



RESPONSE TO THE LIBYAN CRISIS

EVACUATION AND REPATRIATION OF MIGRANTS

MOVEMENTS

As of 08 March

Operations

Since 28 February, IOM has reinforced its capacity on the ground to evacuate migrants fleeing the outbreak of violence in Libya and stranded at the Tunisian and Egyptian borders.

As of 8 March, IOM - in close coordination with partners such as DFID and UNHCR - has evacuated 18,149 **stranded migrants** from **21 nationalities** through different means including commercial flights, chartered flights and ship. Until 14 March, it is already **3,569 bookings that have been confirmed.**

In Egypt, migrants flying by chartered flights were evacuated from **Mersa Matruh (1,195 pax), Cairo Airport (140 pax) and Alexandria (373).** In Tunisia, all **13,671 persons** evacuated by chartered flights left from **Djerba Airport.**

Charter Flights Partnerships

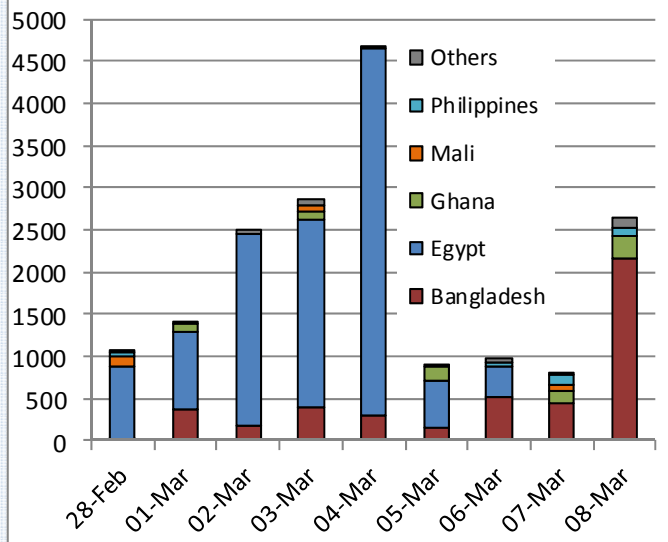
Out of the 18,149 migrants assisted so far, **15,379 persons** have travelled back to their countries on flights chartered by IOM in coordination with the joint IOM-UNHCR Humanitarian Evacuation Cell. The remaining 2,770 have flown through commercial flights. The partnership relies on assets made available by partners including DFID, UNHCR, Sweden and Malta, in addition to the flights chartered by IOM thanks to the generous support from Austria, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

The IOM Resettlement and Movement Management Division schedules charters to support the evacuation of the large caseload of stranded migrants. It is also responsible for booking smaller caseloads on commercial flights through its booking system. In the field, IOM is providing registration, consular, pre-departure medical assistance to its partners at the airport.

Trends

The largest caseload of migrants workers were the Egyptians who crossed the border to Tunisia. While at the beginning of the operation IOM mainly assisted the evacuation of Egyptians nationals, the number of Bangladesh, Ghana, the Philippines and Mali nationals requesting urgent assistance has increased dramatically (see table below).

Total movements departed by nationality



20 Sri Lankans migrants arriving home © IOM



Scheduled chartered flights

Evacuating stranded Bangladeshi

Bangladeshi nationals generate great concern as 11,222 of them are stranded near the border area in Tunisia. In Egypt, they are estimated at 3,500 persons.

IOM and its partners have already scheduled the evacuation of **3,140 Bangladeshis** between 9 March and 14 March (see chart on the right). As assets and funding become available, more chartered flights are being scheduled.

Other evacuations

While 3,140 Bangladeshis and 310 Ghanaians are scheduled to leave with chartered flights, 48 Bangladeshis, 45 Filipinos and 26 nationals from others country will be evacuated through commercials flights.

Most of the Bangladeshi nationals will leave from Djerba Airport (**2,792**). The rest (**348**) will leave from Egypt.

