



### **SOMALIA**

## **FACTSHEET**

September 2014

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

34,254

Evictions in Mogadishu since January

7,318

IDPs since late August caused by AMISOM/SNAF offensive

9,927

Cross-border movements into Somalia since January

200

Permanent shelters for IDP local integration built in Galkayo since 2013

## Population of concern

A total of 1.12 M people of concern

Туре	Total PoC
IDPs	1,106,000
Refugees (mainly Ethiopian)	2,540
Asylum seekers (mainly Ethiopian)	9,511
Total	1,118,051

# **Funding**

USD 69.89 million requested



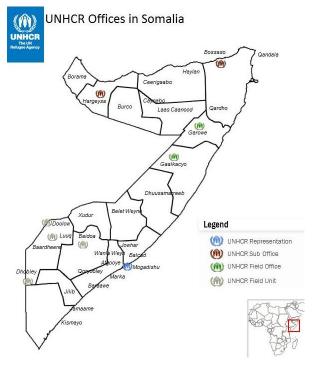
### **UNHCR Presence**

#### Staff:

122: 69 national staff , 15 international staff28 affiliated workforce, 10 UN volunteers

### Offices:

6 offices and 4 field units located in: Mogadishu, Galkayo, Garowe, Bossaso, Hargeisa, Dhobley, Dollow, Luuq, Baidoa, Nairobi



### **WORKING WITH PARTNERS**

As part of the UN integrated mission to Somalia (UNSOM), UNHCR maintains close collaboration with UN agencies, local and international NGOs and Somali authorities at country and field levels in a joint effort to provide assistance and durable solutions to the people of Somalia. Through weekly inter-agency meetings and other communication channels, UNHCR actively engages in coordination and information-sharing, particularly with UNSOM and OCHA. As a lead agency of the Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters, and the coordination of the Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN), UNHCR spearheads productive partnerships with over 60 national and international NGOs. Since 2012, UNHCR leads the Somalia Return Consortium, a group of nine UN agencies and NGOs providing coordinated and standardized assistance to IDPs who opt to return and reintegrate in their areas of origin to end displacement. Together with IOM, UNHCR also leads the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF).

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- The National level Protection Cluster is based in Nairobi and led by UNHCR (position vacant since February 2014) and DRC and is comprised of a Secretariat and a Technical Committee of ten members from key UN agencies, NGOs and ICRC. PC has four field Cluster Coordinators (including one dedicated) based in Mogadishu, Galkayo, Hargeisa and Bossaso. They support coordination of the field sub clusters. The PC additionally has a full time trainer based in Mogadishu who travels around Somalia and trains partners and other Clusters on mainstreaming protection in their activities and strategies. At the National level PC, there are two Working Groups on Child Protection (chaired by UNICEF and co-chaired by World Vision), GBV (chaired by UNFPA and co-chaired by INTERSOS). There are field Working Groups in various regions chaired by UN organizations, local and international NGOs and government.
- The Protection Cluster led by UNHCR and co-led by DRC implemented service provision for survivors of protection violations, separated and unaccompanied minors, children formerly associated with armed forces and groups, capacity building and prevention activities. The Child Protection Working Group conducted training for 41 enumerators and commenced assessments in various regions to inform child protection programming in 2015.
- A 'whole of system' review mission was conducted by the Brookings Institute in Nairobi, and in Somalia with UNHCR support on the ground. The mission relates to a study commissioned by UNHCR and OCHA, the objective of which is to review the performance of the humanitarian system in achieving protection outcomes, with a view to identifying measures to ensure the centrality of protection in humanitarian action.
- Deportations from KSA and forced displacement continued to be witnessed d. Close to 1,600 civilians were displaced, mainly, in Lower Shabelle in the context of the military offensive while another 9, 217 were reportedly displaced because of insecurity (mainly clan fighting) in the Shabelles, Hiraan, Juba and Galgaduud. Approximately 6,000 civilians, including IDPs, were forcefully evicted from settlements in Hodan district.

#### Education

- In Galkayo, there are currently 42 refugee children enrolled in primary school. UNHCR, through Relief International is providing school books, uniforms and bags. Rehabilitation of a classroom block at Bardaq primary school is in progress, the school is attended by refugees and host community.
- In Bossaso, UNHCR, through implementing partner Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT), began student enrolment which will continue until mid-October. GRT currently funds 470 Refugee and Asylum-Seeker children to go to school, provides school uniforms for all new enrollments, and provides exercise books to students.
- In Somaliland, refugee students have resumed yearly schooling of 2014/2015 academic year at the refugee Sheikh Mader School. A small taskforce consisting of UNHCR, UNICEF and NRC has engaged the Ministry of Education to allow refugees and asylum-seekers to have access to public schooling system, which is not possible for the refugee and asylum-seeker children at the moment.

### Health

• In Puntland, UNHCR, through GRT, provides medical, psycho-social and material support to Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Bossaso. In Galkayo, GMC provides health services and referrals for birth and death registration. In Somaliland, HYDA provides health assistance to refugees and asylum seekers as well as supplementary feeding.

### Shelter and NFIs

- The Shelter/NFI Cluster led by UNHCR and co-led by NRC, has finalized an infrastructure mapping exercise in Mogadishu. The exercise is ongoing in Galkayo and will be completed in Somaliland and other locations in South Central by the end of 2014, if funds are secured. The objective of the infrastructure mapping exercise is to provide a useful and timely 'snapshot' of the IDP settlements in the different locations, with a main aim to map out the basic services that IDPs can access in their respective settlements. The aim of the study is to produce quick turnaround 'baseline data' that would enable further production of a map of all settlements including a perimeter, a density check and a plot of all facilities accessed by IDPs.
- In South Central, UNHCR moved 3,136 and 500 NFI kits to World Vision and Danish Refugee Council respectively. DRC will distribute the kits to refugee returnees in Luuq. World Vision will distribute in Gedo region in October.
- In Galkayo, UNHCR in partnership with INTERSOS completed construction of 150 permanent shelters for local integration in September, bringing the total of permanent shelters constructed since 2013 to 200, with 100 shelters occupied by integrating beneficiaries who were given title deeds to their new homes by the local authority. The remaining 100 will be occupied in October. 100 NFI kits were distributed to 100 locally integrating IDPs in Salama 2.
- In Bossaso, 88 shelter kits have been distributed to households in need since January. In October, IP Arid Semi-Arid Land (ASAL), will distribute 4,000 NFI kits to refugees, asylum-seekers and IDPs in Bossaso, Garowe, and Gardo.
- In Somaliland, UNHCR with the Shelter Cluster including DRC, NRC and MRRR continued the distribution of NFIs to IDPs and public facilities such as hospital and prisons in Hargeisa, Borama, Gabiley and Labisagale.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

In Galkayo, 30 IDP and host community boys successfully completed a vocational skills training course in carpentry and welding funded by UNHCR and implemented by GECPD. The graduates additionally received tool-kits to enable them to be self-sufficient and continue working with the skills they gained. Additionally, implementation of the 'Seeds for Solutions' project by GECPD has commenced with the identification of a project site and 40 beneficiaries for garment/tailoring production. In partnership with DRC, 100 families at Salama 2 received cash relief assistance.

#### **Durable Solutions**

- In Bossaso and Garowe, in close participation with IP Danish Refugee Council and local authorities, UNHCR is facilitating the voluntary return of 250 IDP households to identified safe areas in South Central Somalia before the end of 2014. The intention survey will be completed by October with movement beginning by December. UNHCR has initiated establishing a Durable Solutions Working Group to include NGOs and local authorities. UNHCR in partnership with DRC started construction of a 20X20M communal market at Salama local integration site. The market will provide space for business activities for the community as well as enhance peaceful co-existence.
- In Somaliland, the Somalia Return Consortium concluded the Intention Survey exercise in Hargeisa, Burao, Lasanod and Borama. Data analysis is underway but early results show indications of voluntary returns.
- A six month pilot project on support to spontaneous voluntary refugee returns from Kenya to Somalia is expected to commence in the near future. UNHCR will support return and reintegration and the pilot project steps are meant to ensure the voluntariness and an informed decision by the refugees. UNHCR is providing up-to date information on the situation on the ground, particularly on the impact of the military offensive, at the Return Help Desks set up in Dadaab. The overall current conditions in Somalia are not conducive for a large scale return, but UNHCR will, during the pilot phase, provide assistance to refugees that decide to voluntarily return despite the lack of conditions conducive to returns. The three pilot areas of Luuq, Baidoa and Kismayo have been selected according to a comprehensive set of criteria, including the presence of local authorities/SFG, INGOs, access etc.

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