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donors at this time.

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Libyan Red Crescent volunteers provide firstaid services to an injured citizen from Benghazi . Photo: LRCS

The situation

The security situation in Libya continues to be highly volatile combined with the political instability related to the transition in the country. The increase of the security incidents associated hundreds of killed and wounded people in the local communities across the country. The latest significant action was the military operation launched on the 16th of May; in Benghazi on the 2nd of June, armed clashes and violent confrontations where heavy and medium weapons have been used resulted in 23 people dead and more than 50 wounded in Benghazi , and about 20 wounded were received by AlMarj Hospital 100 KM to the East of Benghazi.

On the 28th of May the United States of America issued a travel warning, recommended U.S. citizens leave immediately, many other countries to name Saudi Arabia, Emirates, Tunisia and Philippines, The United kingdom declared most of the country as a red zone with advice against travel while few areas as advice against all but essential travel. overall security and military situation in Libya, remains unpredictable and complex.

The deterioration of the situation may force part of the population affected by the ongoing fightings to leave Libya seeking temporary safe haven in the surrounding countries and to Europe. Three groups of populations are subject to possible migration if the violence escalates: Libyan nationals, refugees and asylum seekers hosted by Libya, and labour migrants and Third Country Nationals (TCNs). Approximately 70% of the population of Libya live in the cities of Tripoli, Benghazi, Misrata, Bayda, Zawiya and Zlitan (coastal cities). Currently, there are some 34,000 asylum seekers and refugees registered with UNHCR Libya of whom some 17,000 are Syrians and an estimated 2 million labour migrants including approximately 100,000 Tunisians and 1,400,000 Egyptians with the rest being primarily from Sub-sahran and Africa.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In Libya, The Libyan Red Crescent Society (LRCS) staff and volunteers are on high alert since mid-May 2014. The ongoing fighting has caused hundreds of injuries. LRCS first aid teams are on the ground, providing vital lifesaving services such as first aid and medical transportation to hospitals. The communication and information team of the national society has issued a public statement stressing the need to respect the Red Crescent emblem especially after the minor damage caused to the LRCS hospital " Ibn-Sina" in Benghazi due to the on-going clashes.



Figure 1 LRCS medical teams were immediately deployed in the affected areas in Benghazi. Photo: LRCS

In Tunis: The Tunisian Red Crescent Society (TRC) has a wide experience in dealing with potential refugee influx based their response to the Libya Crisis in 2011. The IFRC regional office in Tunis is closely monitoring the situation with the TRC to coordinate the future activities. An inter-agency contingency planning exercise is launched and TRC, IFRC, and ICRC are engaged.

The IFRC is maintaining a communication line with ICRC offices in Libya and Tunis to ensure harmonisation and proper coordination and information sharing, and to ensure movement coordinated support to LRCS and TRCS.

Joint LRCS and TRCS Training sessions, twinning programs and simulations supported by the IFRC planned for June-August to address potential population movement across borders between the two countries.

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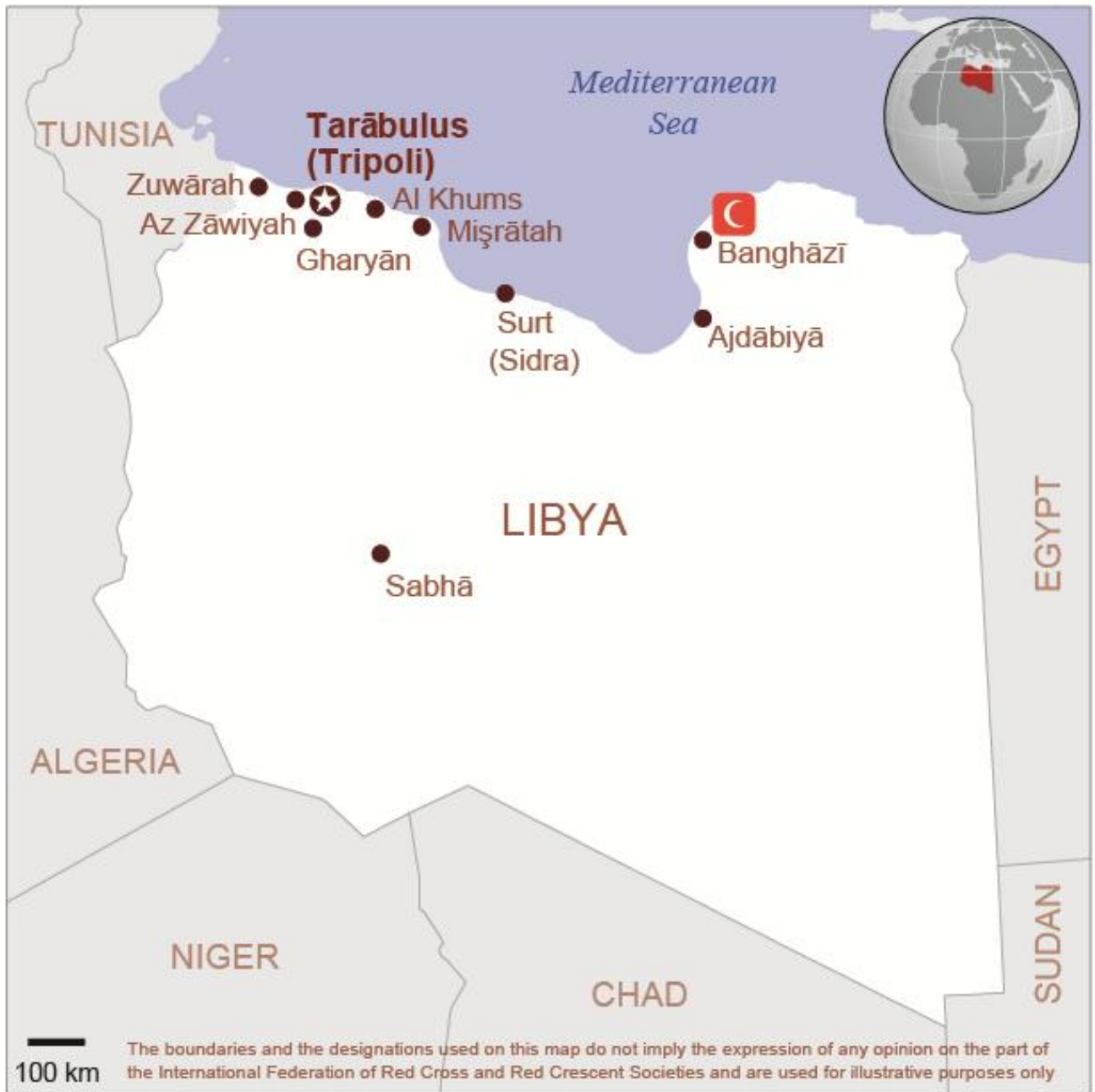
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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
 2. Enable healthy and safe living.
 3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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