

Libya



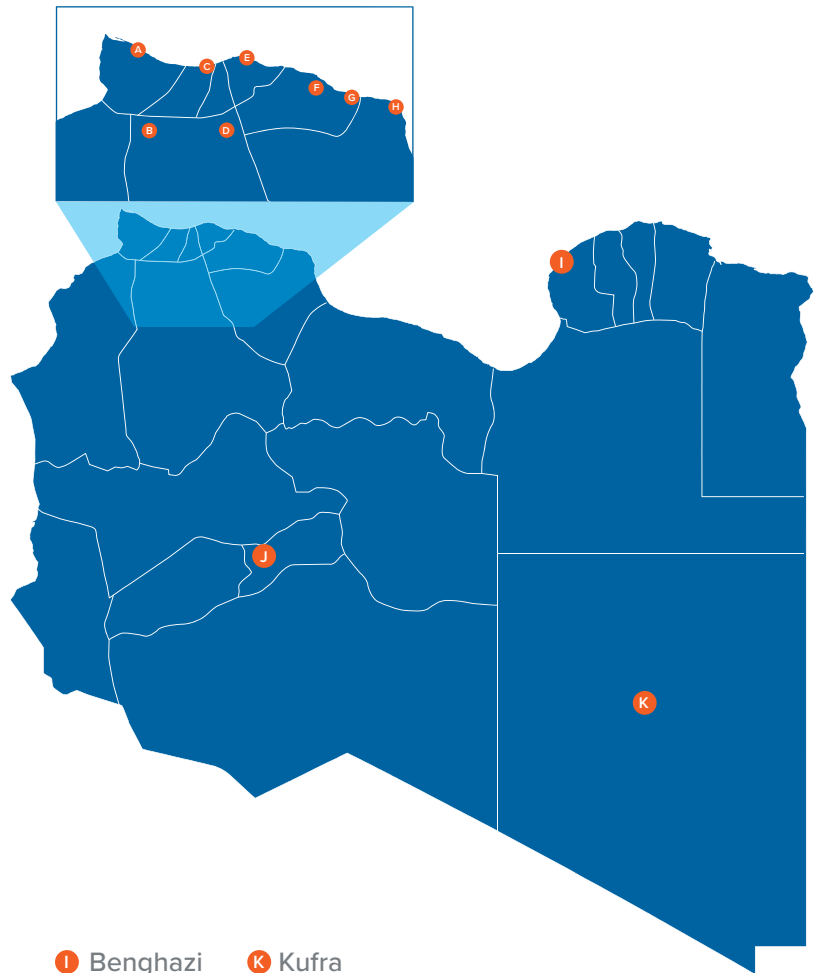
International Medical Corps was the first international humanitarian organization to arrive in Libya following the outbreak of war in early 2011, providing lifesaving medical services.

International Medical Corps has continued to focus on medical relief programming, and gained significant in-country expertise and widespread programmatic reach by supporting conflict-affected populations. Today, as the country continues to face ongoing economic and political instability, International Medical Corps is still working in Libya to support the most vulnerable populations deprived of access to basic services.

Shortly after the Libyan civil war began in 2011, International Medical Corps deployed teams to provide country-wide emergency medical services, train health workers and deliver vital medicines and supplies. Starting in the country's east, we built makeshift health facilities to provide critical care to conflict-affected populations and moved with the front lines westward until the fighting dissipated.

In the coming years, we transitioned from emergency activities to programs that fostered recovery and self-reliance. International Medical Corps supported the physical rehabilitation of clinics and invested heavily in gender-based violence (GBV) protection activities—culminating in the first women's march in the country's capital. These popular programs, however, were halted following a new wave of violence in the summer of 2014.

International Medical Corps' focus shifted again in light of these new dynamics—this time targeting internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the growing waves of migrants traversing the country on their way to Europe. We have devised effective and efficient solutions for complex challenges, in support of the most vulnerable populations deprived of access to basic healthcare. While the provision of medical aid targets vulnerable populations in urgent need of medical aid, a wider range of activities benefit the Libyan and foreign population at large.



WHERE WE WORK

- A Zwarra
- B Zintan
- C Zawyah
- D Gharian
- E Tripoli
- F Khoms
- G Zliten
- H Misrata
- I Benghazi
- J Sabha
- K Kufra



We are the only international humanitarian organization that has worked uninterrupted in Libya since the outbreak of the civil war in 2011 and are among the few organizations that have relocated expatriate personnel back to Libya since fighting escalated in 2014.

HEALTH CARE SUPPORT

With funding from the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), International Medical Corps operates six MMUs that service IDPs in Tripoli, Jfara, Benghazi, Misrata, Murgub, Al-Shati and Sabha. The MMUs are supported by community health workers (CHWs) who raise awareness among target communities on common health problems to promote family well-being and prevent disease outbreaks. With OFDA support, International Medical Corps also helps to deliver essential medicines and supplies to public health facilities in the six locations, as well as specialized training—including training that focuses on protection, as well as reproductive and mental health.

International Medical Corps provided health consultations to refugees, migrants and IDPs in 2018, reaching approximately 38,318 individuals.

SEA RESCUES AND SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

In partnership with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), International Medical Corps manages two community day centers in Tripoli, where vulnerable groups receive a suite of services, including medical assistance, mental health and GBV services, and outreach support. Our work with UNHCR also includes medical care and protection monitoring at detention centers in Khoms, Kufra, Mis'rata, Tripoli, Zwarra, Zintan and Zawiyah. In collaboration with the Libyan Coast Guard, International Medical Corps provides medical and non-food item support to rescue-at-sea operations in 5 disembarkation points located in Tripoli, Zawiyah and Khums.

equipped to provide needed pharmacological and psychosocial interventions and individual protection services.

PROTECTION AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

International Medical Corps has been expanding its capacity in GBV treatment and prevention, as well as protection services for women. With the support of specialists, International Medical Corps staff have been trained on the basics of protection for women and children, GBV in emergencies and case management of rape. In 2019, International Medical Corps will improve community resilience and the protection for conflict-affected populations by providing prevention and response services and strengthening the community-based protection structure.

TRAINING IN MENTAL HEALTH

International Medical Corps brought on specialists to conduct mental health trainings known as mhGAP for medical personnel in the mission, helping with the identification, management and referral of priority mental health conditions in line with World Health Organization mhGap intervention guidelines. Following the training, medical personnel were able to develop a care plan for each patient with mental health concerns, and

International Medical Corps will pilot a Women's and Girl's Safe Space (WGSS) in one of the IDP camps in Tripoli. This safe space will create a place where women and girls can feel physically and emotionally safe, and will be tailored to the needs of target groups. As it designs the safe space, International Medical Corps will organize focus group discussions to seek input from conflict-affected populations.





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Since its inception 35 years ago, International Medical Corps' mission has been consistent: ease the suffering of those affected by war, natural disaster and disease by delivering vital healthcare services and focusing on training that provides the skills and tools required to foster self-reliance. This approach of helping people to help themselves is critical to returning devastated populations to self-reliance.

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