

Somalia

1-31 December 2017



UNHCR staff members making an assessment of a Yemeni refugee at the Reception Centre in Berbera. © UNHCR/Berbera, December 2017

Highlights

Number of new arrivals	1,050 persons arrived from Yemen
New enrolments	227 students enrolled in school
Subsistence allowance	1,492 Yemeni refugee households (3,180 persons) received subsistence allowance
Access to health	597 persons provided with health care assistance
Community-based projects	313 beneficiaries of community-based projects

Update on achievements

New arrivals

Since the beginning of crisis in Yemen in March 2015, 41,340 persons arrived to Somalia, including 34,990 Somalis¹ (among them were 34,176 who returned on their own and 814 who returned with UNHCR support under the Assisted Spontaneous Return programme) 5,986 Yemeni refugees and 364 persons from third country nationals.

- In 2017, 6,580 persons reached Somalia from Yemen, including 5,515 Somalis (comprising of 4,701 persons who arrived unsupported and 814 that have been repatriated under the UNHCR programme), 1,014 Yemeni refugees and 51 third country nationals.²
- During December, there were 1,050 persons, including 905 Somalis (509 unsupported and 396 assisted) and 145 Yemenis reached Somalia by sea.

New arrivals trends

Country of Origin	Before 2017	In December 2017	In 2017	Since March 2015
Somalis (S)	29,475	509	4,701	34,176
Somalis (A)	-	396	814	814
Yemenis	4,972	145	1,014	5,986
Others	313		51	364
Total	34,760	1,050	6,580	41,340



Somali returnees drawing their journey across sea from Yemen to Somalia at the Reception Centre in Berbera. © UNHCR/December 2017

¹ UNHCR provides support to Somali refugee returnees under the Assisted Spontaneous Return programme. Under this programme Somali refugee returnees are entitled to receive the enhanced return package. This chapter shows also Somali returnees that have returned on their own, without UNHCR assistance.

² See "UNHCR Somalia – Arrivals from Yemen at 31 December 2017": <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/61532>, 14.02.2018.

Education

Part of assistance to Yemeni refugees is supporting access to education. UNHCR covers their school fees, and provides scholastic materials and school uniforms.

- During December, UNHCR newly enrolled 227 Yemeni refugees; 138 in primary lower, 58 to primary upper and 31 in secondary education.

Health

Yemeni refugees are also supported with access to primary health care services and referrals to secondary and tertiary health care services.

- From 1 to 31 December, UNHCR supported access to health care services to 597 Yemeni refugees, 567 to primary and 30 referrals to secondary and tertiary health care services.

Cash assistance

Vulnerable Yemeni refugee households are supported with subsistence allowance. The allowance enables to Yemeni refugees to cover their basic needs. The amount of the subsistence allowance depends on the family size of the family.

Somali refugee returnees from Yemen are also entitled to receive cash assistance. Under the enhanced return package, refugee returnees are entitled to a one time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person and subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$ 200 per household per month for the period of six months.

Yemeni refugees

- In December, UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to 1,492 Yemeni refugee households (3,180 persons) to cover their basic needs.

Somali returnees

- During December, UNHCR released reinstallation grants to 221 Somali returnees (90 households) from Yemen.³

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

To facilitate reintegration and self-reliance to Somali returnees and Yemeni refugees UNHCR supports livelihood opportunities to facilitate reintegration and self-reliance. During December, 313 persons (207 returnees and 106 Yemeni refugees) have been enrolled in livelihood programmes. Out of 313 persons, 175 were enrolled in technical and vocational education training, 33 persons were part of small-business programmes, while 105 persons were assisted with access to self-employment opportunities.

Technical and educational vocational training

- In Hargeysa, 136 Somali returnees completed trainings; 25 in electricity, 20 in painting/decoration, 15 in plumbing, 53 in cooking and 23 in tailoring.
- In Bossaso, a group of 39 Yemeni refugees completed trainings as computer technicians, electricians, in tailoring and to be beauticians.

³ Due to the financial year-end closing no subsistence allowance were distributed in December. Returnees will receive their allowance in January 2018 for two months.

Small-business programme

- In Hargeysa, another five persons have established their business (three tie and dye, one tailoring and one auto repair). Remaining 28 persons will continue with trainings and prepare business plans for their own business.

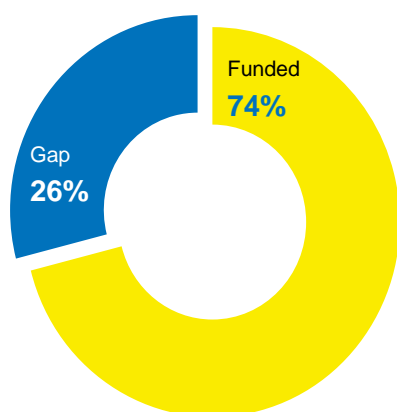
Access to self-employment

- At the Peaceful Co-existence Centre in Hargeysa, 105 persons (38 Somali returnees and 67 Yemeni refugees) were provided with assistance; 43 attended language classes, 13 in computer, 22 in literacy, 10 in accounting and 17 children attended play group classes.

Funding (as of 12 December)

USD 7.8 M

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