

# Libya: Detention Task Force, key partners overview document

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International Medical Corps is a global, humanitarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives and relieving suffering through health care training and relief and development programs. Established in 1984 by volunteer doctors and nurses, International Medical Corps is a private, voluntary, nonpolitical, nonsectarian organization. Its mission is to improve the quality of life through health interventions and related activities that build local capacity in underserved communities worldwide. By offering training and health care to local populations and medical assistance to people at highest risk, and with the flexibility to respond rapidly to emergency situations, International Medical Corps rehabilitates devastated health care systems and helps bring them back to self-reliance.

As a First Responder in Libya, International Medical Corps provides medical care and support to refugees, asylum-seekers, and migrants housed at detention centers who lack access to health care and basic services. International Medical Corps' teams regularly visit detention centers to provide medical consultations, refer patients with more serious conditions to hospitals, and deliver hygiene supplies and other non-food items.

Among the few organisations active in Libya, International Medical Corps provides updates to the Detention Task Force on the challenges faced by Detention Centres.

International Medical Corps is also an implementing partner of UNHCR and coordinates collective actions on the ground.

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DRC has been present in the MENA region since 2003 and in Libya since 2011 with both DRC and its demining branch the Danish Demining Group (DDG). In July 2014. The main office is now in Tunis with additional offices in Tripoli, Sabha (Libya). Since 2011, DRC has carried out protection activities for IDPs, migrants and asylum-seekers/refugees in Tripolitania and Fezzan regions.

DRC is currently implementing a program targeting vulnerable migrants in the Tripolitania held in immigration detention facilities. Activities include assessment of needs and vulnerabilities, referral to service providers, distribution of emergency core relief items and re-establishment of family links. The mentioned activities complements and enhances the current programming in coordination with other humanitarian organizations, relevant UN agencies and local authorities.

DRC is delivering a training for DCs police officials on protection and mixed migration, The training topics are:

Session1: Comparative approach between Islam & Asylum

Session2: Practical steps for working in detention centers

Session3: Presentation: DCs monitoring-Referral mechanism

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**CIR**  
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CIR is an Italian INGO caring for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees' protection, legal needs, assistance - in order to find personal solutions - in Italy (since 1992) and Northern Africa (since 2009). In order to contribute to a better management of mixed migration flows in these areas, CIR also conducts capacity building and advocacy activities with state institutions, international organizations and civil society organizations.

Within the Detention TF CIR brings its own experience (since 2009) about Libyan centers and its own present day knowledge acquired with its daily commitment into those centers; and contributes to the discussion about and to the coordinated action into the Libyan centers in order to improve their situation.

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UNHCR was created in 1950, during the aftermath of the Second World War, to help millions of who had fled or lost their homes. Today, over 65 years later, our organization is still hard at work, protecting and assisting refugees around the world. UNHCR primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of people who have been forced to flee. Together with partners and communities, UNHCR work to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another country. We also strive to secure lasting solutions. For over half a century, UNHCR has helped millions of people to restart their lives. They include refugees, returnees, stateless people, the internally displaced and asylum-seekers. UNHCR protection, shelter, health and education has been crucial, healing broken pasts and building brighter futures.

UNHCR provides lifesaving, medical care, to refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants housed at detention centers and lacking access to health care and basic services.

Through regular detention visits, UNHCR reached over 2000 detained persons in 2016. UNHCR's partner International Medical Corps (IMC) has access to eight of over 20 detention centers run by Department of Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM). In 2016, UNHCR successfully intervened in cooperation with DCIM for the release to around 100 persons of concern who were detained in various DCIM centers on the account of their irregular entry, presence or attempt to leave.

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Currently UNICEF is conducting an assessment of the human rights of children and women in the detention centers through a national partner.

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