the largest groups were from Syria, Bangladesh and Egypt

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Handover ceremony of the Ras Obeida Clinic in Benghazi  
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