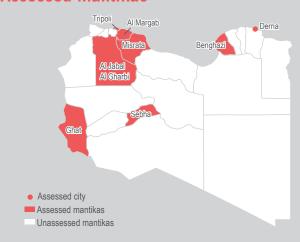
# Multi-Sector Needs Assessment: Health Libya, September 2017



#### **Context & Methodology**

Libya has experienced several waves of conflict since 2011, renewed nationwide in 2014 and periodically in several regions, that affected millions of people, both displaced and non-displaced. In response to a lack of recent data on the humanitarian situation in Libya, REACH conducted two rounds of multi-sector data collection in June and August to provide timely information on the needs and vulnerabilities of affected populations. A total of 2,978 household (HH) surveys were completed across 8 Libyan mantikas, (1) chosen to cover major population centres and areas of displacement. The sampling produced statistically generalisable results for all assessed displacement categories, as well as for 7 assessed mantikas and the city of Derna, with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of 10% (unless stated otherwise). Findings have been disaggregated by displacement status and/or by mantika where the differences in responses among groups were significant.

#### **Assessed Mantikas**



### **Access to Healthcare**

44.0% of HHs who had needed healthcare did not get access to adequate healthcare in the last 15 days<sup>(2)</sup>.

Top 3 barriers to accessing health services, per population group<sup>(3)</sup>:

| Ň                          | Non-displaced | <b>↑</b> → IDPs | Returnees |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Lack of supplies/equipment | 57.6%         | 64.6%           | 65.5%     |
| Lack of medical staff      | 55.1%         | 45.5%           | 46.7%     |
| Lack of money              | 23.8%         | 31.1%           | 28.0%     |

#### Time needed to access the nearest health facility (% of HHs):

|                       | Less than 15 minutes | Between 15-60 minutes | More than 1 hour |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Al Jabal<br>Al Gharbi | 33.0%                | 63.7%                 | 3.3%             |
| Al Margab             | 60.5%                | 39.5%                 | 0.0%             |
| Benghazi              | 38.7%                | 57.7%                 | 3.6%             |
| Derna                 | 66.2%                | 33.8%                 | 0.0%             |
| Ghat                  | 35.3%                | 47.9%                 | 16.8%            |
| Misrata               | 58.0%                | 40.8%                 | 1.2%             |
| Sebha                 | 70.5%                | 26.3%                 | 3.3%             |
| Tripoli               | 23.7%                | 61.8%                 | 14.4%            |

# % of HHs using coping mechanisms to deal with the lack of access to healthcare $\ensuremath{^{(2)}}$ :

| Use alternative/traditional medicine | 64.4% |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Prioritise emergencies               | 57.7% |
| Prioritise children                  | 21.3% |

## **Mental illness**

% of HHs reporting one or more member(s) medically diagnosed with a mental illness:



(1) Libya is divided into four types of administrative areas: 3 *regions* (admin level 1), 22 *mantikas* or districts (admin level 2), 100 *baladiyas* or municipalities (admin level 3), and *muhallas*, which are similar to neighbourhoods or villages (admin level 4).

# Pregnancy & Birth

% of HHs reporting at least one pregnant woman, or at least one woman who gave birth in the last 2 years, per mantika and group:

|  | Non-displaced | <b>│</b> → IDPs | Returnees |
|--|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 or more pregnant women                       | 10.0%         | 10.6%           | 10.4%     |
| 1 or more women who gave birth in last 2 years | 20.2%         | 24.4%           | 25.4%     |

of HHs reported that women who gave birth in the last 2 years exclusively breastfed their latest born infant during his/her first 6 months<sup>(2)</sup>.

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of HHs reporting not having any vaccination cards for their

### **†** Chronic diseases

**39.0%** of HHs reporting one or more member(s) suffering from chronic diseases. The most common were:

| Al Jabal<br>Al Gharbi | High blood pressure 36.2% | Diabetes 36.2%            | Asthma/Heart disease 7.9% |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Al Margab             | High blood pressure 45.2% | Diabetes 43.1%            | Arthritis<br>20.2%        |
| Benghazi              | Diabetes 54.9%            | High blood pressure 45.6% | Heart disease<br>14.6%    |
| Derna                 | Diabetes<br>49.8%         | High blood pressure 37.7% | Arthritis<br>10.0%        |
| Ghat                  | High blood pressure 29.9% | Diabetes 27.6%            | Arthritis<br>17.3%        |
| Misrata               | Diabetes 50.0%            | High blood pressure 27.3% | Arthritis<br>16.5%        |
| Sebha                 | Diabetes<br>35.5%         | High blood pressure 33.9% | Heart disease<br>12.9%    |
| Tripoli               | Diabetes<br>68.3%         | High blood pressure 46.0% | Arthritis<br>12.7%        |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Due to limited sample size for this indicator, results are indicative and not statistically representative.

<sup>(3)</sup> Respondents could choose several answers.



