



## HIGHLIGHTS

**843,374** refugees registered in in country

**60,293** refugees newly registered so far in 2017

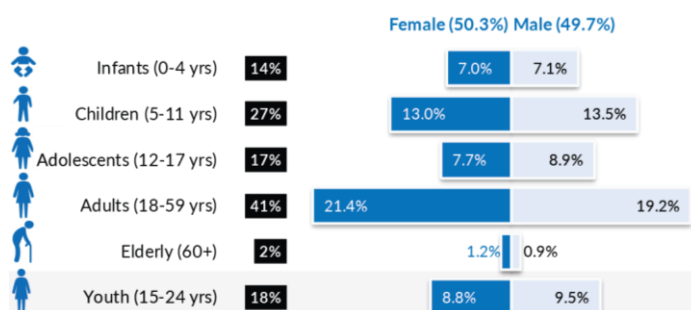
**6,186** refugees newly registered in June

**43,433** unaccompanied and separated children identified in country

### Population of Concern by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	380,818
Somalia	251,070
Eritrea	161,772 <sup>1</sup>
Sudan	42,170
Yemen	1,669
Other Nationalities	5,875
<b>Total</b>	<b>843,374</b>

### Age and Gender



### Funding Requested as of 30 June 2017 USD 307.5 million

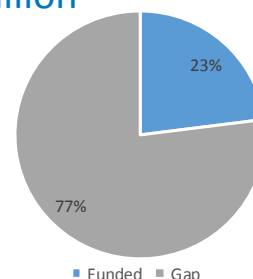
#### UNHCR Presence

**Staff:** 343 national staff, 94 international staff,

178 individual contractors, 18 employees, 8 IUNVs, Total: 641

**26 offices**, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia (in Addis Ababa)**,

Offices & Field Units located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Aysaita, Barahle) **Be** (Assosa, Tsore, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itanç (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyoo, Kok Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS & LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- The Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) is UNHCR's main government counterpart with which close cooperation is maintained to ensure the protection of refugees in Ethiopia.
- UNHCR is fully engaged in coordination fora to mainstream the needs of refugees within the humanitarian and national plans, including the UN Country Team, the Humanitarian Country Team, the Refugee Task Force, and donor, NGO and inter-agency meetings at the national, field and camp levels.
- A total of 6,186 refugees were newly registered in Ethiopia in June, including 2,724 South Sudanese, 2,418 Eritreans and 589 Somalis.
- World Refugee Day was commemorated in Nguenyiel refugee camp, in Ethiopia's western border with South Sudan, in the presence of UN High Commissioner for Refugees Mr. Filippo Grandi. Mr. Grandi described Ethiopia as a shining example of African hospitality. He later met with senior Ethiopian and African Union officials and addressed the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

<sup>1</sup> 73, 078 Eritrean refugees previously registered as living in the camps are believed to have spontaneously settled elsewhere in Ethiopia. This figure is subject to verification

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### Protection

- Ethiopia is one of the first five African countries currently participating in the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) which represents a vehicle for the implementation of the pledges it made at the Leaders' Summit on Refugees in September 2016 in New York. The government refugee agency (ARRA) and UNHCR have developed a roadmap detailing the implementation of each of the nine pledges, outlining key opportunities and partnerships that must be put in place. The country is incorporating the pledges into a legally-binding comprehensive proclamation, expected to be adopted in October after Parliament returns from recess.

### Education

- More than 35,300 new students were enrolled in the current school year in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE); elementary and secondary schools, bringing the total number of refugees enrolled in general education to 179,022; including 75,359 female students. As a result, Gross Enrolment Ratio increased from 42% to 56% for ECCE; 53% to 62.4% for primary, 9 to 9.6% for secondary education.

### Health

- A total of 300,741 persons benefited from health consultations, 12% of whom from host communities. The health facility utilization rate is 1.1 consultations per refugee per year and is within the standard. The mortality rate in children under five is 0.2/1000/ month and remains within the expected range. 98% of all deliveries in the camps were conducted by skilled birth attendants. In response to the increase in suspected Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) cases in the Somali region, preparedness has been stepped up in all camps, including water safety plans and awareness campaigns. As part of the national 'HIV catch-up campaign', more than 126,000 refugees underwent voluntary HIV testing. 374 refugees (0.3%) tested positive and were put under the Anti-Retro-Viral (ART) treatment program.

### Nutrition and Food Security

- A total of 7,477 children aged 6-59 months, including 2,525 severely acutely malnourished (SAM) and 4,952 moderately acutely malnourished (MAM) were treated in nutrition programs in all camps. Funding shortfall forced WFP to announce another round of reduction in the monthly assistance package of refugees in the country as of July 2017. This will result in the further reduction of the refugees' daily kilo calorie intake to 1450 kcal per person per day from a global standard of 2100kcal. The announcement sparked a violent protest in Sherkole refugee camp which resulted in the damage of humanitarian assets before it calmed down.

### Water and Sanitation

- Refugees receive an average of 17.8 litres of water per person per day (lppd), with ten out of the 26 refugee camps meeting the UNHCR minimum standard of 20 lppd. Of the 12.6 million litres of water supplied daily, 5% is through harnessing solar energy for pumping. The host population receives approximately 15% of the total daily water output. 85% of refugee families have access to shared latrines while household latrine coverage stands at 29%.

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- UNHCR and ARRA work in close coordination with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings and technical working groups take place both at the zone and camp levels.

### Access to Energy and Environment Protection

- UNHCR prioritizes access to alternative energy sources and lighting with a plan to supply over 1 million litres of liquid fuel (ethanol and kerosine). Installation of solar street lights is underway in Nguenyiel and Jewi Camps in Gambella as well as in the Dollo Ado/Melkadida camps. 7,300 solar lanterns were being distributed in Nguenyiel camp while wood fuel is being provided to refugees in Gure-Shembola Camp where 500 fuel-saving stoves have been distributed. 47,000 litres of ethanol fuel were distributed to families in the Jijiga camps.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Self-reliance and job creation activities continue in different camps, mainly in the Dollo Ado camps where the IKEA Foundation and other donors are providing funds. Refugees receive training on cooperative development, business management and business grant support. Refugees and host community farmers are involved in irrigated agriculture and share the products on a 50:50 basis.

### Durable Solutions

- Providing resettlement opportunities is a priority, as conditions for voluntary repatriation are not favourable, and with limited opportunities for local integration. Ethiopia's resettlement referral target for 2017 dropped significantly from 7,500 to 2,000. As of August 2017, 1,468 individuals were referred to the UNHCR Regional Service Centre for onward submission to resettlement countries, of which 1,221 have been submitted already. So far, 1,633 persons departed for resettlement countries, 82% of them to the USA.

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