

FLASH UPDATE • FLOODS IN SOUTHEASTERN LIBYA

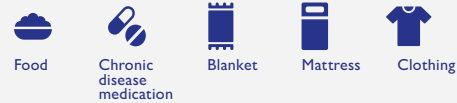
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HIGHLIGHTS

Displacement

- Nearly **3,000 individuals¹** have been **displaced** in Alkufra and Rabiana (southeastern Libya) after heavy rains caused **flooding** and a **power outage** on 11 August 2024.
- Around 600 individuals, including 50 Sudanese families, are sheltered in **four schools, one guesthouse and one health centre** in the municipalities of **Alkufra** and **Rabiana** (around 120 km west of Alkufra) (map 1 & 2). Others have recently left the schools where they were taking refuge because of poor access to water and sanitation due to overcrowding.

Most urgent needs



Sex and age breakdown

- DTM estimates that around a third (**33%**) of those displaced and sheltering in schools, guesthouse and health centre (map 1 & 2) are **adult males** while **23 per cent** are **adult females** and **45 per cent children**.

Health

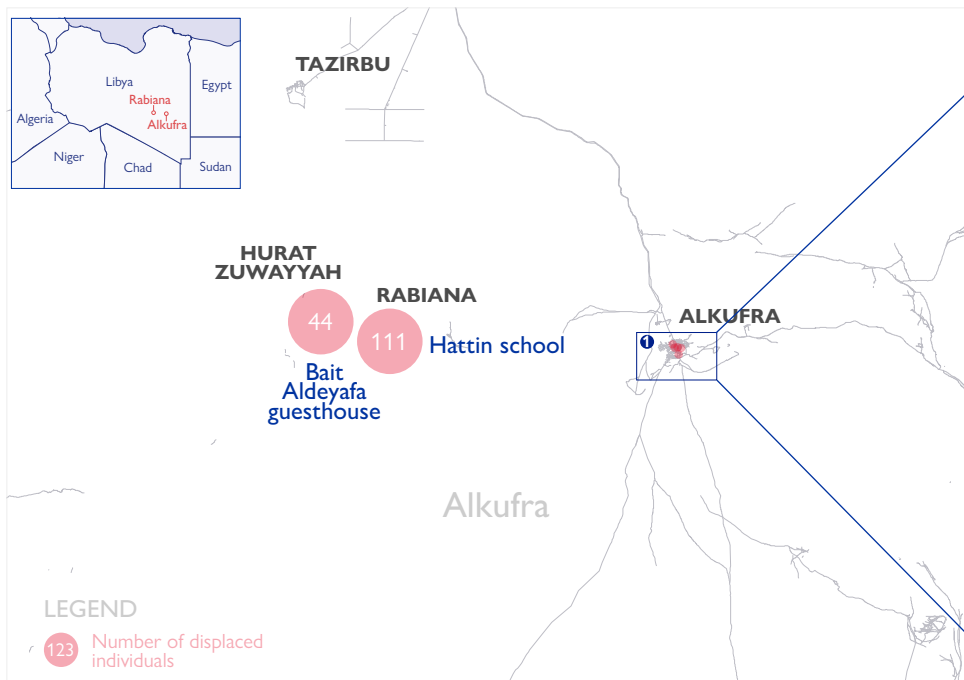
- The **Attia Alkaseh hospital has been flooded** and 35 patients had to be transferred to nearby clinics.
- The floods and the lack of sufficient artificial light due to the power outage may be contributing to an increasing number of **scorpion stings**. This year, the Attia Alkaseh hospital has **reported** two deaths as a result of scorpion sting. While the **majority of scorpion stings are not deadly**, children are at greater risk of envenomation than adults. Antivenom is reportedly available with an additional supply on its way.

Material damage

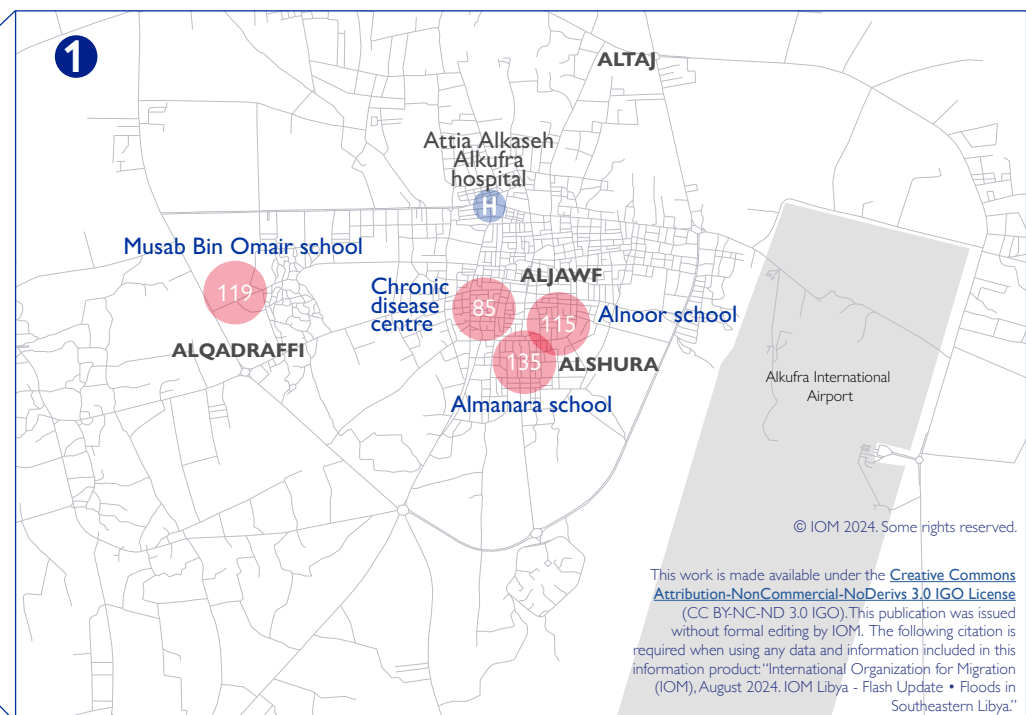
- Damage to services and infrastructure was reported (including **water, electricity, telecommunications and road transport**).
- The floods damaged at least **30 houses** in the municipality of **Alkufra** in the neighbourhoods of Alqadraffi, Alshura, and Alwasati (Aljawf Center area) and **16** others in the oasis of **Rabiana**.

¹ The number of displaced individuals is an estimate based on field reports from the DTM team in Alkufra and is expected to rise as the assessment of the situation continues. Information is limited at the moment due to access constraints including a widespread power outage in the area.

MAP 1: LOCATIONS OF DISPLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS



MAP 2: LOCATIONS OF DISPLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS IN ALKUFRA



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