



HIGHLIGHTS

32,405

Arrivals from Yemen since
27 March 2015

14,069

Refugee returnees from
Kenya since 8 December 2014

139,151

Evictions in Mogadishu
since January 2015

568,656

New displacements since
January 2015

Population of concern

A total of **1.18 million** people of
concern

By category

Category	Total PoC
IDPs	1,106,751
Refugees (mainly Ethiopians)	9,975
Asylum seekers (mainly Ethiopians)	11,248
Prima facie refugees (Yemenis)	6,858
Refugee returnees from Kenya	14,069
Somali returnees from Yemen	28,047
Total	1,176,948

Funding

USD 101.9 million requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

120: 71 national staff, 20 international staff
21 affiliate workforce, 8 UN volunteers

Offices:

4 offices: 1 Representation in Mogadishu, 2 sub-offices located in Hargeisa and Galkayo, 1 Field Office in Bossaso and; **4** field units located in: Garowe, Kismayo, Dhobley, Luuq, and support office in 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.
- As a lead agency of the Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters, and the implementation 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.
- To coordinate effective response to the Yemen crisis, UNHCR and IOM co-lead a country-level inter-agency Task Force on Yemen Situation.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Mogadishu

- The Mogadishu IDP Profiling was launched on 15 May 2016. This report provides an up to date data set on the internal displacement situation in Mogadishu and was gathered, analysed and validated through a collaborative approach involving Federal and regional authorities, UN agencies and NGOs. The report was launched in an event with the Humanitarian Coordinator, Peter De Clercq, the Special Advisor on internal displacement, Prof. Walter Kaelin, the Chairman of the Disaster Management Authority and the Deputy Mayor of Mogadishu, as well as members of the UNHCR-led Profiling working group. This report aims to inform durable solution planning and programming in Mogadishu and the dataset was made available to the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation to inform the durable solutions chapter in the National Development Plan.
- The Somalia IDP Solutions Initiative supported by UNHCR held its first high-level Roundtable on IDP Solutions on 8 May 2016. This initiative originated in the UNHCRs-led Protection Cluster, which remains a key driver in this process. At the roundtable, the Deputy Prime Minister of Somalia announced the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Solutions Task Force, a special working group entrusted with the tasks of concluding the drafting of IDP policy, depositing the ratification notice for the Kampala Convention and ensuring that durable solutions are firmly embedded in the NDP. The roundtable was attended by regional government representatives.

Galkayo

- UNHCR, through partner Galkayo Education Centre for Peace and Development (GECPD), conducted capacity-building sessions for teachers and students from eight schools in Galkayo, demonstrating why and how schools are an important arena for social mobilization towards preventing GBV. The sessions, which kick-off an eight-month program to empower students and teachers in the target schools on GBV related issues, focused on showing the important role that boys and men play in GBV prevention and response efforts. Future activities include essay writing, drama, poetry and drawing competitions on GBV related themes. A final inter-school competition will be held in December 2016.
- UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) conducted a vulnerability assessment among 23 refugee and asylum seeker households using a new mobile data collection system. Results of the assessment indicated that 11 households were highly/severely vulnerable, while the remaining households experienced lower degrees of vulnerability. UNHCR provides targeted assistance to the most highly/severely vulnerable cases, while finding ways to improve access to services and material goods to all refugees and asylum seekers. Assessments will continue with other households in future months.
- On 19 May, UNHCR attended a humanitarian coordination meeting hosted by Galkayo (Galmudug) municipal authorities. Representatives from humanitarian agencies and NGOs presented ongoing and planned interventions and the challenges faced in the implementation of the activities. The municipal authorities presented a draft “Galkayo Humanitarian Priority Interventions Shopping Document” highlighting humanitarian and development needs of the municipality. UN Agencies and NGOs were requested to review the document and share their input by 2 June.

- On 23 May, UNHCR hosted the Protection Cluster meeting with representatives from Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Intersos, OCHA, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Relief International (RI), Somalia Birth Attendants Cooperative Organisation (SBACO), Somali Women Concern (SWCRPO), and Tadamun Social Society (TASS). Participants discussed emerging protection priorities, including increasing SGBV reports from IDP settlements and human rights violations reports against “invisible” IDPs from Southwest Somalia living and working in Galkayo. UNHCR will raise the human rights violations with relevant authorities.
- During reporting Month, five GBV cases were reported and documented to partner GECPD, including four rape cases (of which two were rape of minors) and one incident of domestic violence. The majority of the rape cases occurred in IDP settlements. One of the survivors was a six-year-old boy. The perpetrator in that incident was arrested and the case is set to be presented in court.

Somaliland

- The UN Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Peter de Clercq, and Professor Walter Kaelin, former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the situation of IDPs, came on mission to Hargeisa from 9 to 11 May 2016. This visit was a follow up to the previous visit of Professor Kaelin that took place in January 2016, where discussions were held with government and partners on the UN’s IDP Solutions Initiative, which aims to address protracted displacement increasingly through the development lens, so that durable solutions can be found for the displaced in Somaliland. The visit of Mr. de Clercq and Professor Kaelin focused on enlisting support for strategic and robust collaboration around this initiative by all stakeholders – humanitarian, development, political and peacebuilding partners - and to discuss possible avenues for durable solution for the internally displaced to be included in Somaliland’s development planning processes.



DSRSG Peter de Clercq, Professor Walter Kaelin, at IDP Settlement Ayaha 4, debriefing with DRC, ©UNHCR/Mesli/10 May 2016



DSRSG Peter de Clercq, Professor Walter Kaelin, Director General of MRR&R, meeting with durable solutions partners ©UNHCR/Mesli/11 May 2016

- On 30 May, the Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRR&R), DRC and UNHCR went on a joint mission to IDP permanent settlements led by the UNHCR Head of Office. The objective of the mission was to monitor on-going activities funded by UNHCR and implemented by DRC at IDP settlements Ayaha 3 and 4. These are livelihood project that promote income generation on a small business scale, including provision of two small pickups following driving test exams by six youths, small gardens to produce vegetables for domestic consumption, addition of one classroom to the existing school in Ayaha3, construction of a fence at Ayaha 4 and various training exercises to empower communities in self-reliance and peaceful co-existence. The communities in both IDP settlements are contributing to these activities with a community-based approach in kind and cash. This activity has been ongoing since the end of 2014, although the agricultural project is too small to sustain the whole community and efforts are under way with MRR&R to consider the possibility of acquiring bigger plots within the settlement.



DRC IDP focal point, UNHCR Head of Office and MRR&R IDP director at the marketplace in IDP Permanent Settlement Ayaha 4 ©UNHCR/Ibrahim Jirde Ismail/May 2016



Vegetables garden (livelihood project) in IDP Permanent Settlement Ayaha 4, ©UNHCR/Ibrahim Jirde Ismail/May 2016



Small pickup (livelihood project) for garbage collection and other needs, IDP Permanent Settlement Ayaha 4, ©UNHCR/Ibrahim Jirde Ismail/May 2016

- Mixed Migration Task-Force: a meeting took place between IOM and UNHCR to look at the strategy to revive the MMTF in Somaliland. Training on Mixed Migration and International Protection for the government and a workshop on the MMTF strategy and action plan for Somaliland will take place in beginning of June.
- The monthly Program/Protection meeting took place with all UNHCR partners on the preparations for the verification exercise, the mid-year review and bilateral meetings. MRR&R distributed back salaries to their staff for the last four months.

Protection and Registration

- UNHCR Sub Office Hargeisa and IOM held a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Interior and the Department of Immigration to inquire about the reported deportation of 173 Ethiopians from Somaliland to Ethiopia. Ministry of Interior and Department of Immigration assured UNHCR and IOM that no asylum seekers or refugees were among the deported migrants. UNHCR and IOM re-emphasized the importance of working in collaboration with the government on these issues and of continuing to have access to the migrants before they are deported. UNHCR advised on the application of the Somaliland Immigration law, pointing out the importance of access to a fair trial by the migrant ordered for deportation. UNHCR and IOM agreed with MOI and Department of Immigration on providing training on international protection principles to the officers in charge of dealing with mixed migration movements.
- In preparation for the verification exercise, the Information Management team, with the agreement of the Somaliland government, designed and developed ID cards to be given to POCs. The IM team also developed a tool to consolidate data for all of Somalia and is currently working with the Regional Centre in Nairobi and FICSS unit in Copenhagen to improve the Somalia web portal. A continuous data clean-up exercise for ProGres is ongoing to avoid registration duplicates and improve data quality.

- Seven refugee status determination (RSD) interviews were conducted and four decisions were issued (seven individuals). These relatively low numbers are the result on having currently only one Eligibility Officer assigned to processing of RSD, while being involved in other protection activities, and the occurrence of three days of White City (work from home).
- The Refugee Status Determination Workshop for the Somaliland adjudicators in asylum matters (15 participants) continued the 15 hour of 50 hour long syllabus designed by SO Hargeisa on a request by the Minister competent in asylum matters to enhance the capacity of national authorities working on the establishment of an asylum reception system in the country.
- During the month, 343 vulnerable refugee households comprising of 1660 individuals were provided with subsistence allowance, for an approximate cost of \$30,000.
- Counselling sessions for refugees re-started again on a twice-a-weekly basis. General information sessions have been delivered to the POCs to clarify the roles and constraints of UNHCR and partners. The information sessions followed several sit-ins in front of UNHCR SO by asylum seekers and refugees requesting financial assistance. For security reasons, these counselling sessions have been suspended during March for two weeks.

Drought Response

- During the month of May, three drought response interagency meetings took place with the participation of different UN agencies, INGOs, relevant line ministries and the National Drought Response committee. They provided the opportunity to share updates on the various humanitarian interventions (e.g. wash, food distribution, nutrition, health, and Core Relief Item distribution) in order to avoid duplication and ensure better coordination among actors. A UNHCR mobile water tank was supposed to be placed in Beenyo Galaad, Dila district, but because most the local pastoralists had left the place within a week, the tank was returned to Hargeisa. UNHCR is ready to provide core relief core items packages to 200 households affected by the drought and subsequent floods as soon as soon as it is provided with the location and the list of the beneficiaries by the Ministry of Health, but this information has been pending for the last two months.

Yemeni Operation

Registration/ Documentation

- A total of 22 individuals (20 Ethiopians and two Yemenis) were registered by UNHCR office in Hargeisa as newborn babies (16 Refugees and six Asylum Seekers) in the month of May.
- Between March 2015 and May 2016, 10,198 persons have fled to Somaliland as a consequence of the ongoing conflict in Yemen, including 7,962 Somali returnees, 2,085 Yemenis, 116 Ethiopians and 24 other nationals

Assistance to New Arrivals from Yemen

- During the month of May, two boats arrived in Berbera Port from Yemen, the first on 5 May, carrying 42 individuals (21 Yemenis and 21 Somalis) and the second on 29 May, carrying 111 individuals (61 Yemenis, 49 Somalis and one Syrian).
- Forty-five CRI kits were distributed to vulnerable new arrivals, who did not report any case of armed, physical violence or GBV during their journey. Reception services were provided by DRC, UNHCR and Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) teams. The entry formalities were duly conducted by the Government agencies and the Immigration office operating at the sea-port of entry. There were no undocumented foreigners among the newly disembarked groups. All persons were found to be in good health and, after provision of food and water, they were accommodated in the Reception Centre.
- Basic needs -including water, food and emergency health care- have been made available for the new arrivals at the Centre. IOM and other partners proceeded with the vulnerability assessment for the provision of Onward Transportation Allowance (OTA). Most new arrivals reported that the ongoing war in Yemen had forced them to leave their country and that transportation between towns and cities inside Yemen is very difficult, if not altogether impossible in some provinces.
- During the course of May -as was the case in March- 40 Yemenis have spontaneously returned to Yemen. The returnees reported that they left Somaliland due to the lack of basic reception conditions and security in the country of asylum. Refugees and asylum seekers have reported to UNHCR to have been subjected to extortions, robbery and rape while sojourning in Somaliland. Before their departure the returnees did not seek advice neither from the authorities, nor from UNHCR counselling services.
- As of May, 46 Yemenis cases (141 individuals) are living in Hargeisa under subsistence allowance.

Education

Galkayo

- UNHCR supported 59 refugee and asylum seeker children in primary and secondary schools who sat their final exams in May, including two students who sat the decentralized grade eight exam. The children are following the curriculum set by the Puntland Ministry of Education.
- UNHCR, through partner Relief International (RI), continues to engage refugee children in recreational activities to strengthen social cohesion between refugees and the host community. A friendly football match was organized by RI in May with children from the Barda'ad and Salma primary schools, where both refugee and host community children receive primary education.

Somaliland

- Around 520 students (both asylum seekers and refugees) are now enrolled in 22 public schools within Somaliland, 79 of whom in secondary schools.
- UNHCR SO Hargeisa will continue to liaise with students and their parents in an effort to increase enrolment in the public school system. UNHCR and NRC continue to provide school material and furniture to schools hosting refugees and asylum seeker students.

Health

Galkayo

- UNHCR, through partner Galkayo Medical Centre (GMC), provided primary medical care to 41 refugees and asylum seekers in May. Additionally, four refugee patients were provided with support for secondary and tertiary health care.

Somaliland

- During the month of May, a total of 218 Refugees and Asylum Seekers have been provided with medical assistance.

Shelter and NFIs

Galkayo

- In response to the flooding in Belet Weyne, with ground transportation and distribution support from partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC), UNHCR mobilized 500 non-food item (NFI) kits (supporting 3,000 individuals) from Bossaso to the affected area. Reports from partners indicate that the recent flooding in Belet Weyne is the worst experienced in the area in over 35 years and that nearly 70,000 individuals have been affected.

Somaliland

- CRIs continue to be distributed to new arrivals from Yemen. As of 31 May, a total of 45 CRI have been distributed to vulnerable families in the course of the month.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Somaliland

- In Somaliland, Africa Action Help International (AAH-I) is conducting livelihoods activities that are benefiting approximately 200 refugees. These livelihoods activities involve business counselling, business training, strategic planning in collaboration with the private sector (19 partners) and community and sensitisation campaigns with Refugees on self-reliance and livelihoods projects.

During the month of May, 230 individuals have benefited from business training, four new refugees have registered their new businesses and 21 business have been monitored by AAH-I.

- Finnish Church Aid (FCA), also a UNHCR partner, is working on a livelihoods project focused on Somali returnees from Yemen. FCA is supporting approximately 100 Somali returnees through business training and cash-based intervention for livelihoods start-up. During the month of May, 50 Somalis have been newly registered by FCA and will receive additional support next month.
- Partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continues to work on durable solutions for IDPs through a different range of activities: livelihoods (SME grants), business management skills training and other projects aimed to improve living conditions in the permanent settlements.
- The Peaceful Co-existence Centre in Hargeisa is now fully operational and several activities are already taking place. In total for the month of May, around 347 individuals visited the PCC, 195 people attended language and computer classes, 14 children attended pre-school play groups and around 100 people attended various lectures/presentations/debates.

Durable Solutions

Somaliland

- Resettlement. In the month of May, one individual departed for Sweden for resettlement, 27 individuals (7 cases) were accepted by Sweden and their resettlement departure is in process, another 100 individuals (24 cases) submitted their cases for resettlement to Sweden and five individuals (one case) were submitted to Canada for resettlement consideration. Another 15 individuals were provided with counseling on their resettlement status.

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UNHCR-led Somalia Return Consortium <http://somalireturnconsortium.org/>

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