

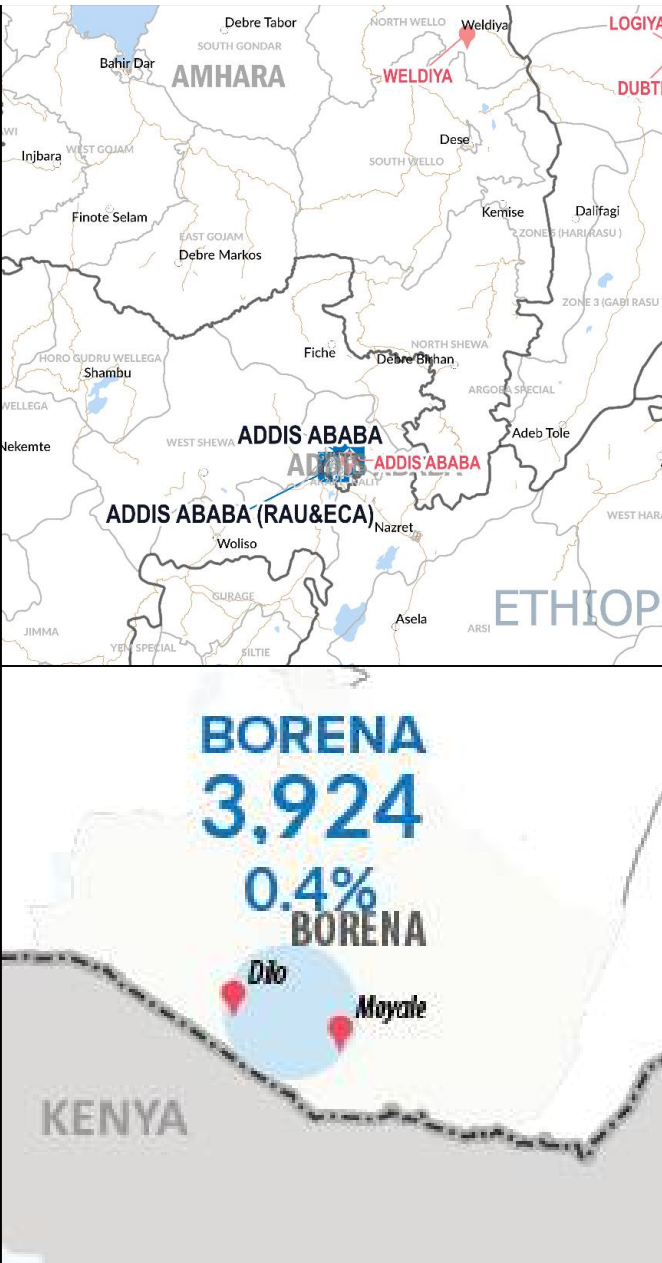
Urban & Kenya Borena refugees 2020/2021 Country Operations Planning

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Operational context – Urban refugees

- There are approximately **23,000 urban refugees** (ERT, YEM, SOM and Others) in Addis Ababa and **4,000 Kenya Borena refugees** in Moyale on the border with Kenya.
- The majority of urban refugees have out-of-camp status with **no direct material/CBI assistance**. Some 4,000 (18%) urban refugees receive financial and other assistance.
- Many requests for transfer from camps to urban context for **medical** and **protection** reasons.
- **Previously no right to work** for refugees. The majority of urban refugees rely on remittances from abroad.
- The **new Refugee Proclamation** will provide more rights – freedom of movement and the right to work.



Operational context – Kenya Borena



- Population located in two settlements - **Dillo** and **Megado** in Borena zone, Oromia region.
- **Socio-cultural** and **linguistic similarities** with host community.
- **Out-of-Camp** approach implemented; access to basic and social services within national structures.
- **91.6% intend to return** to their country of origin. 7.8% do not intend to return and 0.6% are undecided about returning.



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Protection and solutions strategy

Urban

- Identification and targeted assistance through [CBI](#) to those with the most critical, specific needs.
- [Refugee inclusion](#) and expanded refugee coordination - links with national structures for basic and social service providers.
- [Self Reliance](#) – Advocacy for increased skills training (TVET) and livelihood opportunities.
- [Advancing Solutions](#) - Complementary legal pathways, voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement.

Kenya Borena

- Long-term, strategic thinking with a [multi-year approach](#).
- The Government of Ethiopia is in agreement with the [roadmap](#) proposed by UNHCR.
- Alternative [legal stay options](#) will be sought in tandem with VolRep in 2020/2021, for those who opt to remain in Ethiopia.
- International protection assessments will be undertaken with possibilities of declaration of the [cessation clause](#) for those, who may no longer have international protection needs.
- Process undertaken with the government on [handover](#) and [management of facilities](#) within the Dillo and Megado refugee settlements.





Planning assumptions

- **Onward movement continues** both from the camps to Addis Ababa and from Addis Ababa to other countries.
- More favorable protection environment, i.e. Refugee Proclamation offering **more rights** for refugees.
- **No expectations of major increase** from the camps to Addis Ababa.
- **Voluntary repatriation** will commence for the Kenya Borena refugees.

Operational Priorities

- Border dynamics between Ethiopia and Kenya, including insecurity.
- Full exploitation of out-of-camp potential with CRRF and emphasis on economic inclusion opportunities for urban refugees.
- Enhance RSD capacity of ARRA.
- Support voluntary repatriation of the Kenya Borena caseload through a multi-year approach and including various stakeholders.
- Enhance WASH response for refugees and host communities in Moyale.
- Monitor access to national services (education, health, livelihoods among others) for both urban and Kenya Borena refugee populations.



Challenges

- Limited [child protection](#) capacity and response is insufficient to cover the multiple specific needs of children, including UASCs.
- Insufficient targeted programming for [persons with specific needs](#) such as persons with disabilities and older persons among others.
- [Youth](#) programming needs to be prioritized and strengthened.
- Subsistence allowances ([CBI](#)) [insufficient](#) for refugees to meet basic needs.
- The Kenya Borena refugee situation requires [long-term](#), strategic thinking with a multi-year approach and various stakeholders engaged.
- Underlying political issues around the Kenya Borena will require [significant dialogue](#).



Thank you