



FIRST ASSESSMENTS OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT CAUSED BY THE FLOODS IN DERNA © IOM 2023/MOAIAD TARIQ

IOM VISION

Recognizing the urgency of addressing humanitarian needs for all people affected and displaced by Storm Daniel including immediate needs of all vulnerable migrants, IOM is implementing all its operations ensuring respect for human rights and dignity on-the-ground. The Organization is supporting local authorities and is working closely with its partners, complementing and upscaling the relief and response efforts to alleviate the suffering of the affected population.

CONTEXT ANALYSIS

On Sunday, 10 September 2023, Storm Daniel made landfall in Libya causing severe weather conditions, including strong winds and sudden heavy rainfall affecting the northeastern areas of Benghazi, Tobruk, Toukra, Talmeitha, Almarj, Taknes (Al Jabal Al Akhdar), Al Owailia, Bayada, Albayda, Shahhat, Sousa and Derna. The storm caused significant infrastructure damage, including roads, and disruptions in the telecommunication networks. According to the [latest DTM Flash Update](#), the storm has caused large scale displacement of more than 43,059 individuals in flood affected areas . A total of 3,958 deaths have been registered in hospitals, according to WHO sources, among which 429 were migrants (Egyptians, Sudanese, Palestinians and Bangladeshi). The actual scale of the catastrophe is still unpredictable as search and rescue efforts are still ongoing. Mentioned figures in this Appeal are as of 20 September 2023.

43,059

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE DISPLACED

3,958

DEATHS (OUT OF WHICH 429 ARE MIGRANTS) *Source: DTM & WHO

IOM APPEAL (USD)

Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)	600 K
Search and Rescue	500 K
Health	6.5 M
Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)	5.5 M
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	2.5 M
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)	700 K
Protection	500 K
Food Security and Livelihoods	700 K
Site Management	500 K
Socioeconomic Recovery	1.7 M
Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)	800 K
Logistics	1.5 M
TOTAL	22 M

COORDINATION

IOM is coordinating its emergency response with other UN partners through the in-country Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM). The RRM follows a similar system to that of a traditional cluster system and through sector leads, aims to coordinate response on the ground and ensure the provision of life-saving assistance to people affected by disasters or fleeing conflict. Under the RMM, IOM coordinates the site management sector. As per the USD 71.4 million [OCHA Flash Appeal](#), the foremost priorities include Shelter, Non-food Item (NFI) kits, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) as a large number of residents have been displaced after flooding. Health-care services are stretched thin and immediate medical help, including essential medications and supplies, is crucial.

In addition to immediate humanitarian needs, there are growing concerns about the medium and long-term impacts of the floods, with the need to support recovery, reconstruction and strengthen preparedness. The storm has exposed vulnerabilities, revealing a poor state of infrastructure and response mechanisms, underscoring the urgent need for improved disaster preparedness and climate resilience.



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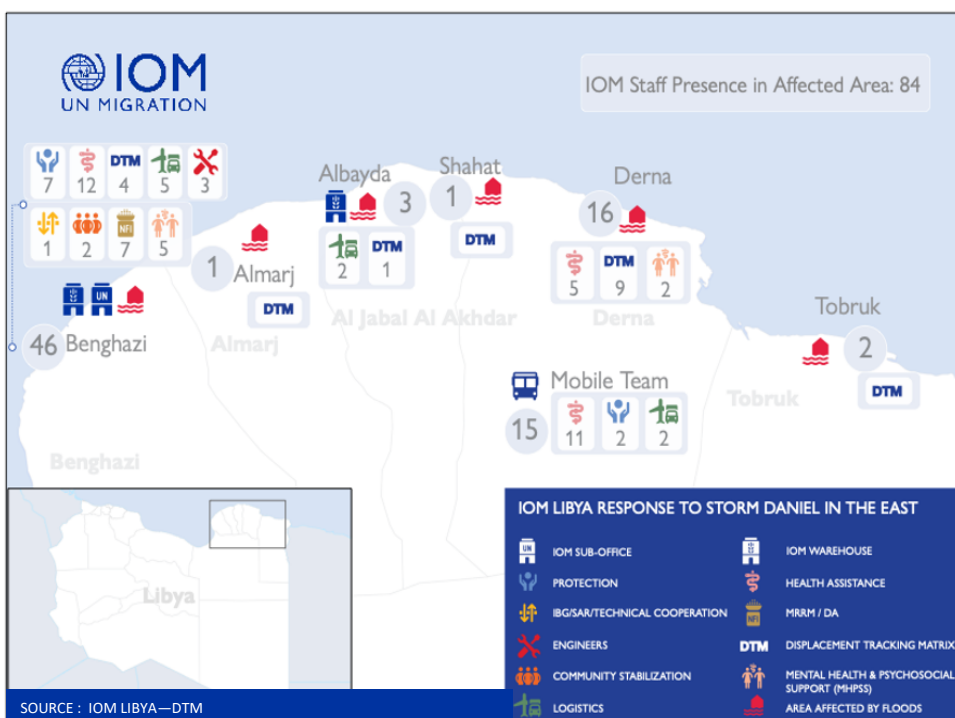
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IOM CAPACITY

IOM has been operating in Libya since 2006 and continues to maintain a strong presence in the country. The mission is comprised of 635 staff with one office in Tunis, two offices in Tripoli, one sub-office in Benghazi and field offices in Gatroun, Zwara, Bani Waleed and Sabha; as well as active presence in the south, east and west of Libya. Working in close cooperation with the Government of Libya, IOM has reached thousands of displaced and conflict-affected Libyans and migrants in need through the provision of vital humanitarian and development assistance. As an active member of the United Nations Country Team and the Humanitarian Country Team, IOM in Libya has established a UN Network on Migration and is leading one of the two collective outcomes of the UN Sustainable Development and Cooperation Framework for 2023 – 2025. Since 2021, IOM has been working on strengthening preparedness and response capacities of local authorities and disaster-affected and at-risk communities to mitigate the impact of climate related disasters and extreme weather.



As part of the emergency response, IOM Libya, in coordination with local authorities, UN and partners, conducted an assessment of the situation on the ground as part of an interagency assessment team. IOM teams are on the ground in Eastern Libya and flood affected areas, with 84 national and international staff, providing multi-sector assistance in close partnership with the other UN partners and the Libyan Red Crescent. IOM has established a 7500 sqm warehouse in Benghazi for inter-agency use. A smaller warehouse in affected areas (Al Bayda) is expected to be up and running soon.



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

IOM has implemented displacement tracking in crisis-affected areas using Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) tools. IOM is using emergency tracking to monitor the scale of displacement and quantify the affected population where needed. Subsequently, the DTM will be used to identify the location, number, and conditions of displaced people using the mobility tracking tool's baseline assessment. IOM will also work with partners, including private sector to undertake damage assessment mapping.

Additionally, IOM is conducting Rapid Needs Assessment in flood-affected areas through key informant interviews (KIIs) and household sampled surveys to identify affected populations and their immediate needs. Finally, IOM will process and analyse flood-related data to draft reports tailored for responders and broader dissemination.

Funding required

\$600,000

Target individuals

FIRST RESPONDERS
AND POLICY MAKERS



SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

To enhance the effectiveness of search and rescue operations in the areas affected by Storm Daniel, IOM will continue providing specialized equipment such as harnesses, ropes, carabiners, tents, GPS and radio communication devices (HF/VHF) and Thuraya satellite phones to SAR responders. Additionally, personal protective equipment (PPE), first aid kits, stretchers, etc. including dead body bags will be provided to facilitate the respectful recovery and transfer of people who have lost their lives in the affected areas.

During and in the aftermath of the rescue operations, IOM will deploy prefabricated emergency units to provide vital assistance to those in need. These facilities will include mobile prefabricated structures, or tents, fitted with portable generators, mobile water tanks, WASH facilities, and mobile first aid units for emergency medical assistance. Although search and rescue efforts are scaling down, IOM will continue supporting the identified needs for the response. Additionally, IOM will continue providing the relevant SAR entities with inflatable/semirigid rescue boats, waterproof clothing, as well as emergency transport vehicles (4x4) capable to reach the affected areas and allow the safe transportation of injured patients to professional health care facilities.

Funding required

\$500,000

Target individuals

SAR RESPONDERS AND
AUTHORITIES



HEALTH

IOM is providing flood-affected populations with emergency health assistance by conducting post-disaster needs assessment of most affected municipalities to identify the immediate, medium-term, and long-term health needs, and prepare a plan of action to revive the health system. IOM is also providing primary healthcare services to IDPs and migrants by mobilizing multidisciplinary medical mobile teams to provide treatment, care and referral as necessary. Furthermore, IOM will establish a referral mechanism for timely medical management for lifesaving, disability prevention and cases posing public health risk to prequalified and specialized health facilities.

IOM is assisting the Ministry of Health (MOH) and local authorities in establishing a surveillance network to conduct public health surveillance and risk assessment to control and prevent any possible disease outbreak. IOM will integrate health and hygiene awareness activities to help in disease prevention and sensitize the high-risk displaced population to seek medical care for early detection. In the event of outbreaks, IOM will be able to also support and implement an integrated outbreak response to prevent mortalities and extended morbidities.

As per the preliminary information from the MOH, most public health facilities have been destroyed in Derna and the surrounding locations, limiting access to basic and advanced medical care. IOM will support at least eleven health facilities in affected locations. Support will include provision of human resources for health (HRH), including specialized and general practitioners, procurement and distribution of medicines, medical supplies and equipment, and refurbishment of health facility infrastructure including WASH refurbishments. IOM will also support four field temporarily established hospitals with medical supplies and equipment to enhance their capacity to continue service provision.

Funding required

\$6,500,000

Target no. of individuals

130,000



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

IOM is providing the flood-affected populations with access to safe and dignified shelter and settlements assistance in host communities and displacement settings. IOM is providing shelter materials and comprehensive packages of essential household items including mattresses, blankets, kitchen set, and solar lamps, amongst others, and items to meet specific needs such as dignity kits.

For those with seriously damaged or destroyed homes who have been forced to relocate, IOM will also provide emergency and transitional shelter solutions. Furthermore, IOM will work to ensure that crisis-affected households are protected and live in dignity in secure settlements that facilitate access to community/public services, infrastructure, and facilities, and support social cohesion, economic, and environmental quality of life as a community. Interventions at settlement level will be coordinated with other IOM technical sectors and relevant partners and stakeholders.

Funding required

\$5,500,000

Target no. of individuals

60,000



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Amid this crisis, exacerbated by damaged water and sanitation infrastructure and pollution, IOM Libya will provide emergency water supply to cover the temporary interruption of WASH services due to the floods.

Simultaneously, IOM will conduct rapid needs assessments in targeted locations to identify WASH infrastructure gaps and risks, as well as knowledge, attitudes and practices of communities. Based on the needs assessment, IOM will deliver sustainable, safe water and sanitation services to the affected population through emergency water and sanitation infrastructure rehabilitation in coordination with the local authorities.

In consultation with the WASH sector and partners, IOM will also distribute hygiene kits, including mensural hygiene management items (MHM) and household water purification items, and deliver hygiene promotion and awareness campaigns with a focus on flood-related public health risks.

Funding required

\$2,500,000

Target no. of individuals

60,000



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

IOM psychosocial mobile teams will continue providing MHPSS services to affected populations at hosting sites, makeshift locations, and communities in northeastern areas. The psychosocial mobile team/staff will provide a set of varied services, such as support group sessions, counselling, focus group discussions, psychological first aid, cultural and recreational activities, art-based mediation activities, awareness sessions, psycho-education, assessment, and referral to specialized medical services, if necessary. Additionally, remote MHPSS assistance and remote counselling will be provided through the MHPSS helpline operating in the east.

Funding required

\$700,000

Target no. of individuals

20,000



In coordination with humanitarian partners, IOM is conducting rapid protection assessments to better understand the contextualized risks faced by affected populations. All findings will be used to tailor the protection response to meet the needs of the people affected by the floods. Additionally, IOM will provide referral as well as case management services to vulnerable or at-risk individuals by supporting family tracing, reunification, and services for unaccompanied and separated children.

IOM will implement protection response through a comprehensive, integrated, community-based approach to address the most immediate protection needs of individuals displaced, as well as emergency response actors. These activities will aim to identify and strengthen existing community coping strategies/capacities. Furthermore, IOM will carry out training and capacity building activities for governmental and non-governmental partners on topics including child protection and gender-based violence.

Furthermore, protection will be mainstreamed throughout all flood response interventions including through community dialogues with the flood affected populations to ensure involvement at all stages. Protection indicators will be incorporated into relevant assessments. Due consideration of disability inclusion, child protection, and representation of all sections of society will also be ensured. Considerations of conflict sensitivity will be incorporated, and the Do No Harm principle will guide all interventions.

Funding required

\$500,000

Target no. of individuals

5,000

IOM is prioritising distribution of individual food kits in the most affected areas in coordination with WFP and other stakeholders. Additionally, IOM with partners will assess immediate livelihood needs and provide emergency support for economic recovery in the affected areas. IOM will complement local and international efforts of livelihood diversification and agricultural revival efforts to assist farmers and small businesses in resuming their activities. By prioritizing economic recovery, these measures will help individuals regain self-sufficiency and contribute to the overall resilience of flood-affected areas.

Funding required

\$700,000

Target no. of individuals

30,000

IOM Libya is co-leading the site management working group in the country. IOM is undertaking site management technical coordination and liaising with authorities and partners to assure coherence in achieving common objectives, ensuring efficient service delivery, as well as coordinating the development of technical standards. IOM's site management approach will be flexible and tailored to the context, covering a different set of locations including, gathering sites, collective centres, urban areas and areas of return.

Five key areas of work will be integrated in IOM's Site Management approach: governance and community participation; information management; monitoring of and advocacy for provision of protection and key services; capacity building; and advocacy for durable solutions.

Additionally, in consideration of the complex situational context and operational sensitivities, to ensure a constant flow of information and outreach of services, IOM will aim to set up Community Management and Information centres (both mobile and static) through which affected communities can be informed about available services, can request needed supplies, can volunteer to support the response and/or receive counselling (MHPSS or legal counsel). IOM will work closely with local authorities, grassroots actors and civil society to ensure accountability and the promotion of a community-centred approach.

Funding required

\$500,000

Target no. of individuals

43,000

To facilitate post floods recovery and rebuilding of the social structure, IOM will implement Community Based Planning (CBP) in areas impacted by the floods and mass displacement. Activities implemented will be organized in two main interconnected pillars:

1. Community Improvement Projects (CIPs) aimed to repair or replace damaged water infrastructure, including wells and water treatment plants, restore access to clean water sources and sanitation facilities. Based on consultations and assessment with local stakeholders CIPs could also undertake the repair and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure, including schools, healthcare facilities, and public utilities. Resilient design principles will be included in the rehabilitation process to reduce the risk of future damage.
2. Early recovery initiatives at the community level aimed to enhance capacity of affected communities to cope with the crisis and targeting vulnerable groups such as women, migrants, IDPs, and persons with disabilities with the support strengthen capacities of local actors such as association and civil society organizations.

Funding required

\$1,700,000

Target no. of individuals

150,000

To understand disaster risk in Libya and advance on the implementation of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) practices, IOM together with expert partners from the private sector and academia will conduct a multi-level hazard identification and risk assessment in coordination with the National Safety Authority to build a deeper understanding of hazards and risks and put systems in place to inform preparedness and future development of early warning systems. Data collection and evidence-base creation will guide the implementation of DRM activities that may include the creation of a flood prone area atlas, database of drainage patterns surrounding river basins, floodplain mapping, geographical features and population densities, settlement patterns.

In addition, as continuation of the ongoing DRR initiative, IOM will continue improving the knowledge and building the skills of authorities and national stakeholders on climate-related disaster risk management, through capacity building activities on DRM.

Furthermore, in coordination with the national meteorological center, IOM will seek to establish Community Early Warning Systems (CEWS) in Derna, Al Bayda and Al Amkhaily. These systems will be inclusive, engaging migrants, and tailored to communities' needs. They will ensure end-to-end early warning, connecting with the National Meteorology Centre and local hubs, and account for different linguistic groups to ensure timely access to understandable and actionable early warning messages.

Funding required

\$800,000

Target no. of individuals

160,000

In support of the proposed interventions and to enhance the logistics capacity of IOM and partners, IOM is working in coordination with other actors to scale up its logistics hubs in Benghazi and Derna, for transportation of goods and warehousing. The Benghazi hub will allow for transport of goods from Tripoli or abroad, by sea, air or road. Trucks will be available for transfer to Derna and other affected areas. This component will fund vehicles and trucks, warehouse management and equipment. Transportation and warehousing services will be provided to other humanitarian partners as well. This is particularly essential for the proposed SAR, WASH, Shelter and Settlements, and Health interventions.

Funding required

\$1,500,000

Target no. of individuals

N/A



IOM PROVIDING REGISTRATION FOR AID DISTRIBUTION TO FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE IN AL BAYDA
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SUPPLIES TRANSPORTATION TO NORTHEASTERN LIBYA
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DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES FOR COMMUNITIES IN NORTHEASTERN LIBYA
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