Comprehensive Registration and PRIMES in Ethiopia

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As of 31 December 2018, a total of 230,990 individuals (27.7% of the total refugee population) went through comprehensive registration (level 3) exercise and 170,932 individuals got enrolled on Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) in Ethiopia. This comprehensive level 3 and BIMS exercise aims to provide support to the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), pledges made by Government of Ethiopia, improved protection, targeted assistance, and effective durable solutions for the forcibly displaced population.

UNHCR Representation Office in Ethiopia launched comprehensive level 3 registration and Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) exercise in July 2017 starting from Addis Ababa. The large scale countrywide implementation of comprehensive registration took place starting from August 2018.

Comprehensive level 3 registration has been planned under one-stop-shop registration model where refugees have seamless access to services provided by UNHCR, Government (ARRA) and all relevant partners via one physical location. These agencies provide registration, protection, refugee vital events registration and other assistance. At the end of the registration, all refugee families receive proof of registration document and individuals aged 14 and above receive refugee / asylum seeker identity card.

230,990 L3 registered refugees

170,932 enrolled on BIMS

905,831 initial target population to complete L3 by 31 March 2019







(Pictures from left to right: (i) Refugee undergoing comprehensive registration and BIMS enrolment at Melkadida camp (ii) Refugee woman receiving proof of registration document after level 3 registration exercise in Nguenyyiel camp, Gambella (iii) Refugee receiving proof of registration and refugee ID card in Melkadida camp)

Comprehensive Level 3 and BIMS Enrolment exercises by regions in Ethiopia

Regions / Locations	Location Type	Launch Date	Individuals Registered	Individuals enrolled on BIMS	Individuals receiving ID cards	L3 Completed and Ongoing Camps	Remaining Camps
Addis Ababa	Reception Centre	Jul-17	11,726	10,079	5,676	1	-
Tigray & Afar	Refugee camps	Sep-17	4,486	3,946	2,262	1	5
Melkadida	Refugee camps	Sep-17	10,918	8,184	5,835	3	2
Gambella	Refugee camps	Mar-18	155,736	112,071	91,092	5	2
Borena	Refugee location	Oct-18	4,003	3,001	1,897	1	-
Assosa	Refugee camps	Oct-18	30,404	23,095	15,024	3	2
Jijiga	Refugee camps	Nov-18	13,717	10,556	7,193	2	1
Total			230,990	170,932	128,979	16	12



