

Djibouti

December 2023

As a follow-up to the [African Development Bank's \[AfDB\] Improving the Investment Climate for the Economic Empowerment of Refugee Women and Host Communities](#) programme mission in February 2023, the AfDB returned to Djibouti to undertake [community consultations](#) between 18 and 20 December 2023 in the villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl. Focus group discussions [FGDs] and individual interviews were conducted throughout the mission. These consultations constitute the second stage of the study on the investment climate for refugees in refugee villages in Djibouti. The aim of these consultations is to support the [development of an action plan](#) with the various stakeholders. In addition, the public-private dialogue is scheduled to take place at the end of January 2024.

KEY INDICATORS - 31 DEC 2023

- **31 509** refugees & asylum seekers in Djibouti
- Of which **23 065** refugees & **8 444** asylum seekers
- **85%** live in refugee villages
- **42%** are children (under 18)

POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

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|---------------|---------------|
| Somalia | 13 523 |
| Ethiopia | 13 010 |
| Yemen | 3 420 |
| Eritrea | 1 477 |
| Others | 79 |
| TOTAL: | 31 509 |

Achievements

PROTECTION

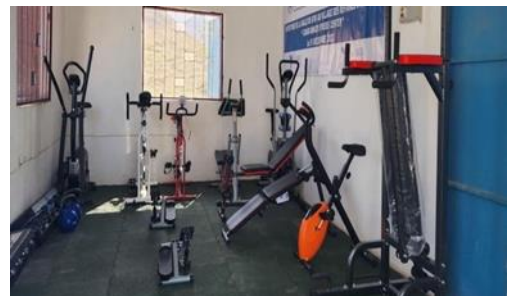
- As part of the ongoing registration process, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] renewed 891 certificates.
- In December 2023, a total of 27 individual cases were received, given appropriate advice and referred to the relevant services as part of the reception, monitoring and advice framework for individual cases. The grievances mainly concerned requests for resettlement in a third country, assistance with basic needs, and medical assistance.

Gender-based violence (GBV)

- UNHCR's partner in the response to and prevention of gender-based violence, the Union Nationale des Femmes Djiboutiennes (UNFD), organised awareness-raising campaigns for 241 people in the various refugee sites on gender-based violence.
- During the same period, and in collaboration with the UNHCR, the UNFD distributed 995 hygiene kits to girls aged 12 and over in the refugee villages of Ali-Addeh (704) and Holl-Holl (291).

Child and community protection

- With the aim of placing sport at the heart of humanitarian assistance and inclusion, sport acts as a lever for social and peaceful cohabitation as it helps to channel young people's energy towards constructive sporting activities. To this end, a gym called *CIAUD-UNHCR Fitness Center* has been opened in the refugee village of Ali-Addeh. The gym will accommodate boys and girls from both the refugee and host communities. A schedule has been drawn up with



specific time slots for each group (boys and girls), to facilitate rotation and ensure that everyone benefits as much as possible.

FOOD SAFETY

- In December 2023, 21,020 individuals were served with food and cash in the three (3) refugee sites.
- As part of activities to raise awareness among refugees of the inevitable reduction in food supplies, two missions took place in December 2023, led respectively by the USAID/BHA-Nairobi Director and the WFP's Representative. The missions were able to talk to refugee leaders, who took the opportunity to share their concerns and grievances regarding: (i) the impact of insufficient food rations; (ii) the reduction in the amount of cash given; (iii) the challenges exacerbated by the rise in food prices caused by the various global crises; (iv) the difficulties they and their families face every day.



LIVELIHOODS

- As part of the Refugee Entrepreneurship Support Training Project (PAER), a ceremony to award certificates and start-up kits was held on 31 December 2023 at the Holl-Holl and Ali-Addeh refugee villages. This 5-month training course benefited 60 young refugees (30 per refugee village). These PAERs were funded by the UNHCR and implemented by its partner ADDS (Agence Djiboutienne de Développement Social). The vocational training focused on various areas such as electricity, mechanics, masonry, carpentry, and boiler making. These activities, aimed at empowering refugee women, will create job opportunities for young people, helping them to become self-sufficient and to develop their full potential.



HEALTH

- UNHCR's implementing partner in the health sector, the Ministry of Health, continues to ensure access to healthcare for people under UNHCR's mandate living in refugee sites and urban areas. During the period covered, eighty-one (81) medical transfers were carried out and one hundred and thirty-eight (138) cases were admitted to the nutrition programme.

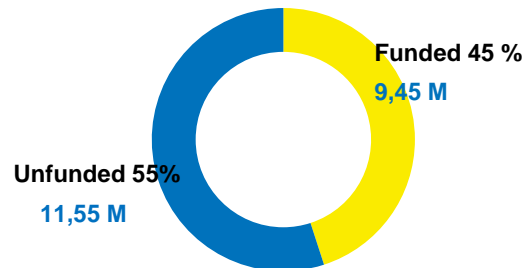


WATER & SANITATION

- UNHCR's implementing partner for water and sanitation issues (DHR) has continued the supply of drinking water in refugee sites.
- During the period covered, maintenance work was carried out on the water distribution network in the various refugee centres.

Financing position at December, 15th 2023

Financial requirements for 2023 amount to **USD 21.0 million**.



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