

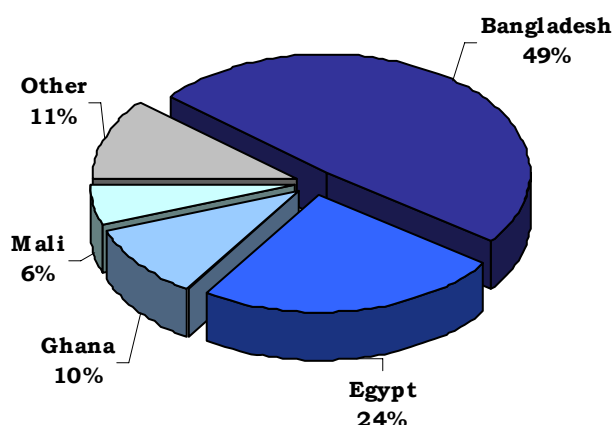
Update no 9 Humanitarian Situation in Libya and the Neighbouring Countries

16 March 2011

Highlights

- **Air Evacuations:** As of 15 March, the IOM/UNHCR Humanitarian Evacuation Cell (HEC) has coordinated total of 188 flights (IOM/UNHCR arranged flights and bi-lateral flights coordinated with HEC).
- As of 15 March, total of 30,893 persons have been evacuated including 26,559 from Tunisia (12,139 Egyptians and 14,420 others) and 4,334 from Egypt (HEC coordinated flights).
- On 15 March, 26 departures of (HEC) flights took place, including from Djerba to Dhaka (6), Cairo (2), Accra (11) and Bamako (4) and from Egypt (3). On 16 March, 24 HEC flights are scheduled.
- Over the past four days the number of evacuation flights has increased significantly. A further 15 flights are scheduled for 17 March, including 3 to Accra, 5 to Dhaka and 7 to Bamako. Thirteen additional flights are scheduled to Dhaka on 17 and 18 March.

**Departures from Tunisia and Egypt by destination
as of 15 March
Total 35,893 persons**



A Ghanaian man waits for a flight to take him back home./ UNHCR/ March 2011

Population Movements

According to the IOM/UNHCR Humanitarian Evacuation Cell (HEC) on 14 March, 287,846 persons had arrived to Tunisia, Egypt, Niger and Algeria.

Border crossings as of 14 March 2011			
Tunisia	Egypt	Niger	Algeria**
TOTAL 154,186	TOTAL 120,986	TOTAL 3,580	TOTAL 9,153
Tunisians 18,930	Egyptians 70,757	Nigeriens 3,081	Egyptians 1,635
Libyans 13,597*	Others 50,229*	Others 499	Libyans 1,391
Others 121,659			Others 6,127
* This figure includes normal border traffic of commuters, frontier workers etc.			
** ECHO figures			

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Country Updates

LIBYA

The UN Mission of the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Libya to Tripoli: The UN Humanitarian Coordinator will not recommend a multi-cluster Inter-Agency needs assessment as it is not feasible at this stage given the continued unwillingness of the Government to allow this from being conducted (in spite of assurance given during meetings on 12 March).

The Government continues to insist that they have more than enough supplies to support any humanitarian requirements.

The UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Libya met with EU Ambassadors to brief them on the progress of his mission and that of the Special Envoy.

The UNHCR Emergency Team is on stand-by to deploy to either eastern or western Libya. However, with no breakthrough in the negotiations between the UN mission and the Government of Libya, and with fighting moving to the East, it is not clear when the deployment could take place.

In the meanwhile, UNHCR continues to monitor the situation of persons of concern and is facilitating their evacuation through partners such as ICRC and Libya Red Cross. In Tripoli, UNHCR Office continues to operate phone lines 24/7 and the implementing partner Al Wafa continues to provide financial assistance to vulnerable families.

TUNISIA

Tunisian border with Libya (Ras Ajdir border crossing):

On 15 March, 1,503 new persons arrived mainly from Mali (450), Ghana (425), Nigeria (278), Bangladesh (119), Sudan (117) and Somalia (44).

• Protection

Choucha Transit camp: On 15 March, 15,751 persons were staying in the Choucha transit camp.

On 15 March, 5,279 persons were evacuated including 2,789 Bangladeshis, 170 Egyptians, 708 Malian and 1,612 Ghanaians.

There are some 740 persons of concern to UNHCR in the camp including Somalis (624) and Eritreans (115).

• Humanitarian assistance

UNHCR has delivered 3,875 tents since the start of the operation. Nearly 3,000 tents have already been erected. The remaining tents have been handed to INGOs, UN agencies and the military.

UNHCR has so far distributed 29,400 blankets and 2,000 mattresses.

Restructuring of the camp is ongoing to better meet the requirements to accommodate families.

Around 250 latrines, 6 wash hand areas, 18 showers and 6 water points have been put in place. The overall plan is to have more than 500 latrines in the camp.

WFP (and its partners) and ICRC are providing 56,000 hot meals a day. The food delivery has considerably improved in the past two days. With the placement of two additional rub halls, UNHCR expects even better food delivery process.

The Ministry of Health and WHO have started vaccination campaigns in the camp.

Camp run by UAE Red Crescent: On 15 March, a total of 927 persons were staying in the camp from Egypt (5), Ghana (238), Mali (595), Morocco (6), and Nigeria (83). The estimated capacity of the camp is 1,400 persons.

Camp run by IFRC: The camp is not opened yet. The estimated capacity of the camp is 2,000 persons.

EGYPT

• Protection

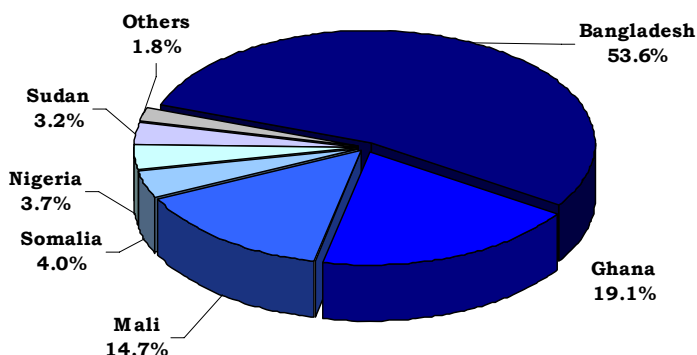
Egyptian border with Libya (Saloum border crossing): On 14 March, 2,250 persons crossed the border including 567 Egyptians, 1,006 Libyans and 291 Sudanese.

On 14 March, 1,906 persons were able to depart including 1,480 Bangladeshi and 250 Malians. IOM has experienced difficulties in clearing Chadians, Nigerians and Nigeriens.

On 15 March, there are some 2,500 persons in the transit area (IOM). UNICEF has identified 87 children (48 under five) and 105 women, mainly Chadian and Sudanese.

UNHCR team maintains contact with 9 Palestinian who were not allowed to cross the border and are staying in a hotel on the Libyan side. There is no information available on a group of 33 Palestinian who were not allowed to enter to Egypt.

Choucha camp population as of 15 March
Total population 15,751



63 Eritreans and Ethiopians, who had been hiding in Benghazi, arrived at the border. UNHCR has provided them with assistance and they are being screened and registered.

- **Humanitarian assistance**

Some 11,000 meals were distributed (2,000 UNHCR, 5,000 IOM, 4,000 Mansour Group).

Three new mobile latrines with showers are in place and operational (one reserved for women). A total of 76 latrines are available on site.

UNHCR distributed blankets and mats to new arrivals.

- **Contingency planning**

The UNHCR led inter-agency contingency plan for the Egyptian border with Libya has been finalized. Contingency planning meeting led by UNHCR and with participation of IOM, ICRC and ECHO and Egyptian port authorities took place. Authorities showed more openness for contingency planning and were interested in receiving training on emergency management.

ALGERIA

On 15 March, UNHCR met with ECHO and IOM to discuss the situation at the Libyan border, adopting a joint approach and conducting a joint mission. ECHO following its recent visit to the border, expressed serious concern for the sub-Saharan and undocumented nationals who are not treated as well as the other documented arrivals.

Sub-Saharan Africans are arrested by the police when they enter illegally and taken to the detention center. Subsequently they are released without charges and taken by the military towards the South Tamanrasset where they are sent to Tinzwatine and asked to cross the desert towards Mali.

At present the Government is creating a transit centre in Bordj El Hawas, 250 kilometers south of Illizi, where all undocumented and sub-Saharans will be sent and where international agencies and NGOs could provide assistance for repatriation.

ITALY

Arrivals to Lampedusa: On 14-15 March, 1,837 persons mainly Tunisian men (12 Tunisian women, one with child) and 3 Algerian arrived through 24 landings to Lampedusa. Total arrivals to Lampedusa since mid-January are at 10,648.

There are 2,819 persons in the reception center (some 2,610 in the regular reception center, some 210 in an improvised reception center). The centre is overcrowded and there is a lack of mattresses, blankets and hygienic/sanitary items. UNHCR is suggesting transfers to other reception centres on

mainland Italy in order to relieve the congestion and to avoid possible tensions.

The Moroccan ferry 'Mistral Express' which departed from Misratah to Morocco carrying reportedly 1,836 persons (including 1,715 Moroccans, 39 Libyans, 35 Algerians, 26 Egyptians, 7 Tunisians, 6 Malians, 4 Sudanese, 2 Syrians and 2 Mauritians) was initially denied access but subsequently allowed to dock and refuel at the port of Augusta in Sicily. It is now reportedly on its way to Morocco and is expected to arrive on Friday, 18 March 2011. UNHCR did not receive any information of potential asylum seekers among the passengers. However, UNHCR Rabat has requested the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs for access to the port and the non-Moroccan people on board. UNHCR will be on standby to provide assistance and protection if requested by the non Moroccan nationals.

Evacuation of Eritreans: 56 Eritrean were evacuated and arrived in Crotona from Libya. They are mostly women with children.

UNHCR presence: Two UNHCR staff remain in Lampedusa and one in Sicily. Two additional staff will arrive in Mineo (Sicily) by the end of the week. An additional interpreter /cultural mediator will be deployed to Lampedusa on 16 March. Two new Field Officers will be deployed to Puglia and Calabria respectively on 21 and 28 March.

Emergency Staffing

As of 16 March, a total of 88 emergency staff have been mobilized for Tunisia (34), Egypt (30), Libya (16) as well as the MENA and the Airops Cell at HQ (8). Furthermore, 51 staff members are already on site in Tunisia (26), Egypt (11), Libya (6) and at HQ (8).

A senior UNHCR Contingency Planning Coordinator is in Tunisia. Contingency planning for the Libya operation at the border areas is ongoing under UNHCR's lead. A draft plan has been completed.

Resource Mobilization

UNHCR's total requirements are USD 32.2m. UNHCR is currently reviewing the Libya situation appeal and budget upwards due to the increased needs and the high cost of the airlift evacuation. So far, UNHCR has received contributions in the amount of USD 23,090,609. There are indications from several donor countries of further funds to be expected in the coming days.

UNHCR continues to appeal to donors for cash contributions towards the UNHCR supplementary appeal. In addition IOM and UNHCR continue to appeal for in kind air and sea assets donations towards the joint IOM/UNHCR evacuation operation.

The Regional Inter-Agency Flash Appeal for the Libyan Crisis requesting total of USD 160.3m in funding for March-June will be revised within two weeks to update scenarios, needs and funding requirements. Currently appeal is 48% funded.

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Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and neighbouring countries

Population movements since 20th February 2011

As of 16 March 2011



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- Capital
 - UNHCR Regional Office
 - UNHCR Country Office / National Office / Liaison Office
 - UNHCR Field Unit
 - Refugee camp
 - Asylum-seeker centre
 - Urban refugee location
 - Main town or village
 - Secondary town or village
 - Population movement (border crossing)
 - Air evacuation
 - Crossing point
 - International boundary
 - Main road
 - Secondary road
 - Railway
- Elevation
(Above mean sea level)
- 3,250 to 4,000 metres
 - 2,500 to 3,250 metres
 - 1,750 to 2,500 metres
 - 1,000 to 1,750 metres
 - 750 to 1,000 metres
 - 500 to 750 metres
 - 250 to 500 metres
 - 0 to 250 metres
 - Below mean sea level



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* Lampedusa figure includes arrivals since mid-January 2011 To Niger