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UNHCR provided CRI kits to individuals affected by the drought

HIGHLIGHTS

132,755

Individuals displaced by the drought

93,603

Drought affected individuals assisted

8,400

Individuals provided with cash assistance

2,810

Individuals enrolled in community-based projects

PEOPLE OF CONCERN

A total of **1.22 million** people of concern

Population group	Total PoC
Internally displaced people	1,106,751
Returnees	94,783
Refugees	12,542
Asylum-seekers	13,210
Total	1,227,286

DROUGHT DISPLACEMENTS

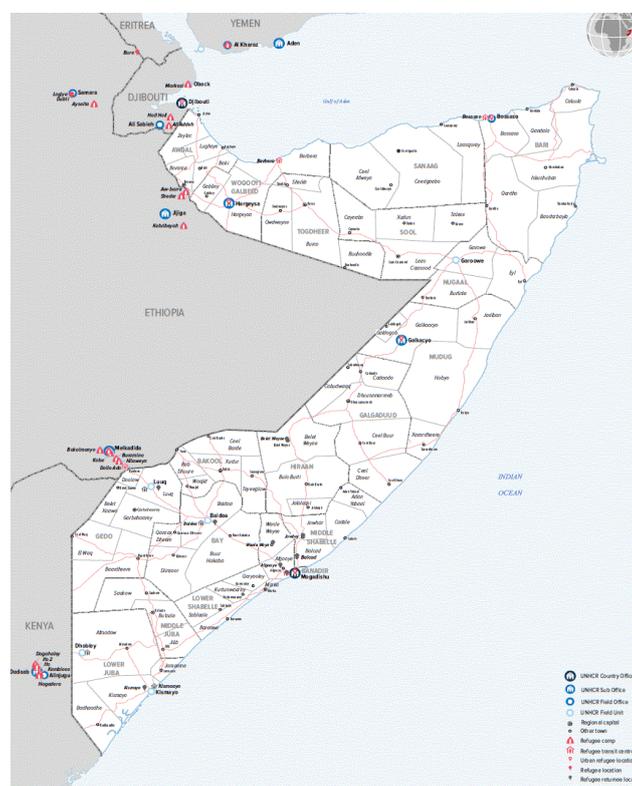
Region of arrival	Total
Bay	56,044
Banadir	39,514
Togdheer	10,691
Sool	5,947
Mudug	4,287
Other	16,272
Total	132,755

FUNDING

USD **86.8 million** required



UNHCR PRESENCE



Staff
85 National staff
38 International staff
13 Affiliate workforce
6 UNVs

Offices
11 Offices located in
1 Representation office in Mogadishu
1 Support office in Nairobi
3 Sub-offices in Galkacyo, Hargeysa and Mogadishu
1 Field office in Bossaso
5 Field Units in Baidoa, Dhobley, Garowe, Kismayo and Luuq

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- **KS-Relief field visit:** The King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief (KS-Relief) conducted their fifth field visit to Somalia to observe progress on projects funded by them. The delegation was received by UNHCR in Bossaso and Hargeysa where they visited several programme sites launched under KS-Relief contribution.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **Drought response:** During the month of April, UNHCR provided support to 93,603 individuals affected by the drought. 48,414 individuals benefitted from core relief items (CRIs) (42,150 individuals in Bay region and 6,264 individuals in Lower Juba region); 43,840 individuals were provided with water (23,750 in Togdheer region, 16,800 in Lower Juba region, 2,400 in Sanaag region and 890 in Sool region); 1,066 individuals were reached with gender-based violence (GBV) interventions in Bay region (600 individuals received dignity kits while 466 individuals participated in awareness raising sessions on GBV); and 283 individuals were provided with unconditional cash grants in Mudug region. In Baidoa, UNHCR through partners Ministry of Resettlement and Diaspora Affairs (MoRDA) of the South West State of Somalia and African Volunteers for Relief and Development (AVORD) completed the construction of 46 latrines in newly established IDP settlements.



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Distribution of CRI kits [left] and constructed latrines [right] in Baidoa.

- **Needs:** The Government of Puntland has requested UNHCR to shift priorities away from the provision of water toward the provision of CRI kits due to the rains which have begun in many parts of Somalia.

Protection

- **The Protection Cluster:** Through partners, the Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided assistance to 34,648 people affected by the drought. Severe drought continued to trigger internal displacement and protection concerns such as GBV, force recruitment, use of children by armed groups, unaccompanied and separated children, and forced evictions.
- **GBV intervention:** In the month of April, UNHCR, with partners Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBRS), Galkacyo Education Centre for Peace and Development (GECPD) and Somali Women Development Centre (SWDC) identified and provided assistance to 46 survivors of GVB. In Galkacyo, UNHCR partner GECPD, together with the Galkacyo Department of Community Policing, organized a meeting with 57 key community stakeholders in response to reports of increasing cases of GBV and other forms of violence.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Arrivals from Yemen:** During the month of April, a total of 146 new arrivals (142 Yemenis, three Ethiopians and one Egyptian) arrived from Yemen to Somalia by boat. New arrivals were provided with information counselling, accommodation, hot meals and water at the reception centres in Bossaso and Berbera. Since the beginning of the crisis in Yemen in March 2015, a total of 5,316 Yemenis and 318 third nationals have arrived from Yemen.
- **Refugee status determination:** Refugee status determination is ongoing in Somalia. During April, UNHCR conducted 14 first instance interviews with 61 Ethiopian individuals and two appeals interviews with five Ethiopian individuals.
- **Registration:** UNHCR with partners Ministry of Interior (Moi) in Puntland and Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR) in Somaliland registered a total of 360 individuals, among them were 246 Ethiopians, 108 Yemenis, three Egyptian and three Syrians.
- **Assess to legal assistance:** UNHCR through partners KAALO Aid and Development (KAALO) and Legal Clinic (LC) provided access to legal assistance to 235 people of concern; 212 Ethiopian refugees and asylum-seekers, 18 Yemeni refugees, two Bangladeshi, two Eritreans and one Somali refugee returnee. UNHCR partner KAALO conducted a three-day community paralegal training in Galkacyo for 15 refugees and asylum-seeker community representatives on legal aid, making legal referrals and mediating local disputes.

Returnees

- **Repatriation:** In the month of April, a total of 3,234 Somali refugees were repatriated to Somalia; 2,704 from Kenya and 530 from Yemen. Since the beginning of the voluntary repatriation in 2014, a total of 94,783 Somali refugees returned; 63,489 from Kenya, 31,129 from Yemen and 165 from other countries of asylum (129 from Djibouti, 33 from Eritrea, two from Tunisia and one from Pakistan).



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Somali returnee arriving from Kenya with the return flights [left] after roads in areas of return became inaccessible [right].

- **Temporary suspension of road convoy:** On 6 April, a road convoy of Somali refugees from Kenya was suspended due to impassable roads between Dhobley, Afmadow, Luuq, Baidoa and Kismayo caused by the *Gu* rains.
- **Country of origin information:** UNHCR shared monthly country of origin information (COI) updates with the return help desks in Kenya. The COI includes updates on key developments in Somalia including on drought, displacement and AWD/Cholera and serves to inform Somali refugees on the situation in Somalia to enable them to make informed and voluntary decision about return.

IDPs

- **Drought displacements:** During the month of April, UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN), recorded 132,755 individuals displaced by the drought; out of which 56,044 fled to Bay region, 39,514 to Banadir region, 10,691 to Togdheer region, 5,947 to Sool region, 4,287 to Mudug region and 16,272 to other regions in Somalia. From 1 November 2016 to 30 April 2017, a total of 683,394 individuals were displaced by the drought; the majority of individuals have arrived to Bay region (162,043 arrivals), Banadir region (147,827 arrivals), Mudug region (87,909 arrivals) and Sool region (53,828 arrivals).

- **Awareness raising:** In Galkacyo, UNHCR through partner GECPD, conducted a training on gender equality, leadership skills and community mobilization with 70 IDP women.

Education

Returnees

- **Access to education:** UNHCR with partners INTERSOS and Mercy Corps (MC) newly enrolled 1,199 students in school; 1,112 in primary and 87 in secondary education. Out of 1,199 students, 660 were newly enrolled in Baidoa and 539 in Mogadishu.
- **Improved educational infrastructure:** In Baidoa UNHCR partner African Volunteers for Relief and Development (AVORD) completed the rehabilitation of a school, while in Luuq UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) began installing fencing around a school.

IDP

- **Access to education:** UNHCR partner African Action Help-International (AAH-I) newly enrolled 92 students; 90 in primary and two in secondary education (49 IDPs, 34 members of the host community and nine Yemeni refugees) in Mogadishu. The new enrolments in other parts of Somalia will begin in September.

Health

- **Access to health care:** UNHCR, through partners DRC, Galkacyo Medical Foundation (GMF), Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT) and Hanano Medical Centre (Hanano) provided access to health care for 3,142 people of concern, including 1,372 refugees and asylum-seekers, 1,252 IDPs and 518 host community.

Core Relief Items

Returnees

- **CRI distribution:** UNHCR, with partners American Refugee Committee (ARC), DRC, MC, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and INTERSOS, distributed 891 CRI kits to 695 Somali refugee returnee households (2,920 individuals); 783 CRI kits were distributed to 556 returnee households (2,602 individuals) from Kenya and 108 CRI kits were distributed to 103 returnee households (318 individuals) from Yemen. 36 returnee households (107 individuals) from Yemen received conditional cash grants in amount of US\$ 50 to purchase CRI kits in the local market.

Cash Assistance

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Subsistence allowance:** In the month of April, UNHCR and partner National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI) provided subsistence allowance to 2,083 refugee and asylum-seeker households (5,768 individuals); 1,675 Yemeni households (4,481 individuals) and 408 Ethiopian households (1,287 individuals). Additionally, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC), identified 257 vulnerable Yemeni refugee households (899 individuals) and will be entitled to receive cash assistance to enable them to meet basic needs.

Returnees

- **Reinstallation grant:** UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant to 2,632 Somali returnees; 2,314 from Kenya and 318 from Yemen.

Shelter

The Shelter Cluster

- In the month of April, the Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided CRIs to 21,756 individuals; 20,686 in Bay region, 876 in Bari region and 12 in Gedo region.

Returnees

- During April, UNHCR partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in Kismayo completed the construction of 92 shelters and continued with the construction of the remaining 26 shelters. The total number of shelters that will be constructed in Kismayo is 405.

IDPs

- UNHCR partner NRC conducted a training on housing, land, and property (HLP) targeting 50 individuals from the local authority and 50 IDPs and Somali refugee returnees in Galkacyo.

Community Empowerment and Self Reliance

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Technical and vocational training:** UNHCR with partners DRC and Relief International (RI) engaged 50 refugees and asylum-seekers (40 Yemenis and 10 Ethiopians) in technical and vocational training; 40 beneficiaries in Bossaso began vocational training in tailoring, beauty therapy and electrical training, while 10 beneficiaries in Galkacyo were enrolled in carpentry, tailoring and a mechanic program.
- **Small-business enterprise:** UNHCR, through partner NCRI, provided a training on small-business enterprise for 65 Yemeni refugees in Mogadishu, and distributed a start-up grant in the amount of US\$ 1,000 per person to a second group of 45 beneficiaries to start their business.

Returnees

- On 26 April, the UNHCR Representative, together with the President of Jubaland, NCRI and partner ARC opened the Wamo stadium in Kismayo.



Opening of the Wamo football stadium in Kismayo.

- **Cash for work:** UNHCR with partners ARC, AVOD, DRC and INTERSOS enrolled 549 beneficiaries (374 returnees, 100 IDPs and 75 members of the host community) in various cash for work programmes; 200 beneficiaries completed shrub clearance in Luuq, 200 beneficiaries continued with the rehabilitation of a mother-child hospital, 100 beneficiaries began the rehabilitation of a road and school playground in Afmadow, and 49 beneficiaries completed the rehabilitation of a school in Baidoa.

- Technical and vocational training:** UNHCR, through partners AAH-I, ARC and Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) engaged 699 beneficiaries (507 returnees, 112 IDPs and 80 host community) in various technical and vocational trainings. The first group of 100, out of a total of 220 targeted beneficiaries for this activity, were trained in poultry production in Kismayo; 139 beneficiaries continued with a training in carpentry and joinery, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dyeing, soap production and cooking in Hargeisa; 100 beneficiaries continued with a training in construction, fabric dyeing, information technology (IT), baking and tailoring in Kismayo; the first group of 40 beneficiaries, out of a total of 80 targeted beneficiaries for this activity, started trainings in fish drying, salting and preservation in Kismayo; and an additional 160 beneficiaries were registered for nine various trainings (IT, tailoring, beauty therapy, mechanics, handy crafts, carpentry, welding, catering and mobile repair) in Mogadishu.



Participants at the training on tie and dye [left] and carpentry [right] in Kismayo.

- Small-business enterprise:** UNHCR with partners ARC, Action Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) and DRC engaged 705 beneficiaries (541 returnees, 134 host community and 30 IDPs) in small-business enterprises; 555 beneficiaries were registered in Puntland and 80 in Kismayo, while in Luuq 70 beneficiaries began training on small-business management.
- Agriculture production:** UNHCR through partner AVORD continued with an agriculture project targeting 450 beneficiaries (110 returnees, 100 IDPs and 240 members of the host community) and throughout April planted seeds (sesame, cowpeas and sorghum) which they had received the previous month.
- Peaceful co-existence forum:** UNHCR, with partner DRC in Luuq, held two meetings on peaceful co-existence with 22 Somali refugee returnees.



A Somali returnee opened a small business after receiving support from UNHCR in Afmadow.

IDPs

- **Technical and vocational training:** UNHCR with partner GECPD in Galkacyo engaged 230 IDPs in a technical and vocational training; 160 IDPs participated in a training on gender equality, leadership skills and community mobilization, and 70 beneficiaries received training in welding, tailoring and construction.
- **Small-business enterprise:** UNHCR partner DRC in Galkacyo completed a series of trainings in small-business management targeting 40 IDPs.

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