Situation Update

- The political crisis in Libya shows no sign of imminent resolution, as deepening paralysis resulting from political differences continue to stall the implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement.

- The security situation remains volatile; intense fighting continues in the cities of Benghazi, Derna and Ajdabiya in the eastern region. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) remains active in the rapidly reducing area of the Sirt basin, located along Libya’s central coastal region. The military operation against ISIL continues in the area, where the United Nations estimates that 79,400 people (including 32,000 children) are in need of immediate life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection services.

- The negative impact of increased living costs has been exacerbated by the liquidity crisis; this has significantly restricted the amount of cash available to cover daily needs.

- According to the latest Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) published by the International Organization for Migration (IOM Round 6, September 2016), there are approximately 313,200 internally displaced people (IDPs), 462,950 returnees, and 256,700 migrants. This represents a decrease of 35,136 IDPs from the number reported in Round 5, and is largely due to the voluntary return of IDPs identified in Bani Waled, Tarhuna Al Qubah and Al Sharqiyah, back to their homes in the outskirts of Sirte following the de-escalation of fighting in those districts.

- According to IOM, the main drivers of displacement for IDPs continue to be threat or fear of general conflict and armed group presence (reported for 95 percent of the IDP population). The majority of IDPs in Libya have been displaced since the outbreak of the civil war in mid-2014.

- According to the Humanitarian Needs Overview (2017) there are 400,000 people in need of food assistance, of which WFP has targeted 210,000 people per month for...
The conflict and lack of security within Libya, along its borders and in neighbouring countries has led to a greater number of refugees and migrants using the country as an exit point to reach Europe.

**WFP Response**

- In October, WFP reached 94,937 beneficiaries throughout Libya.
- In September, the Tunisian-Libyan border was temporarily closed as is usual for security purposes during the period of Eid al-Adha. Despite this, in September, WFP was able to distribute food commodities to 50,963 people in need.
- Given limited resources, WFP has had to adjust its planning figures, aiming to reach 120,000 people in need by the end of 2016. Despite only having received 39 percent of its required funding, so far in 2016, WFP Libya has provided food assistance to 113,485 people in need. Though WFP’s project plan is to assist the same beneficiaries monthly, access constraints and changes in the security situation cause high numbers of displacement and frequent movement of those displaced. These challenges coupled with funding limitations have impeded the full implementation of the project plan. WFP continues to work to ensure continuity in distributions.

**Food and Nutrition Assistance**

- Beneficiaries targeted for WFP assistance receive a food basket that includes rice, pasta, chickpeas, wheat flour, vegetable oil, tomato paste and sugar. The food basket represents approximately 75 percent of a person’s daily nutritional requirement (1,560 kcal per person, per day). The monthly entitlement is packaged for a household of five people in two parcels of 30 kilograms each.
- In February 2016, REACH released an update of the June-July 2015 Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA). This update included findings on food security for eastern Libya; it indicated a deterioration of the food security situation in eastern Libya due to restricted access to livelihoods and limited banking system functionality.

**Logistics**

- WFP Logistics transports and delivers food consignments from Turkey and Egypt into the east and west of Libya. While WFP’s local cooperating partners Sheikh Tahir Azzawi Charity Organisation (STACO) and Ayady Al Khair Society for Relief and Charity Work (AKS) distribute in the west and south of Libya, LibAid distributes in eastern Libya.

**Partnerships**

- On 19 September, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and its humanitarian partners in Libya called on the international community and donors to urgently provide USD 10.7 million in order to ensure life-saving assistance to 79,400 people located within the Sirte municipality between September and December 2016. WFP’s component under the Sirte Appeal is USD 1 million, the amount required to reach 15,000 people for three months. This requirement is in addition to WFP’s EMOP 200925 net funding requirements from September to December, amounting to USD 8.5 million.
- The 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) was released on 15 November 2016, with the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) set to be released in early December 2016.
- WFP is working with a third-party monitor, Voluntas, to provide updated information on cooperating partners’ distributions inside Libya. Voluntas monitors planned distributions and collects in-country food security data in eastern, western and southern Libya.
- WFP collaborates with the Libya UNCT and the Security Management Team to coordinate its activities with other United Nations agencies and to assess the political and security situation and the resulting impact on operations. WFP is currently exploring options to expand its operational partnership base and is conducting discussions with possible partners. WFP cooperating partners work closely with local crisis committees, which represent local communities.

**Resourcing Update**

- WFP requires USD 8.2 million in order to continue distributing food through to May 2017. Without new funding, WFP will reduce the number of people it is assisting, all of whom urgently require food assistance.
- To date, WFP Libya has received USD 10.8 million of its gross requirements for 2016. Without further funding WFP will be severely limited in its capacity to deliver much needed food assistance.

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**WFP Operation**

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