Keeping migrants, refugees, elderly and vulnerable women and girls in the center of our interventions

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How we work
UNFPA response to Libya's protracted crisis is built around the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and entails a progressive shift from a focus on service delivery to institutional capacity building programmes, supporting policies, systems and standards for service provision, including primary health care centers, women safe spaces, non-formal education and youth centres, adopting a community-based approach that engages youth and women as part of medium and longer term development for peacebuilding and gender equality.

UNFPA is currently implementing programmes across the East, West and South of Libya, in partnership with several line ministries, municipalities, Libyan civil society organisations, NGOs and UN Agencies.

Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled
Population Dynamics

UNFPA Libya contributes to Humanitarian Programme Cycles with the Common Operational Dataset for Population Statistics (COD-P). COD-P is an authoritative reference dataset needed to support operations and decision-making for all actors in a humanitarian response. For Libya, the COD-P is based on best available datasets validated with the Bureau of Statistics and Census (BSC) that ensures consistency and simplifies the discovery and exchange of key data.

UNFPA Libya and BSC have initiated the preparatory work for a national demographic survey. The demographic survey will include a population estimation survey and should allow for updating the 2006 Census demographic data at municipality and national levels.

BSC in collaboration with the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and UNFPA have initiated an in-depth trend analysis of previous household surveys conducted in Libya between 2014 and 2018. The trend analysis simplifies the discovery and exchange of key data.

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Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response and women’s empowerment

UNFPA’s helpline “1417” provides psychosocial support, legal counseling and referral to the immediate health services for the people in need. So far, by virtue of the helpline, over 7,000 women and girls have been provided needed support with the above-mentioned services.

UNFPA Libya is working with the Libyan Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Health to develop a GBV helpline and awareness campaigns. In Libya, GBV is seen as a humanitarian concern. UNFPA has received over 7,000 people through mobile medical teams based in Tripoli, Sabra and Ghilat.

UNFPA has conducted the first-ever GBV situation analysis in Libya and is working with partners to support the establishment of a GBV Information Management System.

UNFPA is providing a set of services and activities in different regions throughout Libya, including GBV services, psychosocial support, livelihood activities, awareness raising, social media campaigns and dignity/hygiene kits reaching thousands of people.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

UNFPA increased access for women and girls to high-quality reproductive health services, with a focus on women in the humanitarian context in Libya. UNFPA has served over 7,000 people through mobile medical teams based in Tripoli, Sabra and Ghilat.

UNFPA has provided direct consultations, counseling and awareness sessions on SRH issues to another 1,000 women and girls.

To strengthen the resilience of healthcare facilities in the face of conflict and COVID-19 restrictions, UNFPA has supported the services of 23 Health facilities with the provision of essential reproductive health (RH) kits, through mobile medical teams.

To achieve increased demand for RH services, awareness raising activities reached out to over 11,000 people, whereas 12,000 consultations were provided to different population groups at the community level, including migrant and IDP. In one year, over 100,000 Libyans received RH services.

Youth development and participation

UNFPA Libya along with other partners have launched various projects to involve young and vulnerable populations in peacebuilding and political processes. In 2020, UNFPA, along with providing them with livelihood opportunities and encouraging them to showcase their potential.

UNFPA Libya works on strengthening the organizational capacity and outreach of youth networks in Libya along with building capacity of young activists and journalists. UNFPA is also working with other development agencies on enhancing youth entrepreneurship.

Recently, UNFPA Libya worked with more than 20 youth initiatives to raise awareness on COVID-19 in different locations and communities across the country.

UNFPA has launched a training package aimed at supporting young women in their academic and political empowerment across Libya.

Furthermore, it has provided 35 grants to different CSOs to implement projects across Libya.