

# Djibouti

March 2023

UNHCR conducted the physical verification exercise of absentees across the territory. The operation went as follows:


Djibouti-ville	20-23 march
Ali-Addeh	22-23 march
Holl-Holl	28-29 march
Markazi	26-30 march

The **Physical Verification Operation for Refugees and Asylum Seekers** was launched from October to December 2022 throughout Djibouti.

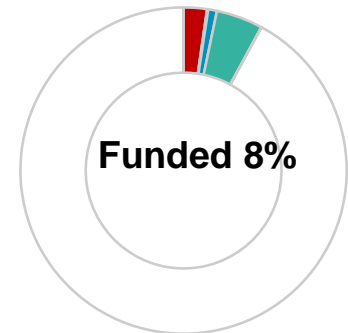
The number of refugees and asylum seekers fell from **36,656** to **30,583** individuals after the exercise of physical verification and verification of absentees, mainly from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

## KEY INDICATORS

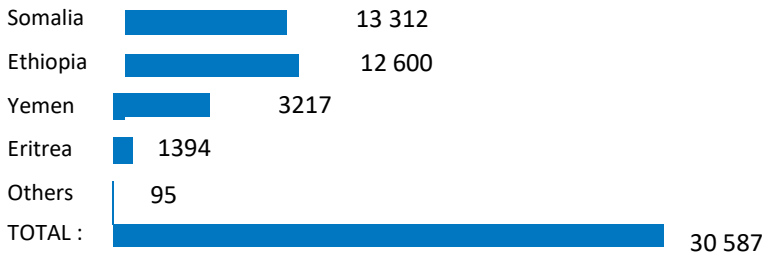
## FUNDING (28 march 2023) 21,0 M USD

 **21,346** refugees  
**9,241** asylum seekers

Required by the Djibouti operation



### CONCERNED POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



A total of 499 PCs were graced and verified.

800 food baskets for Ramadan were distributed in favor of PoCs in Markazi by charitable NGOs.



Exercise of physical verification of absentees in the village of Ali Addeh



Distribution by ONARS of charity food baskets

## Achievement Update

### Operational context

The Republic of Djibouti continues to host refugees and asylum seekers from neighboring countries. UNHCR is working in close coordination with the government, UN agencies and other actors in fulfilling its mandate to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to people forced to flee.

Recently, the number of asylum seekers approaching UNHCR for registration and assistance has increased. UNHCR and its implementing partners remain at the forefront of our response, ensuring that assistance reaches them, leaving no one behind.

UNHCR continues to build on its community-based approaches always aiming to strengthen them; remains actively engaged with refugees and consulting and communicating with them on decisions that will impact their lives; as well as to strengthen their ties with the host community. To ensure that refugees are included in the planning of UN development initiatives, UNHCR remains engaged and works closely with the UN Country Team in Djibouti.

## Achievements



### Achievements and Impacts

#### Registration

- A total of 499 individuals: 276 in Djibouti, 121 in Holl-Holl, 51 in Ali Addeh and 51 in Obock, benefit of the “grace period” to be verified by protection and have their data updated in proGres database.
- In March 2023, exceptionally pending the official resumption of continuous recording, 6 individual cases were recorded at the Markazi site. Most cases are being pre-processed in the field. Registration of newcomers will resume once the migration of proGres to the cloud is completed as planned on April 20, 2023.

#### Protection Reception and Follow-up / Advice on Individual Cases

- Basic protection services such as reception, follow-up and referral of individual cases and referral to the competent services, and which had to be suspended during the verification exercise, are gradually resuming their course in the various sites of refugees. In March, about twenty individuals were received and advised in a regular and appropriate manner.

#### Refugee Status Determination

- During the period under review, the National Eligibility Commission (CNE) met for one session and dealt with a total of ten (10) cases, of which: 2 were accepted, 2 rejected, 4 pending and 2 absent.

#### Violence Basée sur le Genre (VBG)

- GBV case monitoring activities were carried out in refugee villages through the UNFD partner. A tripartite meeting (UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFD) was held during the period under review. This meeting took place within the framework of the reinforcement of AAP programming consisting in the establishment of mechanisms for the

management of complaints/claims in terms of PSEA and AAP in the villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl.

- In terms of prevention, 61 refugees (42 women and girls and 19 men and boys) were made aware of the various aspects of the fight against GBV during the month of March 2023 on the Markazi site.



## CHILD AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION

### Achievements and Impacts

- In March, through the UNHCR's partner for the implementation of community mobilization, child protection and care for people with specific needs, CIAUD Canada, made an exceptional contribution to an individual case can receive emergency medical assistance.
- As part of the assistance to people with special needs (PBS), home visits were carried out for 342 individuals (164 disabled people and 178 elderly people). In the Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl refugee villages, 117 individuals received financial assistance and 117 others were assisted with various items (wheelchairs, crutches, mattresses, adult diapers, children's diapers, prostheses, eyeglasses, etc.).
- The UNHCR partner CIAUD-CANADA launched the « Ramadan Friendship Football Tournament » between 26 teams of young people from the host community and from the refugee community in the Ali-Sabieh region. This tournament is part of the Djibouti government's refugee inclusion policy to integrate refugees into its national system of access to basic services.



Launch of the friendship tournament of the month of Ramadan in the village of Ali-Addeh



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impacts

- During the month of March 2023, 298 students (144 girls and 154 boys) of all school levels combined benefited from the distribution of school uniforms. This distribution was carried out via the implementing partner for the education of people under UNHCR's mandate, the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP).



Distribution of school uniforms at Markazi ©UNHCR/A.Razack



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impacts

- During the period under review, health centers in refugee sites provided health care to persons of concern to UNHCR, such as medical consultations, medical transfers to hospitals for specialized medical advice, food supplements in the fight against malnutrition, care for reproductive health and family planning, etc.
- A food security and nutrition survey among children under 5 is ongoing in the Markazi refugee site, in collaboration with WFP, ONARS and the Djibouti Institute of Statistics. As a result of the investigation, over 50 children have now been screened as part of a massive screening exercise to detect cases of malnutrition at the site.



## LIVELIHOOD

### Achievements and Impacts

- During the period covered, UNHCR participated in the collection of data for the Baseline survey of beneficiaries of Livelihood 2022 projects to measure the impact of interventions on these beneficiaries. A total of 255 beneficiaries will be surveyed during the activity and the data will be shared with the NGO CartONG for analysis. A report will be produced once the survey is finalized at the country level and will be supported by the follow-up of concerns collected from beneficiaries.
- In the context of durable solutions, preparatory meetings concerning an upcoming mission on resettlement in the USA were organized between UNHCR and the “Resettlement Support Center” based in Nairobi. Among the agendas, various points were discussed such as the support that UNHCR could provide, the mission schedule, etc. The mission will aim to resume the examination of files (put on hold in 2020) in the context of family reunifications. The mission will be made up of different sub-teams that will come to Djibouti on different dates and with well-defined objectives and responsibilities (such as compiling a database, recruiting interpreters, interviewing refugees from Djibouti city and Ali Sabieh for final decision, etc.). The last sub-team will extend to Djibouti and Ali-Sabieh and will take care of the pre-registration of cases already presented in the United States of America. The support that UNHCR has made available to the mission will mainly be in terms of logistics, referencing interpreters and mobilizing refugees.

## Working with partners

UNHCR in the Republic of Djibouti works with national and international partners, namely: the Ministry of the Interior through its government department responsible for issues relating to refugees and management of refugee sites, the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and victims (ONARS); the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP) for issues related to the education and vocational training of refugees; the Ministry of Health for issues related to health, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and nutrition; the Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and the Environment for all matters relating to firewood; the National Union of Women of Djibouti (UNFD) for issues related to GBV; the Ministry of Agriculture/DRH for WASH issues; the Ministry of the Environment; the Ministry of Social Affairs; the Ministry of Labour; and the Ministry of Sports. The new CIAUD partner in charge of caring for people with specific needs and community mobilization is added to the long list of partners implementing

the operation.

### Funding information

UNHCR is grateful for the essential support provided by donors who have supported the Operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS <sup>3</sup> | USD

	Unearmarked	Softly earmarked	Earmarked	Tightly earmarked	Total
European Union	-	-	-	511,898	511,898
IGAD	-	-	26,995	-	26,995
<b>Sub-total</b>	-	-	<b>26,995</b>	<b>511,898</b>	<b>538,893</b>
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	975,883	190,326	(1,648)	(30,804)	1,133,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>975,883</b>	<b>190,326</b>	<b>25,347</b>	<b>480,686</b>	<b>1,672,243</b>

Methodology: Unrestricted funds are allocated and reallocated several times throughout the year to enable UNHCR to fund priority activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds to accurately represent the resources available to the country. The earmarked contributions to Djibouti shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of lightly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different allocation levels. Adjustments relate to program support costs and carry-overs.

Special thanks to the main donors of the other partially targeted funds in 2023: **Canada** 3.9 million  
 Special thanks to major donors of unrestricted and regional funds in 2023 **Sweden** 69 million | **Norway** 63.1 million | **Denmark** 35.6 million | **Netherlands** 63.1 million | **Germany** 23.1 million | **Switzerland** 18.9 million | **Belgium** 11.9 million | **Ireland** 11.9 million

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