



# ETHIOPIA

## FACTSHEET

September 2015

### HIGHLIGHTS

<b>733,312</b> Total number of refugees	<b>36,939</b> Number of Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children	<b>52.7%</b> Percentage of women and girls	<b>59.6%</b> Percentage of Children
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### Population of concern

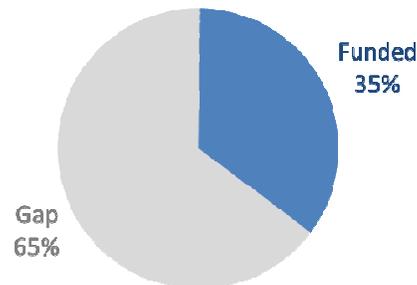
A total of **733,312** of concern  
(As of 30 September)

#### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	289,188
Somalia	250,415
Eritrea	149,823*
Sudan	37,383
Other nationalities	6,503
<b>Total</b>	<b>733,312</b>

### Funding

**USD 315 million** requested



- **Funding level as of 6 October 2015**

### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

- 329 national staff
- 98 international staff
- 99 individual contractors
- 42 deployees
- 7 IUNVs

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Total: 575

#### Offices:

24 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia**, as well as Sub and Field-Offices located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Semera) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Jewi, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyo, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).

\*80,078 of the Eritrean refugees are believed to have spontaneously settled in Ethiopia and subject to verification.

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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- UNHCR is fully engaged in the Humanitarian Country Team in Ethiopia consisting of UN Agencies, NGOs and donor representatives, where the refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure that the needs of refugees are adequately presented and addressed. The Representation Office is also building on well-established coordination forums such as the Refugee Task Force, donor and NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp levels.
- UNHCR's main Government counterpart and implementing partner in Ethiopia is the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and the Office works well with it in ensuring continued protection of the refugees.
- 44 partners, including government agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations and UN agencies work closely with UNHCR to support the refugees in the country.
- An effective coordination environment was established in response to the Level 3 emergency with refugees arriving from South Sudan; a Regional Refugee Response Plan was developed with participation of all partners.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

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### Protection

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- The Government of Ethiopia generally maintains open borders for refugees seeking protection in the country. A party to both the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and its 1967 Protocol and the 1969 OAU Convention, the Government provides protection to refugees from over 18 countries, with the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan.
- Most asylum-seekers from neighboring countries and lately Yemen are granted refugee status on a prima facie basis. Individual refugee status determination is undertaken for all others through a government Eligibility Committee, on which UNHCR sits as an observer.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers are generally expected by the Government to reside in camps, although some are permitted to reside in urban areas for medical, security, or humanitarian reasons. There are some 7,002 such refugees in Addis Ababa. The Government's "Out of Camp Policy" provides Eritrean refugees the opportunity to live in Addis Ababa and other locations if they have the necessary means to support themselves. Thousands are benefitting from this opportunity and it is hoped that this programme can be improved and expanded to cover other refugee groups in the country.
- Key protection concerns for the country operation include child protection, education and sexual and gender-based violence. The situation of Eritrean unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in Shire is of particular concern, given the large numbers and limited family-based care options, with additional resources devoted to these children in 2014 under the Child Protection Regional Initiative. Data-collection and case management tools are also being rolled out in the different operations, including the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) (in coordination with UNICEF) and the Education Management Information System (EMIS).
- UNHCR is also working closely with the government and key partners to address the issue of trafficking and smuggling of refugees. Livelihoods opportunities are considered a key component of these efforts, as are increased information campaigns and improved services. In addition to implementing UNHCR's Strategy and Regional Action Plan to address Smuggling and Trafficking from the East and Horn of Africa, UNHCR is also contributing to other efforts by the Government of Ethiopia and the UN Country Team in this area.

### Education

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- In Bokolmanyo camp (Dollo Ado) all 115 Somali refugee students who sat for the grade 10 national examination passed to grade 11 (university preparatory stage) with remarkable scores. To make it to the next level, students needed to score accumulated grade points average (GPA) of 2.5 but the overwhelming majority (113) scored above 3.00, including one student who scored 4.00.

### Health

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- A 5-day training to review and improve the implementation of UNHCR's Health Information System (HIS) was conducted with partners in Shire, Tigray region, and with participation from partners in the Afar region. While the focus was on providing basic training for those not familiar with the system, it also included a review of data submitted during the first 6 months of the year as well as reviewing of case definitions and enhancing common understanding of the data collection tools. After completion of

the training, the HIS will start to be used in Hitsats camp from September onwards. In addition, the rollout of the Balance Score Card, UNHCR's tool to monitor the quality of health service provided, was discussed.

- UNHCR standard referral database has been introduced for the urban health programme and is planned to be rolled out to all regions by the end of the year. The database will help to track referrals from camps to secondary and tertiary health facilities and enhance analysis of medical data.

### Nutrition and Food Security

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- In Gambella, Danish Church Aid (DCA) in collaboration with GOAL and with support from UNHCR rolled out a 'Fresh Food voucher' (FFV) programme in Tierkidi refugee camp, home to over 52,000 South Sudanese refugees. The one-year pilot programme targets households with children aged 6-23 months and are expected to reach a total of 3000 households. 1300 households have already been registered during the reporting month.
- Also in Gambella, International Medical Corps (IMC) received donation of 58,560 pieces of canned chicken and 4800 pieces of canned beef to be distributed to children aged 6-23 months, with the exception of the severe acute malnourished children in Jewi, Kule and Tierkidi camps. The distribution has been integrated with the Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) programs across the camps. The project is expected to contribute to diet diversification for the targeted group.
- In Dollo Ado, MSF-S conducted nutrition screening to a total of 213 children and the result shows 10 (4.7%) had moderate MUAC malnutrition while one child (0.5%) had severe MUAC malnutrition.

### Water and Sanitation

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- The WASH situation in all camps registered sustained improvement. In particular, as the rainy season subsided in Gambella, there was decline in incidences of diarrhea and other water related illnesses as well as improvement in service delivery related to access challenges during wet weather.
- Five boreholes were successfully drilled in the newly established Pugnido II and Tsore camps in the Gambella and Benishangul-Gumuz regions respectively. The two boreholes in Pugnido II and three in Tsore will serve as water sources for both emergency and permanent water supply schemes. Both camps have Emergency WASH indicators above the minimum UNHCR threshold.
- The second phase of Urine Diversion Dry Toilets (UDDT) study being undertaken in collaboration with Center for Disease Control and the Arba Minch University has commenced. Preliminary reports on phase one indicate wider acceptance of the technology by the refugee population in Dollo Ado and high possibility of scaling it up in the same population and other refugee populations with similar environmental contexts.

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

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- The Government of Ethiopia (ARRA) manages all the 24 refugee camps in Ethiopia. UNHCR and ARRA work together with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings take place both at the zone and camp levels. Technical working groups meet regularly on such issues as child protection, SGBV, education, WASH and Health/Nutrition.

### Access to Energy

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- A total of 11,536 solar lamps were distributed to as many households in Jewi and Okugo refugee camps that are sheltering more than 55,000 South Sudanese refugees. The distribution was preceded by a two-day training and awareness creation session on the usage, handling and charging procedures of the solar lanterns.
- Similarly, 2,718 fuel-saving stoves (FSS) were distributed among refugee households in Jewi camp as well as host community households living adjacent to Jewi, Karmi and Bonga localities.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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- UNHCR's self-reliance programme in Dollo Ado, supported by donors, including the IKEA Foundation, complements the Government's development programme and targets both refugees and host communities focusing on the improvement of livelihoods activities. As the camps are situated in a drought-prone area, this will build refugees' resilience in anticipation of their imminent return to their places of origin in Somalia. An increase in household income including the ownership of animals and agriculture activities has already been noted and is expected to continue.
- Innovative approaches to refugee shelters, renewable energy and camp lay-out have also been piloted in Dollo Ado for eventual implementation in other regions. In addition to providing training on cooperative development and business management,

business grant support has been made available by UNHCR to improve the livelihoods of refugees. UNHCR is also piloting an agricultural project focusing on improving the livelihoods of over 200,000 Somali refugees in Dollo Ado.

- In the Jijiga area where there are three camps hosting over 40,000 Somali refugees, UNHCR engages refugees and the host communities in self-reliance activities under its Development Assistance for Refugees (DAR) project. Refugees and members of the host communities around the camps continue to produce agricultural outputs both for domestic consumption and for the local market.

## Durable Solutions

- Resettlement remains the only viable durable solution in the Ethiopia operation, as instability and/or persecution continues in the countries of origin such as (Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, Eritrea and Somalia) effectively precluding voluntary repatriation, while local integration remains elusive. Ethiopia's resettlement referral target for 2015 is 5,965 individuals.
- As of September 2015, a total of 1,283 cases (3,714 individuals) were referred to the UNHCR Regional Support Hub in Nairobi for onward submission to resettlement countries.
- 949 cases (2,767 individuals) have been submitted to resettlement countries by the Hub in Nairobi.
- 941 cases (2,947 individuals) have departed Ethiopia to third countries through the UNHCR facilitated resettlement program.

## Logistics

- In September, 235,200 pieces of women's dignity pads and 750,000 bars of laundry soap were locally procured and will soon be dispatched to the different refugee camps in the Gambella region.
- Similarly, 16,960 women's dignity pads and 4,126 kg of plumpy nut were dispatched to Assosa; 1,325 kg plumpy nut went to Shire while Dollo Ado and Gambella received 20,700 kg and 13,800 kg of plumpy nut respectively.

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# Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Ethiopia

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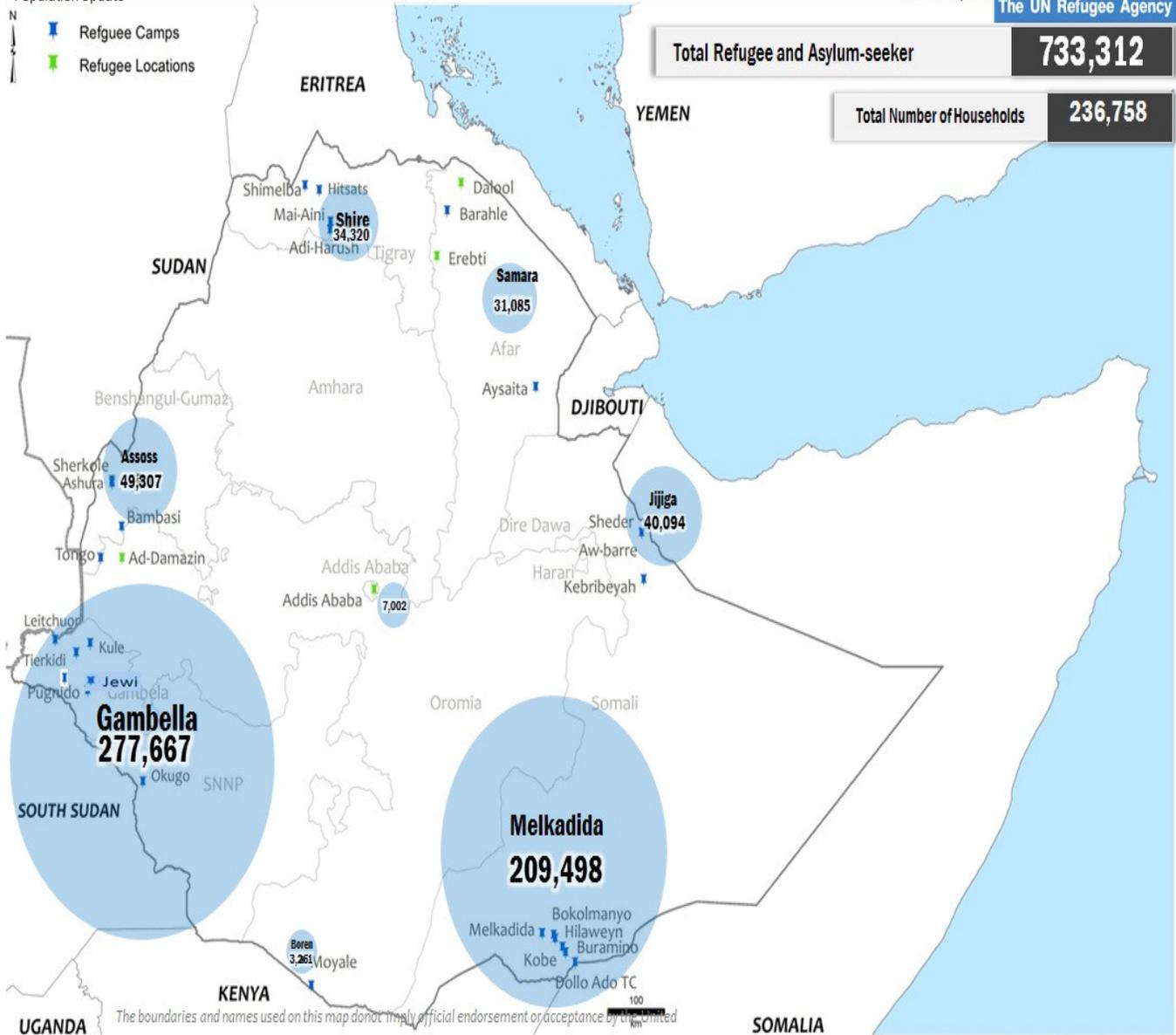
UNHCR Ethiopia

Population Update

- Refugee Camps
- Refugee Locations

Total Refugee and Asylum-seeker **733,312**

Total Number of Households **236,758**



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