



## 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. As of October 2024, IOM identified 787,326 migrants from 44 nationalities in Libya.

On 15 April 2023, a conflict broke out between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan. Since then, over 3 million individuals crossed borders into neighbouring countries. Of those, an estimated 121,000 Sudanese and TCNs have arrived in Libya. As of September 2024, the total population of Sudanese nationals in Libya, including those present before April 2023 and those who arrived after April 2023, is estimated at 207,000. Between January and November 2024, authorities in Alkufra reported issuing 125,020 health cards to Sudanese nationals (an indicator of new arrivals in 2024 only).

Libya has not ratified and is not a party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees or its Protocol. However, it has ratified the 1969 Convention governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa (OAU Convention), which adopts the same definition of a refugee as the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol. Nevertheless, refugees and asylum-seekers are considered illegal migrants and their status as asylum-seekers or refugees is not recognized by the current Libyan legislation.

Notwithstanding, 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. Libyan authorities are also providing humanitarian assistance through various municipal level entities, and have waved enrollment procedures for Sudanese children, allowing them to attend schools.

The Sudanese community in Libya is also 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 substantial support.

## Interagency Refugee Response Plan (Jan to Dec 2024)

On 28 May 2024, in support of government and community-led efforts, the UN Country Team in Libya launched the Jan-Dec 2024 Interagency Refugee Response Plan (LSRP). The 2024 LSRP contributed 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 the crisis; ii) identifying 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) in close coordination with donors/embassies/consulates, supporting the state of Libya to assist TCNs to voluntary return to their countries of origin, and identifying complementary pathways, including family reunification, for Sudanese refugees.

**The 2025 LSRP is expected to be launched in mid-January 2025.**

### PLANNED INTEGRATED UN RESPONSE:

 **149,000**  
Sudanese

 **1,000**  
Third Country Nationals (TCNs)

 **45,000**  
Host Community

 **43.8 M**  
Total financial requirements

 **Country Host**

## 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. The following is the assistance provided until end of November 2024.

**Health:** IOM provided primary and specialized health services for 42,036 Sudanese (24,485 males and 17,551 females).

**MHPSS:** The MHPSS team supported 5302 (2083 males, 2387 females, 449 boys, and 383 girls) Sudanese to overcome psychosocial challenges, enhancing their resilience through individual and community-based services.

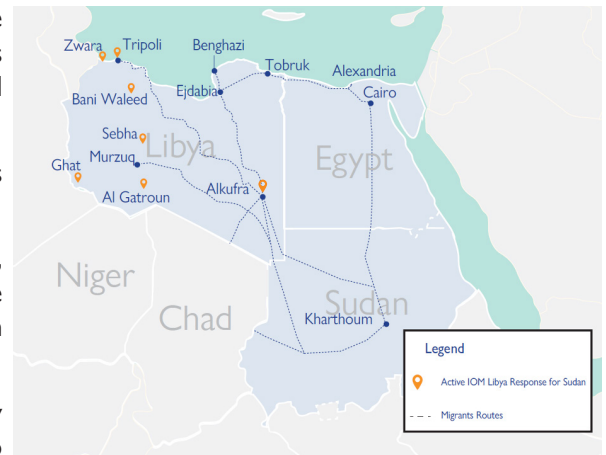
**Protection:** IOM provides case management services (primarily individual assessments, counselling and referral services) to conflict-affected Sudanese populations.. IOM also regularly hosts community dialogue, awareness raising sessions and recreational activities with Sudanese populations. So far, IOM protection team reached 4546 Sudanese (1472 men, 2,233 women, 202 boys, 174 girls).

**Community Engagement:** IOM organized social cohesion initiatives, involving over 700 Sudanese beneficiaries.

**Education:** Equipment were provided to Shehade Kufra School which accommodates close to 200 Sudanese children.

**Direct assistance:** IOM distributed NFIs and food to 24,532 Sudanese across different locations (Bani Waleed, Al Gatroun, Ghat, Sabha, Tripoli, Zwara),

**MRRM:** IOM is in the process of establishing a coordination cell in Kufra (Southeastern Libya) to operationalize the organization’s Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism (MRRM).The MRRM programme – an integrated humanitarian support modality – brings together, under one mechanism, a wide range of humanitarian services delivered to vulnerable beneficiaries living in urban settings. MRRM’s flexibility and reach makes it especially valuable for beneficiaries experiencing harsh conditions in distant and difficult-to-access locations.



## IOM needs for continued response in 2025: 9,6 MILLION USD

Sector/Activity area	Funding gap	# of persons planned to be reached in 2025 (Sudanese refugees, Third-Country Nationals, Host communities).
Data for action, insight and foresight	500,000	N/A.
Humanitarian Border Management & SAR	300,000	N/A.
Protection	1,000000	2,000
Health	1,600.000	24,000
MHPSS	500,000	12,000
Basic needs, including NFIs, food and MPCA	3,000.000	120,000
Community Stabilization and Community-driven Development	1,500.000	200,000
Disaster Risk Management	600,000	200,000
Livelihood & Economic Recovery	300,000	500
Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)	300,000	50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,600,000</b>	<b>608,500</b>

### KEY LINKS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- LIBYA — [MIGRANT REPORT 53](#) (JUNE - JULY 2024)
- [TOBRUK RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#): AN ANALYSIS OF SUDANESE NATIONALS IN TOBRUK WHO ARRIVED IN LIBYA
- PROFILE OF SUDANESE MIGRANTS IN LIBYA: [ARABIC](#) AND [ENGLISH](#)
- IOM LIBYA EMERGENCY TRACKING – SUDAN SITUATION: [UPDATE #1](#) (3 MAY 2023)