COVID-19 MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS
LIBYA MOBILITY RESTRICTION DASHBOARD #7 (1 - 31 AUGUST 2020)

Reported Covid-19 Cases in Libya
Source: National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), 31 August 2020

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<th>Confirmed</th>
<th>Active</th>
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COVID-19 outbreak
During the reporting period, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases increased rapidly, from 3,621 at the end of July to 14,624 by the end of August (+11,003). Most confirmed COVID-19 cases in Libya were identified in Tripoli, Misrata, Zliten as well as Sebha and surrounding areas.

Mobility Restrictions
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Libyan authorities initiated public health measures in March 2020 aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19. These measures include travel and mobility restrictions due to partial closure of airports, points of entry (POE) along land borders. On 05 May 2020, Libyan authorities started the repatriation of Libyans stranded abroad through Misrata, Benghazi Benina and Al Abraq airports, as well as Emsaed and Ras Ajdir land border crossing points.

In August, around 217 Libyans reportedly returned from Egypt through Emsaed, while almost 200 Libyans returned from Tunisia through Ras Ajdir land border crossing points.

Due to a fire at Misrata airport on 03 August the airport was closed and all flights were moved to Tripoli Mitiga airport.

Subsequently, Tripoli Mitiga was open for daily flights to/from Istanbul, with an average of 3 flights per day. Additionally, on 21 August, 118 Ghanaian migrants stranded in Libya boarded a charter flight to their country of origin through IOM’s Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR) Programme.

Reportedly, Benina Airport in Benghazi remained closed for commercial flights in August 2020.

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Data source: IOM, ESRI, Bureau of Statistics Libya.
**COVID-19 TIMELINE**
**UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2020**

- **Closure of airports and land borders**
  Closure of airports and land borders announced by the Presidential Council of the Government of National Accord (GNA) for 15 days.

- **1st Covid-19 case**
  NCDC announces the first Covid-19 case in Tripoli, Libya.

- **17 new covid-19 cases**
  NCDC announces 17 new Covid-19 cases in Sebha.

- **Lockdown in Southern Libya**
  The local authorities impose a complete lockdown in the south of Libya.

- **Misrata airport opened**
  Misrata airport opened for commercial flights from/to Istanbul.

- **Misrata airport temporarily closed**
  Due to a fire that broke out at Misrata airport on 03 August, the airport was closed and flights from/to Western Libya were moved to Tripoli Mitiga airport.

- **14,624 Covid-19 cases recorded in Libya**
  14,624 confirmed Covid-19 cases in Libya, including 11,003 cases recorded in August 2020.

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**CURFEW HOURS**

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<td>East</td>
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<td>West</td>
<td>From 21:00 to 6:00 and 24 hours curfew in Fridays and Saturdays</td>
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<td>South</td>
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High school students of higher grades resumed studying on 31 August 2020, while primary and middle schools remain closed.

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**IMPACT OF MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS IN LIBYA**

**IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS**

- **In 6%** of assessed locations, residents were reported to be unable to move freely within the municipality (due to the mobility restrictions/curfew).

- **In 17%** of assessed locations, residents were reported to be unable to leave the municipality or return (due to the mobility restrictions/curfew).

**IMPACT ON MIGRANTS**

- **In 17%** of the assessed locations. Migrants were reported to be unable to move freely within the municipality (due to the mobility restrictions/curfew).

- **In 92%** of the locations, migrants who rely on daily labour were reported to have been negatively affected due to Covid-19 induced slowdown in economic activities.

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* Data obtained through DTM Rapid Mobility Tracking carried out in 53 municipalities across Libya between 01 and 31 August 2020 through 165 Key Informant Interviews (KII). Please see [http://dtm.iom.int/libya](http://dtm.iom.int/libya) for more details.