



30 December 2018 □ Intensive training in treating cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) was provided by the WHO in Tunis for seven Libyan doctors from Tawerga city.

The participant doctors take care of Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) from Tawerga, with some working in IDP camps in Benghazi and Tripoli. The training was conducted by one of world's leading experts on the disease.

Cutaneous leishmaniasis is a major public health problem in Libya and a recent outbreak of a severe form of the disease in Tawerga necessitated the provision of special training in dealing with patients. Unless treated probably the disease can cause disfigurement.

"Now well-trained teams can provide safe and quality treatment. And the fact the doctors are from Tawerga means patients will receive proper follow up care," said Dr Jaffar Hussein, WHO Representative for Libya.

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