STORM DANIEL - FLOODING EASTERN LIBYA

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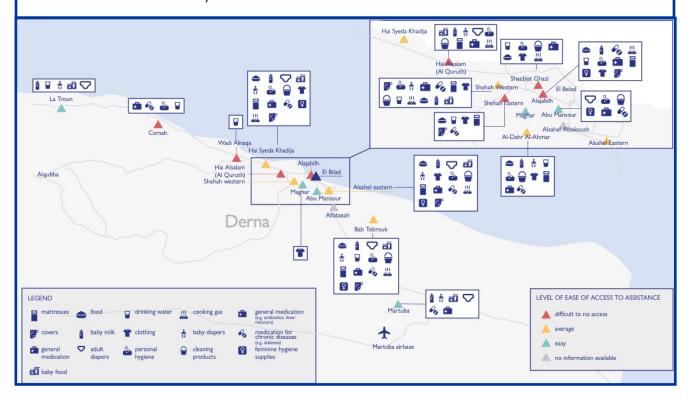
CONTEXT & EVOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

 Fifteen days following Storm Daniel in Libya, which caused severe weather conditions and catastrophic flooding in northeastern parts of the country, 4,255 people are reported dead and 8,540 people missing according to WHO.

Since IOM's Flood Update #3, the following evolutions are worth noting:

- As of 24 September, 500 migrant workers are reported missing, and 429 others have lost their lives due to the flood. Many migrant workers were residing in some of the most flood-affected areas of Derna and, as such, the above-mentioned number is likely to continue to increase.
- 52 percent of assessed primary healthcare facilities were partially or non-functional, according to WHO. While the supply of electricity is improving, it remains urgently needed in several locations including Abu Mansour, Alajabilh, Al-Dahr Al-Ahmar, Hai Syeda Khadija, Bab Tobrouk, Corsah, Shaebiat Ghazi, Alsahel eastern, Alsheha eastern, Shehah western and Hai Alsalam (Al Quruth).
- The resumption of banking services is in urgently needed in Alajabilh, Hai Syeda Khadija, Bab Tobrouk, Corsah, Shaebiat Ghazi, Alsahel eastern, Alsheha eastern and Alsheha western.
- Several farmers reportedly lost their livestock in the floods. Overall, nearly 3000 ha of cropland are
 potentially affected (FAO). This will likely impact the livelihoods of many migrant workers in Jebl
 Alkhdar region, who are employed in agriculture fields.

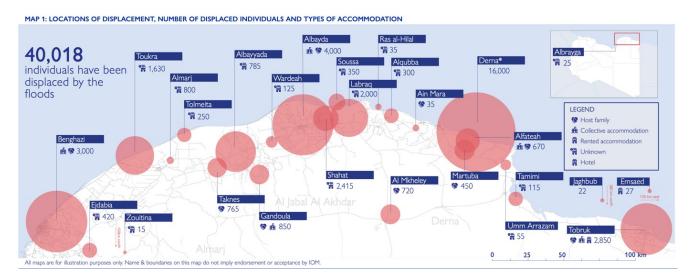
An overview of main needs by location is available below:





OVERVIEW OF DISPLACEMENT SITUATION

As per <u>DTM Flash update #6</u>, an estimated 40,018 individuals remain displaced by the floods in northeastern Libya, with some households reportedly moving back home. In Almarj, for example, many families who were forced out of their homes have returned. The number of damaged houses remains above 350. Prior to the onset of the Storm, there were 2,000 IDPs in the municipality of Derna. As of 26 September, there are around 16,000 displaced individuals in Derna and surrounding areas.



IOM EMERGENCY RESPONSE

On 27th and 28th September, IOM Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Mr. Othman Belbeisi, will visit Derna and flood affected areas.

Since the start of the crisis on September 10th, IOM's response comprised the following:

Displacement Tracking Matrix

• IOM Libya continuously collects information through DTM teams and is assessing the situation on the ground for a comprehensive overview on needs and gaps. To date – 6 DTM flash updates have been issued (DTM Flash Update #6) and a rapid needs assessment.

Logistics & Supplies

- IOM has been the consignee (customs, storage, transport) for donor supplies flown in from UK and USA. IOM Direct Assistance team is proceeding with distribution of items to affected populations. IOM is exploring options for airlifting through Flexport some of the NFI stock from IOM RO Nairobi Global Stock.
- With the re-activation of Rapid Response Mechanism, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA and IOM jointly distributed critical Food and Non-Food Items including kitchen sets, dignity kits, family food kits in Tolmetha, Sidi Khalifa and Toukra. To date, the RRM team was able to reach more than 1100 individuals.

Direct Assistance

 Since September 13th, IOM has delivered non-food items to displaced and migrants in key locations, including Gaser Libya, Wardeya, Tulmitha and Toukra. In total, nearly 4000 individuals were reached by this intervention.

Health

• Since September 13th, IOM has provided healthcare services to 2,013 displaced individuals in schools in Benghazi and flood-affected areas.



• On September 16th, IOM delivered medicines and supplies for 8,000 people, to enhance the capacity of the temporary hospitals established at Law Academy Shiha, in Derna.

Search and Rescue

• On September 15th, IOM Libya delivered key material (surgical masks; blankets; dead body bags; protective suits, etc.) to support Search and Rescue activities to the Libyan Red Crescent (LRC); National Safety Authorities (NSA) and General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS).

Mental Health and Psychological Support

- Since September 16th, IOM mobilized 8 MHPSS staff to travel to flood affected areas for assessment and support the humanitarian response.
- Since September 23rd, IOM provided MHPSS services to 154 displaced individuals.

Protection

- Since September 12th, IOM organized visits to 5 centers in Benghazi and 5 local schools where displaced individuals are temporarily sheltered to conduct needs assessments.
- On September 20th, IOM conducted meetings representatives from local NGOs and scout leaders to discuss response activities on the ongoing crisis.

Coordination

- IOM is working closely with national and international partners to respond to the situation as part of a joint UN response. The Rapid Response Mechanism as a coordination body was set up for the response. Among 10 Thematic working groups IOM is placed as coordinator for the Site Management pillar.
- IOM Head of Sub-Office in Benghazi has initiated Heads of Agencies daily morning briefing to create a space for UN agencies to strengthen coordination in the response.

IOM CAPACITY AND FLASH APPEAL

IOM has been operating in Libya since 2006 and continues to maintain a strong presence in the country. The mission is comprised of 645 staff with one office in Tunis, two offices in Tripoli, one sub-office in Benghazi and field offices in Gatroun, Zwara, Bani Waleed, and Sabha; as well as active presence in the South, East and West of Libya. Working in close cooperation with the Government of Libya, IOM has reached thousands of displaced and conflict-affected Libyans and migrants in need through the provision of vital humanitarian and development assistance. As an active member of the United Nations Country Team and the Humanitarian Country Team, IOM in Libya has established a UN Network on Migration and is co-leading one of the two collective outcomes of the UN Sustainable Development and Cooperation Framework for 2023 – 2025 as well as the Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance in Detention Centers (DCs).

As part of the emergency response, IOM Libya, in coordination with local authorities, UN and partners, conducted an assessment of the situation on the ground as part of an interagency assessment team. IOM teams are on the ground in Eastern Libya and flood affected areas, with 84 national and international staff, providing multi-sector assistance in close partnership with the other UN partners and the Libyan Red Crescent. IOM has established a 7500 sqm warehouse in Benghazi for inter-agency use. A smaller warehouse in affected areas (Al Bayda) is expected to be up and running soon.

On September 25th, IOM released a Flash Appeal of 22 million

IOM APPEAL (USD)	
Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)	600 K
Search and Rescue	500 K
Health	6.5 M
Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)	5.5 M
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	2.5 M
Mental Health and Psychosocial Sup- port (MHPSS)	700 K
Protection	500 K
Food Security and Livelihoods	700 K
Site Management	500 K
Socioeconomic Recovery	1.7 M
Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)	800 K
Logistics	1.5 M
TOTAL	22 M



FUNDRAISING

DONATE NOW

 ${\sf IOM}$ has launched a public donation campaign to provide immediate emergency relief and recovery efforts: http://donate.iom.int/libya.

FLASH APPEAL

IOM has contributed to the UNOCHA coordinated 2023 Flood Response.





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