

SOMALIA

1-31 October 2019

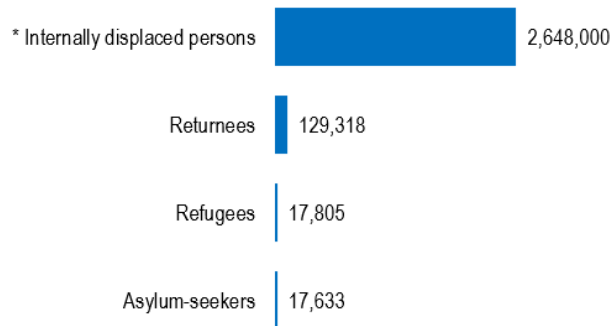
In the month of October, the operational context was mainly characterized by *Deyr* rains, which has caused **riverine and flash floods** in many areas.

In October, around **334,000** persons have been **displaced as a result of flooding**, out of whom 234,000 were displaced in Belet Weyne.

Food insecurity is expected to persist until the end of 2019 due to riverine flooding and flash floods, as reported monitoring agencies.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

A total of **2.8 million** persons of concern

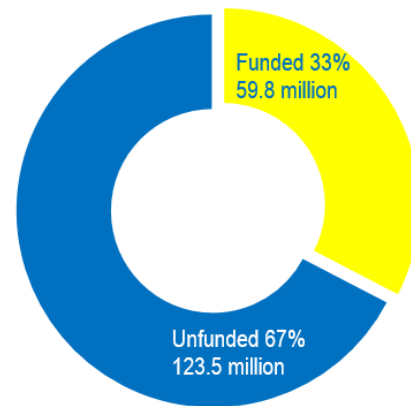


* Estimated internally displaced persons as of 31 July 2018
(Source: Information Management Working Group)

FUNDING (AS AT 11 OCTOBER)

USD 183.3 million

requested for the Somalia situation



People in Berdale affected by heavy *Deyr* rains.

FLOODS

The heavy rains in Ethiopian highlands and *Deyr* rains have caused flash floods and riverine flooding in southern and central parts of Somalia. The Shabelle river has overflowed its banks and left the majority of Belet Weyne town under water forcing the population to flee to higher ground outside the town. UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has so far mobilized US\$ 1.3 million and has commenced an airlifting operation to South West and Hiirshabelle states to provide life-saving assistance to an expected total of 33,000 persons affected and displaced by floods over the coming weeks.

UNHCR'S FLOOD RESPONSE

In October, UNHCR provided life-saving assistance to 13,434 flood-affected persons by distributing non-food item and emergency shelter kits: 7,014 in Afmadow, 4,680 in Dhobley, 900 in Mogadishu and 840 in Baidoa.



Internally displaced persons sharing their concerns with a UNHCR colleague after feeling flooded areas in Baidoa.

FLOOD DISPLACEMENTS

In October, the UNHCR-led [Protection and Return Monitoring Network](#) reported at least 333,000 persons displaced by floods. The districts most affected by riverine flooding and flash floods were Belet Weyne (231,000 persons) in Hiraaan region, Baardheere (63,000 persons) in Gedo region and Jowhar (19,000 persons) in Middle Shabelle region. As part of the flood response, UNHCR provides daily updates to OCHA and clusters on new flood-related displacements to inform the emergency response.



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The first batch of emergency relief items has arrived in Belet Weyne this afternoon ready for distribution. More consignments are on the pipeline. @UNHCRSom hopes to reach 33,000 people in the coming days. #BeledweyneFloods



FLOOD RESPONSE

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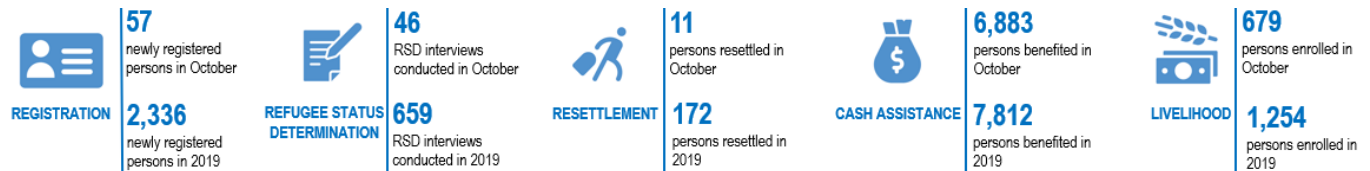


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REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

UNHCR provides protection assistance and support to refugees and asylum-seekers through access to housing, registration and documentation, education, health care, livelihood and self-reliance, cash-based interventions, provision of core relief items, legal support, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and response, peaceful coexistence and community-based protection.

HIGHLIGHTS



REFUGEES IN SOMALIA PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION

The [Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative](#) (DAFI) has made available 75 scholarships for asylum-seekers and refugees who wish to pursue higher education. Access to education remains challenging and children who cannot access education are exposed to protection risks such as child labour. Out of 4,882 refugee and asylum-seeker students in 2018 only 228 (five per cent) were able to continue their education at university. As of 31 October 2019, 12,000 asylum-seekers and refugees were school-going children, aged between 5 to 17 years, out of which 665 (six per cent) arrived to Somalia this year.



Representatives of refugees in Bossaso together with UNHCR colleagues identifying students eligible to apply for a DAFI scholarship.

REGISTRATION

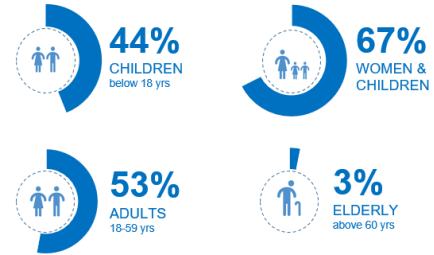
As of 31 October, Somalia hosted 35,438 refugees and asylum-seekers, out of which 21,485 (61 per cent) were from Ethiopia, 13,241 (37 per cent) from Yemen and 617 (two per cent) from other countries of origin. Most of the refugees and asylum-seekers lived in northern and central Somalia (90 per cent) and some (10 per cent) in southern Somalia.

- In October, UNHCR registered 57 refugees and asylum-seekers, 32 from Ethiopia and 25 from Yemen, totaling 2,336 refugees registered in 2019.
- In October, 243 individual cases were inactivated due to different event such as: “no shows” over certain periods (214 persons); resettlement to Sweden (11 persons); deaths or rejected asylum claims (10 persons) and spontaneous departure (eight persons).

REGISTERED REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

POC	BEFORE 2019	OCT 2019	2019	TOTAL
ASYLUM-SEEKERS	16,361	25	1,444	17,805
REFUGEES	16,741	32	892	17,633
TOTAL	33,102	57	2,336	35,438

AGE GENDER COMPOSITION



REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION

- In October, UNHCR conducted first instance Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews with 46 asylum-seekers (659 in 2019) who had sought international protection in Somalia according to the [Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees](#).

RESETTLEMENT

- In October, 11 refugees (172 in 2019) from Ethiopia were resettled to Sweden. Resettlement is one of the vital durable solutions pursued by UNHCR. In the resettled country, refugees can access the civil, political and economic, social and cultural rights like those enjoyed by nationals.

CASH ASSISTANCE

- In October, 6,883 persons received monthly subsistence allowance (7,812 in 2019), out of which 61 started receiving cash assistance, mostly those who cannot meet their basic needs. 343 stopped receiving monthly allowance.

HEALTH

- In October, 2,698 persons were provided access to health care services. Among these, 2,492 accessed primary health care service and 206 were referred to secondary and tertiary health care.

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- In October, 679 persons (1,254 in 2019) were enrolled in vocational and enterprise trainings: 531 in Hargeysa and 148 in Berbera. In Mogadishu, 379 persons graduated from vocational trainings in tailoring and pastry.

PREPARATION FOR THE GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

On 17 October, in Mogadishu, the National Taskforce on the [Global Refugee Forum](#) (GRF), led by the Federal Government of Somalia, held a consultative meeting ahead of the [GRF](#) in December in Geneva.

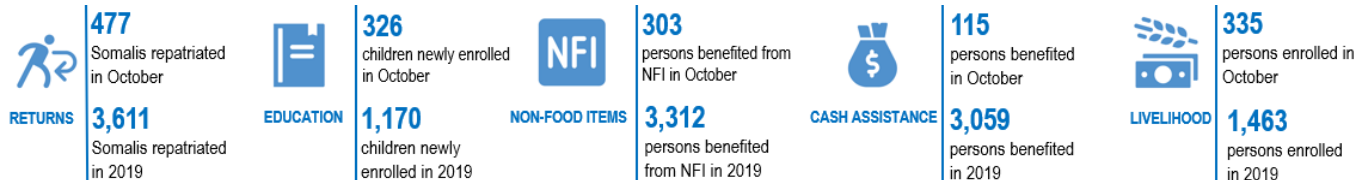
At the meeting, federal and state ministries, humanitarian and development organizations, UN and other partners, discussed possible commitments on the thematic areas of the [GRF](#) to advance the implementation of the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) (GCR): arrangements for burden and responsibility-sharing; education; jobs and livelihoods; energy and infrastructure; solutions; and protection capacity.



REFUGEE RETURNEES

Over 91,000 Somali refugees have voluntarily repatriated since December 2014 with UNHCR assistance from 14 different countries of asylum, mainly from Yemen. Each Somali refugee household who made an informed and voluntary decision to repatriate is provided with a return package aimed to restore their life in Somalia.

HIGHLIGHTS



Participants during a tailoring class in August (left) and a beneficiary after establishing her own business in October (right).

RETURN FIGURES

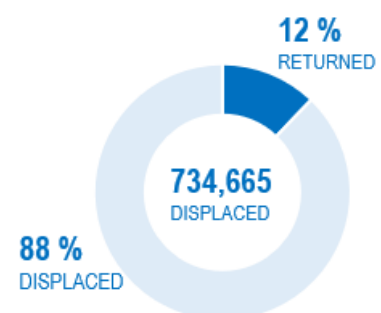
Since 2014, 91,101 Somali refugees have been repatriated from 14 countries of asylum (3,611 in 2019). Some 734,665 Somali refugees and asylum-seekers (88 per cent), however, remain displaced in neighbouring countries: in Kenya (258,710), Yemen (250,860), Ethiopia (178,145), Uganda (33,714), Djibouti (13,163) and Eritrea (73). Since 2015, a total of 38,217 Somalis spontaneously returned (1,750 in 2019) from Yemen.

- In October, UNHCR supported the return of 477 Somali refugees, from Yemen (257), Kenya (199) and Libya (21). In the same month, 188 Somalis spontaneously returned from Yemen.

RETURN TRENDS

REASON	CoA	BEFORE 2019	OCT 2019	2019	TOTAL
Assisted (VRP)	Kenya	82,840	199	1,980	84,820
	Yemen	3,405	257	1,406	4,811
	Other	1,245	21	225	1,470
	Sub total	87,490	477	3,611	91,101
Spontaneous	Yemen	34,467	188	1,750	38,217
TOTAL	14	123,957	665	5,361	129,318

DISPLACED AND RETURNED



RETURN ASSISTANCE

A return package consists of a core relief items kit, an unconditional one-time **reinstallation grant** of US\$ 200 per person and an unconditional monthly **subsistence allowance** amounting to US\$ 200 per household for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for **food rations** for six months (provided by WFP), an **education grant** of up to US\$ 25 per school-going child per month for one school year, a conditional grant of up to US\$ 1,000 for **shelter** per household, and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and **livelihood** projects based on a set of targeting criteria and availability of resources.

CASH ASSISTANCE

- In October, 115 persons (3,059 in 2019) were provided with one-time reinstallation grants in the amount of US\$ 200 per person to address their **immediate needs** upon return.

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- In October, 303 persons (3,312 in 2019) were provided with a conditional cash grant in the amount of US\$ 66 to purchase **basic and domestic items**.

EDUCATION

- In October, 326 persons (1,170 in 2019) were **newly enrolled in education**, 273 in primary and 53 in secondary education.

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- In October, 335 persons (1,463 in 2019) were enrolled with **vocational or entrepreneurial trainings** in five locations: Mogadishu (160), Baidoa (60), Bossaso (50), Gaalkacyo (45) and Dollow (20).
- In October, 120 persons (27 in Dollow, 44 in Luuq and 49 in Belet Xaawo), graduated from entrepreneurship trainings and received start-up grants to establish their own small-business, and 60 persons graduated from vocational trainings in tailoring and computer science in Baidoa.

IMPROVED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- In the last two months, UNHCR completed with enhancement of 12 public facilities: constructed three boreholes (two in Baidoa and one in Dhobley), fenced the airport in Dollow, constructed two rooms at the court in Luuq, rehabilitated two meat markets (one in Belet Xaawo and one in Bossaso), constructed a community centre in Luuq and conference hall in Qhardo, rehabilitated the General Hospital in Dhobley and constructed a maternity ward of the mother-child hospital in Dhobley.



Completed rehabilitation of the meat market in Belet Xaawo (left) and construction of the classroom of the primary school in Luuq (right).

INTERNALLY DISPLACED SOMALIS

Years of complex conflicts, insecurity and drought have left around 2.6 million Somalis internally displaced. Most of them rely on humanitarian assistance provided through the clusters noted below.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS SECRETARIAT

On 28 October, in Mogadishu, the Federal Government of Somalia launched the inter-ministerial Durable Solutions Secretariat (DSS) for finding sustainable solutions for displacement in Somalia.

UNHCR committed to support the FGS in finding durable solutions for internally displaced persons, returned Somalis, refugees and asylum-seekers in Somalia.

UNHCR also thanked the FGS for its leadership on durable solutions.



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At the launch of Inter-Ministerial Durable Solutions Secretariat in Mogadishu 2day, @UNHCRSom Representative, Johann Siffointe, thanked the Government 4 leadership in finding solutions 2 displacement in Somalia. He underlined UN support 2 gvt in pursuit of durable solutions.



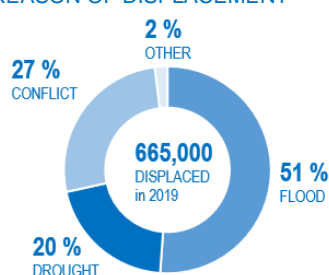
NEW DISPLACEMENTS

The field reports from UNHCR-led [Protection and Return Monitoring Network](#) (PRMN) indicated that in October, around 362,000 persons were newly displaced as follows: 334,000 (92 per cent) due to flood (of whom 234,000 in Hiraaan region), 18,000 (five per cent) due to conflict, 10,000 (three per cent) due to drought, and 1,000 due to other reasons. In 2019, UNHCR recorded 664,000 internally displaced persons: 340,000 (51 per cent) due to flood, 176,000 (27 per cent) due to conflict, 136,000 (21 per cent) due to drought and 12,000 (two per cent) due to other reasons. It is projected that substantially all of those families recently fleeing the riverine and flash floods will return to their home villages and towns when waters recede in the coming weeks.

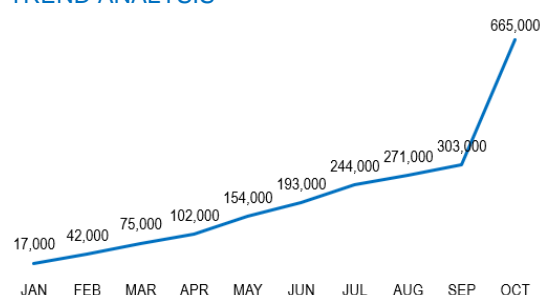
DISPLACEMENT TRENDS

REASON	2018	OCT	2019
CONFLICT	320,000	18,000	176,000
DROUGHT	256,000	10,000	136,000
FLOOD	281,000	333,000	340,000
OTHER	26,000	1,000	13,000
TOTAL	883,000	362,000	665,000

REASON OF DISPLACEMENT



TREND ANALYSIS



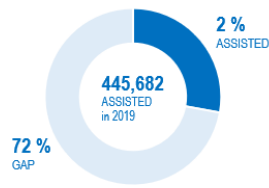
SHELTER AND NFI'S CLUSTER

The Shelter and NFIs Cluster, led by UNHCR, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters. In October, 61,645 persons were provided support by distributing NFI kits, bringing the total to 445,682 persons reached in 2019, representing 28 per cent of the targeted 1.6 million persons.

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** Limited shelter and NFI stocks were not enough to provide shelter assistance to affected persons. The high cost of air transport and lack of prepositioned stocks have hampered comprehensive shelter response. Only nine per cent of required funds have been received by the end of October.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF POC ASSISTED	PER CENT
TARGET	1,600,000	100
BEFORE OCT	384,037	24
OCT	61,645	4
TOTAL	445,682	28



Destroyed makeshift shelters in an IDP setelement in Mogadishu after *Deyr* rains. © SWDC

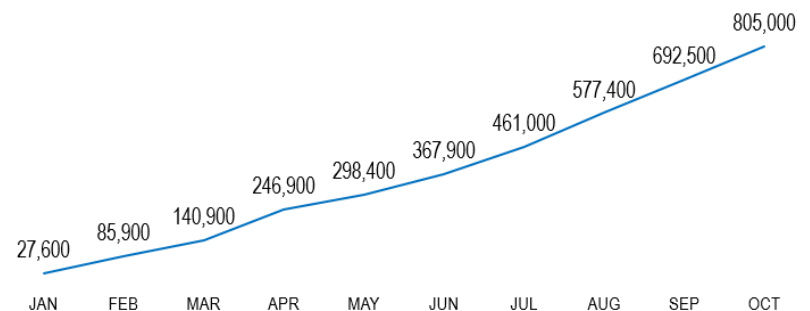
PROTECTION CLUSTER

The Protection Cluster covers a wide range of activities that are aimed at ensuring respect for the rights of all individuals in accordance with relevant laws. In October, the UNHCR-led Protection Cluster provided support to a total of 112,500 persons bringing the total to 805,000 persons reached, representing 58 per cent of the 1.4 million targeted persons.

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** Critical protection services remain unavailable or inaccessible in areas affected by displacement and other shocks. IDPs remain exposed to eviction risks, and due to limited funding, services for SGBV survivors remained insufficient in some regions.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF POC ASSISTED	PER CENT
TARGET	1,400,000	100
BEFORE OCT	692,500	50
OCT	112,500	8
TOTAL	805,000	58

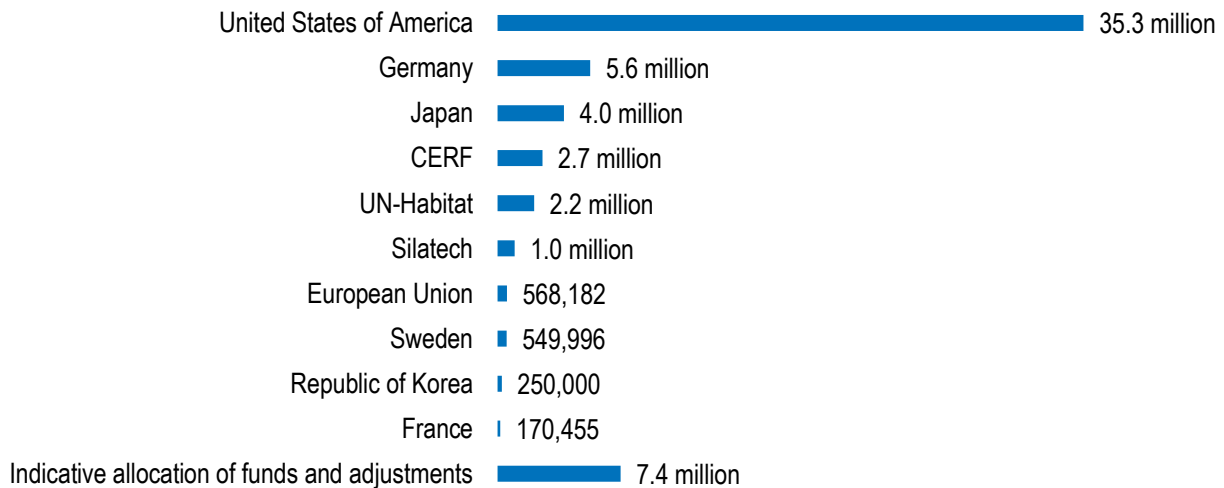
TREND ANALYSIS


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Earmarked contributions for the Somalia Operation amount to some **US\$ 59.8 million**.



BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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