

East and Horn of Africa Update

Somali Displacement at a Glance

31 January 2012

Highlights

- At the turn of the year, two refugee leaders were killed in Kenya's Dadaab refugee complex. No other major security incidents have occurred since.
- In Dadaab, camp-based activities by UNHCR field teams are gradually being scaled up. UNHCR and partners are also working to empower the refugee community to manage some camp services.
- Registration of refugees in Dadaab is still suspended but there are government indications that it may resume soon.
- In Ethiopia's Dollo Ado camps, an NGO vehicle car was shot at in mid-January. There were no casualties.
- Fears of a polio outbreak in Dollo Ado camps.
- As of January 2012, there are 1.36 million internally displaced Somalis in Somalia.

Registered Somali Refugees in the Region (By Country of Asylum) as of January 25 2011

Country of Asylum	Total
Kenya	519,310
Ethiopia	186,746
Djibouti	19,432
Yemen	202,904
Others	26,443
TOTAL	954,835

UNHCR Financial Requirements for the Somali Displacement Crisis (in million USD)

Country Operation	Budget (2011)	Budget (2012)
Kenya	172.1	189
Ethiopia	128.1	118
Djibouti	25.5	26.7
Somalia	75.5	39
Total	401.2	372.7
Percentage of 2011 budget funded as at		
31 December 2011: 70%		

New Registered Somali Refugees by country of asylum – 01 January to 31 December 2011

Country of Asylum	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kenya	9,958	10,176	11,334	10,636	9,214	17,572	23,043	30,376	29,672	10,185	1240	501	163,907
Ethiopia	6,792	2,016	4,072	6,749	12,045	24,042	19,610	3,691	4,563	8,584	2,062	3962	98,188
Djibouti	384	293	359	246	398	425	833	879	637	637	372	545	6,008
Yemen	1,735	2,136	2,130	1,571	1,655	1,189	1,118	4,564	3,298	2,965	1,553	1,807	25,721
Total	18,869	14,621	17,895	19,202	23,312	43,228	44,604	39,510	38,170	22,371	5,227	6,815	293,824

Latest Developments – Kenya

- **Security** – Following the killings of two Somali refugee leaders in Dadaab on 30 December and 1 January, the Kenyan authorities have said they are investigating and that refugees will continue to receive appropriate protection in the camps. Additional security measures and stricter access control have been implemented.
- **Services** – Registration of refugees at Dadaab is still suspended but there are indications from the government that it could resume soon. Relocation to Kambioos and Ifo 2 remains suspended. Camp-based activities are gradually being scaled up as movement restrictions are eased, with UNHCR teams going to the camps 2-3 days a week. However, security conditions are expected to remain challenging in the foreseeable future, and UNHCR and partners are exploring alternative ways to deliver services and reach out to the communities.
- **Health** – A total of 1,258 suspected cases of cholera have been reported since August 2011. The death toll stands at three, with no deaths during the reporting period. The number of new cases is decreasing.
- **Community** – Film Aid International and UNHCR are testing a pilot project of communicating through Short Message Service (SMS) with refugees. So far, around 500 key focal points have registered. They can receive a text message and can send feedback for free. In Kambioos, a new youth group is volunteering to assist in education, sanitation and health. A women's group is also discussing the location and management of a new women's centre.

Latest Developments – Djibouti

- The government has recently allowed the re-opening of the former Holl-Holl camp to accommodate the rising number of arrivals. The existing camp, Ali Addeh, was initially designed to hold 7,000 refugees but now hosts nearly 20,000. UNHCR conducted a census of the refugees who live in the Ali Addeh camp in December 2011 in order to effectively plan the relocation of refugees.

Latest Developments – Ethiopia

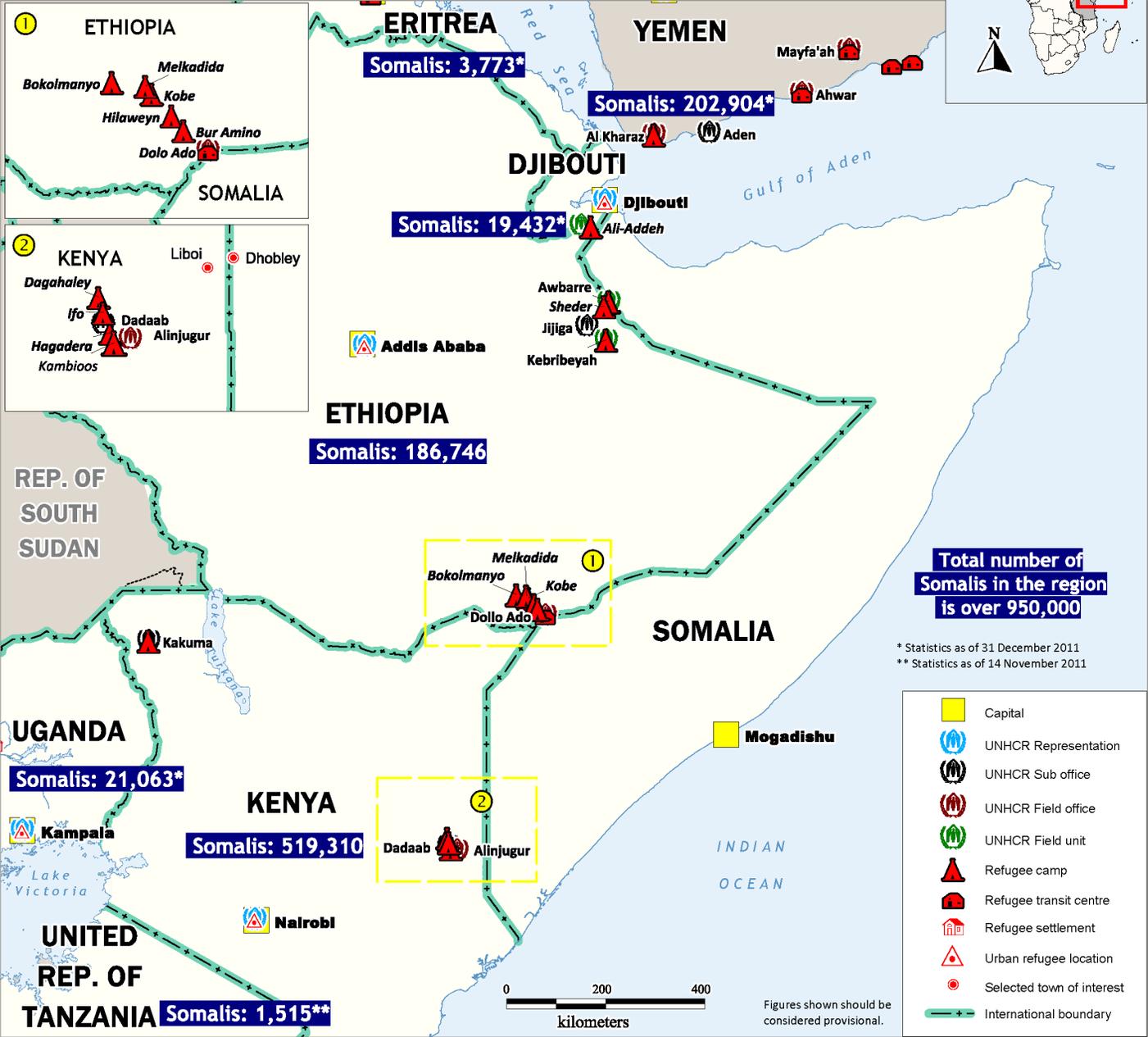
- **Security** – On 11 January, a Save the Children-US car was shot at on the road between Dollo Ado and Bur Amino. The four passengers were not hurt and the attackers fled the scene. No security incidents have been reported since then.
- **Health** – In mid-January, two suspected polio cases were reported among Somali refugees at Bur Amino camp, and three suspected cases from the surrounding host community. UNHCR is working closely with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, local government partners, WHO, UNICEF, MSF and other health partners to coordinate the response in the Dollo Ado camps. Meanwhile the crude mortality and under 5 mortality rates across the four established camps in Dollo Ado (Bokolmanyu, Hilaweyn, Kobe and Melkadida) remain below emergency thresholds.
- **Influx & Contingency Planning**– The influx of refugees has been low with less than 100 persons arriving per day. As of January 27, the number of refugees registered in Dollo Ado was 143,869. Despite the current low number of new arrivals, UNCHR and ARRA are preparing for a potential high influx of new refugees given the ongoing fighting in Somalia. Contingency planning is being carried out for 40,000 refugees with new camp sites being explored.

Registered Somalis in the East and Horn of Africa Region

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