

SOMALI SITUATION

BI-MONTHLY ETHIOPIA SITUATIONAL REPORT

16- 31 August 2017

KEY FIGURES

6,440

Somali arrivals since 1 January 2017, based on reports from Melkadida (as of 31 August 2017)

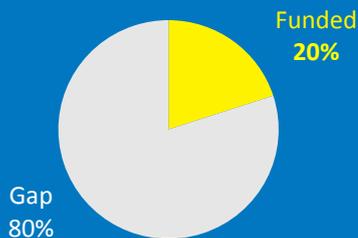
252,036

Total Somali Refugees in Ethiopia (as of 31 August 2017)

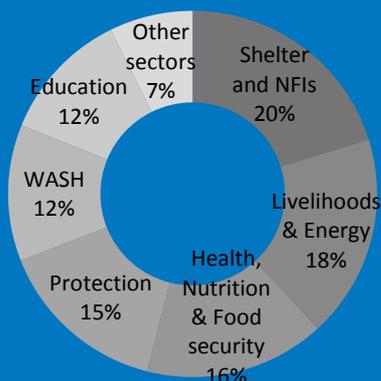
FUNDING (as of 31 August 2017)

USD 102.7M

Requested by UNHCR for the Somali Refugee Situation in Ethiopia



Needs per Sector



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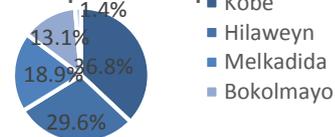
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Between 16 and 31 August 2017, 61 new arrivals were registered and have been relocated to the five camps. Since 1 January 2017, 6,440 Somali new arrivals have been registered as refugees by the Government of Ethiopia and UNHCR. There are no individuals awaiting relocation at the reception center.
- On average, 27 persons arrived daily between 1 January and 31 August 2017. 71% of the total registered new arrivals are children, whilst 88% are women and children.
- The new arrivals, mostly originating from Bay (70%), Middle Juba (10%), and Gedo (8%), reported to have fled conflicts, exacerbated by the drought in Somalia.
- UNHCR Sub-Office Melkadida conducted a Participatory Assessment Plus (PA Plus) exercise in all camps with the participation of refugees and host communities and with a shift in focus from needs-based approach to a development assessment-based. 67 staff from UNHCR and partner were trained prior to the exercise to conduct the PA Plus using a special software known as Kobo toolbox. A total of 1,916 individuals participated in the PA Plus exercise, 8% of whom were from host community. The report is being compiled and will be shared upon completion.
- All the 105 (16 F & 89 M) students in Melkadida who sat for the grade 12 national examinations qualified for university admission in the upcoming academic year. 70 of the students were refugees and 35 from the host community.
- A “Back to School, Stay in School” campaign has been launched in the five camps in Melkadida with a target to increase school enrolment rate from 37% to 70%.
- UNHCR Sub-Office Melkadida in collaboration with ARRA organized a ‘Melkadida’s Got Talent’ show to enable refugees and host community members to showcase their talents and promote harmony and partnership between the two communities. Attended by refugees, host community members, humanitarian staff and local authorities, 35 performances were presented and the winners received different prizes.
- To date, Ethiopia hosts some 252,036 registered Somali refugees.

Relocation per Camp



Participants of 'Melkadida's Got Talent' Show performing in front of hundreds of refugees, host community members and humanitarian workers. UNHCR/ Gemada Denbi

UPDATE ON THE SITUATION

Protection

- A resettlement caseworker from Resettlement Support Center Africa (RSC), part of the US Refugee Admissions Programme, conducted follow up interviews and DNA testing for refugees under resettlement consideration in camps under Sub-Office Melkadida.
- UNHCR's partner IRC conducted life skills training for 83 women and girls in Hilaweyn camp with the aim to enable them to engage in income generating activities. Trainees acquired skills on henna decoration, tailoring, dying clothes, and cooking. The first group of 31 women were provided with startup materials to initiate their own businesses.

Health

- 39,374 children, aged 9 months to 15 years, received Measles vaccination in all five camps while 6,279 children in Buramino and Melkadida camps were given high dose Vitamin A supplementation. 5,097 others were de-wormed.
- A dermatologist fielded by UNHCR's partner humedica reviewed 632 patients across all five camps, and provided training for clinical health staff on management of common dermatological conditions.

Food Security & Nutrition

- 14 newly arrived children under the age of five were screened through MUAC (mid- upper arm circumference), weight for height and edema. None of them showed any signs of acute malnutrition while prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate for the two weeks stands at 0%. Seven pregnant and lactating mothers were screened and found to be at risk of acute malnutrition (MUAC below 23 centimeter).
- In collaboration with UNHCR and ARRA, a WFP-led Post food Distribution Monitoring (PDM) exercise was started in Melkadida, Buramino, and Bokolmanyu camps. Preliminary data from Melkadida showed the recent reduction of creals from 13.5 kg to 10.0 kg has a huge impact on availability of food at household level and on family consumption patterns. The market price of staple foods has shown an increase and refugees reported increased use of negative coping strategies like escaping meal, decreasing meal portion, engagement of children in income generating activities, children begging for food at local restaurants, firewood and grass selling.
- Since 1 Jan 2017, 1,820 newly arrived under-five children have undergone nutrition screening of whom 161 (9%) were found to be SAM, and 936 (51%) were MAM cases, respectively. The average global acute malnutrition rate is 61%.

WASH

- A mid-year review of the gaps in sanitation has led UNHCR and partners to allocate additional resources to be able to construct 900 additional family latrines. This will bring the average household latrine coverage across the Melkadida camps to 20%. Moreover, additional resources are provided for pumps for Hilaweyn, Buramino and Bokolmanyu camps, which will improve production and supply of water.

Livelihoods

- 1,150 refugees from the five camps have opened voluntary savings accounts with Dedebit Microfinance and saved a total of 257,240 ETB.
- Land ploughing in preparation for planting is ongoing in Melkadida, Kobe, Hilaweyn and Buramino irrigation schemes. UNHCR, ARRA and pertinent partners are working to ensure an active and greater participation of both host community and refugee farmers in the program.

Education

- In an effort to minimize school dropout and increase elementary school enrollment rate from 37% to 70%, a 'Back to School, Stay-i-n School' campaign has been initiated in all camps. Together with ARRA and partners, UNHCR will conduct door-to-door campaigns, intensive advocacy, communication and social mobilization efforts, deployment of education supplies, and establish temporary learning infrastructures as needed.

Energy & Environment

- In collaboration with UNHCR's partner GAIA Association, the refugee solar energy technicians installed 201 solar streetlights (SSL) in the five refugee camps and host communities while repairing 154 damaged SSL.
- A total of 1,700 draught resistant trees were planted in Melkadida, Kobe, and Bokolmanyu camps.

Shelter

- UNHCR's shelter partner-AHA-carried out ongoing repair and construction of transitional shelters while the newly joining shelter partner-ANE- has begun selection of beneficiaries and construction sites in Buramino and Hilaweyn camps.