



LIBYA OVERVIEW

Libya remains both a major destination and transit country for large mixed migration flows including refugees and migrants due to its geographical position and porous land borders with neighbouring countries. While Libya is a signatory to the Refugee Convention, refugees and asylum-seekers are considered illegal migrants and their status as asylum-seekers or refugees is not recognized by the current Libyan legislation. Nevertheless, the authorities in the East and West are allowing Sudanese to enter the country, authorizing onward movement for those whose health status has been confirmed to be satisfactory, and providing different assistance through various municipal level authorities. The authorities have also permitted Sudanese children to attend schools, including waiving enrolment procedures. The Sudanese community in Libya is actively engaged in assisting new arrivals and their families. However, with an increasing number of Sudanese arriving since the onset of the war in April 2023, and especially post-November 2023, the assistance and services provided locally through public facilities are stretched to a maximum and require additional support.

As of July 2024, over **761,322** migrants were reported by IOM's DTM and over **62,000** refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered with UNHCR, among which over **36,000** people (or 60% of the registered population) are from Sudan, representing the largest population amongst those registered with UNHCR.

According to IOM DTM data, up to July 2024, **181,875** Sudanese were identified in Libya, being the second most-represented nationality in Libya. According to UNHCR and local authorities, around **97,000** Sudanese have arrived in Libya post conflict.

Interagency Refugee Response Plan (Jan to Dec 2024)

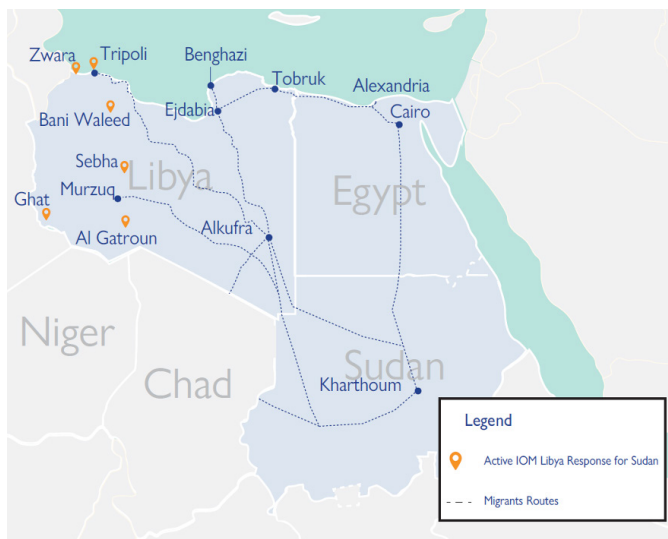
In support of government-led and community-led efforts, the UN Country Team in Libya launched the Interagency Refugee Response Plan (Jan-Dec 2024) LSRP on 28 May 2024. The 2024 LSRP will contribute to: i) maintaining the capacity to respond to the continuous arrival of Sudanese refugees in Libya for those requiring immediate humanitarian support and supporting local host communities to mitigate some of the impacts as a result of the crisis; ii) identify persons most at risk and in vulnerable situations, such as unaccompanied children, women at risk, GBV survivors, and provide targeted assistance and specialized protection services; and iii) support the State of Libya in close coordination with donors/embassies/consulates to assist TCNs to voluntary return to their countries of origin or identify complementary pathways for Sudanese refugees (e.g. family reunification, etc.).



IOM ongoing response

Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has provided a wide range of multi-sectoral humanitarian services to Sudanese nationals throughout Libya.

DTM: As of 16 Sep 2024, DTM Libya has observed **19,942 arrivals** (231 new arrivals since last update) of and Third Country Nationals (13,843 in Al Kufra, 500 in Om El Araneb, 5,031 in Algatroun, 352 in Tobruk, 213 in Emsaed, and 3 in Alsharguiya) municipalities, all related to the ongoing Sudan crisis; since 15 April 2023. This includes: 18,350 Sudanese: 6,768 arriving indirectly from Chad (1,234 in Al Kufra, 500 in Om El Araneb, 5,031 in Algatroun, and 3 in Alsharguiya) 11,173 arriving from Sudan directly (via Northern State and North Darfur), 409 arriving indirectly from Egypt, 600 Libyans returned from Sudan post 15 April onset of armed conflict. Additionally, 992 TCNs (including 445 Chadians, 162 Egyptians, 157 Ethiopians, 138 Somalis, 67 Eritreans, 12 Nigerians, 7 Mauritania, 3 Nigerien and 1 from Burkina Faso) arriving from Sudan directly.



Health: IOM medical mobile teams provided primary healthcare services to 1,809 Sudanese assisted since September 16th in Ejdabia, Kufra, and Ghadames and referred one (1) Sudanese for secondary/tertiary healthcare services and medical follow-up to hospitals. Till mid of September, IOM primary healthcare teams assisted 32,281, and 58 Sudanese referrals until the 16th of September with health services since the beginning of the conflict in April 2023.

MHPSS: Since the beginning of the crisis in Sudan in April 2023, the MHPSS team supported 3,750 (1,963 females, 1,787 males) Sudanese to overcome psychosocial challenges and worked on increasing resilience through individual and community-based services.

Protection: IOM provides case management services (individual assessments, counseling, and referral notably) to Sudanese populations affected by the conflict in need of assistance. IOM also hosts regular community dialogue, awareness sessions, and recreational activities with Sudanese populations. Since the outset of the Sudan crisis, the IOM protection team reached 9,562 Sudanese of which 63% were women and girls and 37% were men and boys.

Community Engagement: IOM organized events for Sudanese nationals, such as Bazaars for productive families, and celebrated National Dress Day, which supported 295 individuals.

Direct assistance and MRRM: As of 16th of September 2024, since the start of the crisis, IOM has assisted a total of 16,731 Sudanese with food kits and non-food items (NFI) across different locations, including Bani Waleed, Al Gatroun, Ghat, Sabha, Tripoli, and Zwara. Additionally, IOM is in the process of establishing a base in Kufra (Southeastern Libya) to operationalize the organization's Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism (MRRM) integrated humanitarian support modality. The MRRM programme combines a wide range of humanitarian services delivered to vulnerable beneficiaries living in urban settings under one mechanism. MRRM's flexibility and reach make it particularly valuable for beneficiaries experiencing harsh conditions in distant and difficult-to-access locations.

IOM needs for continued response: 4 MILLION USD

Sector	Funding received	Funding Gap	Total number of persons planned ot be reached
Displacement Tracking Matrix	39,500	260,500	N/A
Humanitarian Border Management	-	120,000	N/A
Protection	280,000	470,000	1,500
Shelter	-	380,000	4,000
Health	570,000	-	7,000
MHPSS	200,000	-	3,300
Basic needs/Cash Assistance	630,000	700,000	3,750
Community Stabilization	75,000	325,000	15,000
Total	1,794,500	2,255,500	34,550

KEY LINKS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- LIBYA — [MIGRANT REPORT 52](#) (MARCH - MAY 2024)
- [TOBRUK RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT: AN ANALYSIS OF SUDANESE NATIONALS IN TOBRUK WHO ARRIVED IN LIBYA AFTER THE ONSET OF CONFLICT IN APRIL 2023](#)
- PROFILE OF SUDANESE MIGRANTS IN LIBYA: [ARABIC](#) AND [ENGLISH](#)
- IOM LIBYA EMERGENCY TRACKING – SUDAN SITUATION: [UPDATE #1](#) (3 MAY 2023)
- [A BRIEF LMI RELATED PROFILE FOR SUDANESE](#)