Libya

The ongoing armed and political conflict in Libya has had a devastating impact on the civilian population, depriving the most vulnerable of access to basic services and triggering large-scale displacements across the country. The Libyan people have been forced to flee their homes and authorities are struggling to provide basic goods and services. An estimated 2.44 million people, including some 1 million children, are in immediate need of protection and humanitarian assistance. In 2016, 682,000 people will require access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services; 150,000 children will require quality education; and some 270,000 children in Tripoli and Benghazi will need child protection services. There are an estimated 435,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Libya, including 174,000 children. In addition, an estimated 1.9 million people, including 430,000 children, require assistance to meet their basic health care needs. Libya also hosts an estimated 250,000 vulnerable refugees (including some 1 million children), asylum seekers and migrants fleeing violence, weak economies and political turmoil in North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. These people face discrimination, marginalization and limited access to basic services, and some have been detained in harsh living conditions.1

2016 programme targets

| Total affected population: 2.4 million | Total affected children (under 18): 1 million |
| Total people to be reached in 2016: 400,000 | Total children to be reached in 2016: 168,000 |

Humanitarian strategy

In 2016, UNICEF will scale up its response to mitigate the devastating impact of the conflict on an estimated 1.75 million women and children. This will involve strengthening hybrid sector coordination, extending resource mobilization efforts and establishing new partnerships with civil society organizations and government institutions. Resilience-building interventions will help reduce the vulnerability of women and children to conflict and insecurity. Despite the temporary evacuation of all United Nations agencies and most of the international non-governmental organizations from Libya in 2014, UNICEF has successfully maintained a presence in the country with national staff and qualified national consultants. If the situation remains the same, UNICEF will continue to implement remotely, relying primarily on national staff, consultants, cooperation agreements with non-governmental organizations and memoranda of understanding with municipalities. UNICEF also works with partners to review programme results and address bottlenecks. Child protection interventions will provide some 20,000 children with psychosocial support and safe access to community spaces through the establishment of child-friendly spaces. UNICEF will also target 168,000 children and their families with access to water and sanitation and establish safe learning environments for some 47,000 school-aged children. The vaccination status of 342,000 children will be improved.

Results from 2015

As of 31 October 2015, UNICEF had received 92 per cent (US$1.2 million) of the US$1.3 million 2015 appeal. In 2015, UNICEF worked with partners to respond to emergencies and build the resilience of conflict-affected communities by strengthening the provision of basic social services. UNICEF also provided sector leadership for WASH, education and the child protection sub-sector, together with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). UNICEF utilized its partnerships with local non-governmental organizations and municipalities to provide some 6,000 girls and boys with psychosocial support in eight child-friendly spaces. In addition, 264 girl and 286 boy survivors of gender-based violence received specialized psychosocial care. UNICEF provided 225 social workers with specialized training on community-based child protection and 78 professionals serving children in contact with the law were trained on protection for survivors of violence. Some 1,100 girls and 750 boys were enrolled in catch-up classes in Benghazi, along with over 4,000 students who participated in recreational and educational activities. Over 64,800 children from affected areas received education supplies. UNICEF provided 1,700 displaced families, the majority of them children and women, with access to appropriate sanitation services.

WASH

- 400,000 internally displaced persons provided with access to safe water as per agreed standards
- 25,000 internally displaced persons provided with access to appropriately designed toilets

Child protection

- 20,000 children provided with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play and learning

Education

- 47,000 internally displaced school-aged children accessed quality education

Health

- 342,000 targeted children under 5 years fully covered with appropriate vaccination
Funding requirements

UNICEF is requesting US$19,319,000 to meet the humanitarian and protection needs of children in Libya in 2016, in line with the country’s inter-agency Humanitarian Response Plan. Without timely funding, women and children facing conflict, violence and displacement will not receive adequate assistance to fulfil their basic needs and realize their rights.

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1 Data provided in this paragraph comes from the 2016 Libya Humanitarian Response Plan (October 2015) and the 2015 Libya Humanitarian Needs Overview (September 2015).

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