

# LIBYA: MIGRATION & ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

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## Regional Migrant Figures Update

In 2016 (as of 21 August), 269,244 arrivals were recorded by sea to Europe. Of those, 3,164 are indicated to be dead or missing.

In 2016 (as of 24 August) 100,244 arrivals were recorded by sea to Italy through the Central Mediterranean route with 2,197 recorded in the week of 14—21 August. The main countries of origin are Nigeria, Eritrea and Gambia. On the same route, 2,725 deaths were recorded in 2016, 33 so far in the month of August. The number of fatalities in 2016 remains higher than the same period last year (1,894 deaths were recorded along the Central Mediterranean route between January and July 2015).

The migrants continue making the perilous journey at great risk, travelling under precarious conditions and on ill-equipped boats, leaving them highly vulnerable to both arduous travel and exploitation of organized criminal networks along the way.

Source: MissingMigrants.iom.int

### Maritime Incidents Recorded in Libya, 2016

		Total on		# bodies	Estimated
Month	Incidents	board	Rescued	retrieved	missing
January	1	242	242	0	0
February	1	120	120	0	0
March	10	1,938	1,750	14	174
April	5	868	868	0	0
May	12	4,027	3,768	139	120
June	9	2,538	2,531	7	0
July	9	1,253	967	150	136
August	4	0	0	9	0
Total to date	51	10,986	10,246	319	430

Sources: IOM, Libyan Coast Guard, DTM Implementing partners.

Disclaimer: DTM findings on migrants includes also persons who originate from refugee producing countries. Figures on Maritime Incidents in Libya are estimates based on initial reports at the time of each incident, and are regularly updated as more information becomes available.

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## **DTM Libya Update**

DTM Libya released its Round 5 Mobility Tracking Report on 12 August, covering the reporting periods of July and August. Based on an assessment of 100 baladiyas and 533 muhallas in Libya, the report has identified and located 348,372 IDPs and 310,265 returnees and out of the around 700,000 migrants expected to be in the country, DTM was able to track 276,957 migrants. This presents the latest update to the baseline DTM had established in previous rounds of reporting. For the full dataset, summary tables, maps and Round 5 analytical report, visit www.globaldtm.info/libya

DTM Libya also released its DTM Round 5 interactive dashboard on IDPs, returnees and migrants in Libya, for more information, see here.



DTM is funded by EU's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO) and United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID).

#### **Direct Assistance**

On 16 August, non-food items and hygiene kits were distributed to 30 migrants in Tilmutha detention centre.

On 17 August, 50 migrants at Al Kwifia detention centre received non-food items and hygiene kits.

On 21 August, 50 migrants at Al Khums detention centre received non-food items and hygiene kits, in addition, on the same day, 100 migrants at Al Kwifia detention centre received non-food items and hygiene kits through LRC Benghazi.

On 22 August, 107 migrants at Misratah detention centre received non-food items and hygiene kits through local partner STACO. In addition, on the same day, 35 migrants at Alwifia detention centre received non-food items and hygiene kits through LRC Benghazi.

On 23 August, 128 migrants received non-food items and hygiene kits at Al Bayda detention centre.

## **IOM Repatriates 241 Stranded Nigerian** Migrants from Libya

On 23 August, IOM organized a voluntary repatriation charter flight with 241 Nigerian migrants (67 females and 174 males) back to Lagos Nigeria.

Before departure all migrants were provided with hygiene kits, underwear, shirts, tracksuit and shoes. A mobile patrol from the Libyan Directorate of Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM) escorted the buses to Mitiga airport.

Elsa (not the woman's real name), only 20 years old, was brought back to Libya along with other migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea as their boat was intercepted by the Libyan coast guard outside the Libyan shores. IOM staff asked her about what she thought about returning home.

"I'm happy I'll be returning back. I never thought it would be worse than back home. I paid 400,000 Nigerian Naira (approx. \$1,000) in Nigeria to get to Italy, I never want to leave again," she told IOM.

The funding for this charter was provided by the Swiss State Secretariat of Migration, under the project "Provision of Humanitarian Repatriation and Reintegration for Stranded Migrants in Libya," the UN - Central Emergency Fund (CERF) under the project "Protection and Direct Assistance to Stranded Migrants in Libya" and the Kingdom of the Netherlands under the project "Enhancing saving lives at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard and support humanitarian repatriation of vulnerable migrants out of Libya." Press release currently in process.



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