

SOMALIA

1-30 November 2019

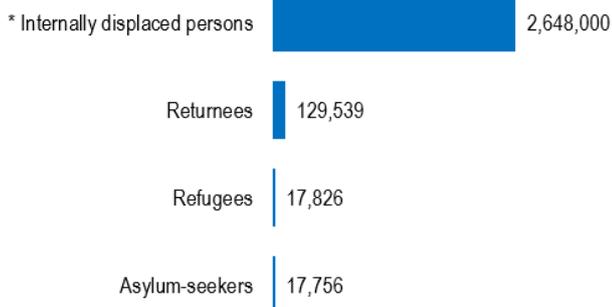
November has seen a significant **reduction** of Deyr rainfall and **flooding** as Deyr rainy season is coming to the end.

As a result, 29,000 persons have been **displaced by floods**, adding to a cumulative total of **369,000 persons** displaced by floods in 2019.

Food insecurity will persist due to dry conditions in north and east regions and abnormal performance of rains in south and central regions.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

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

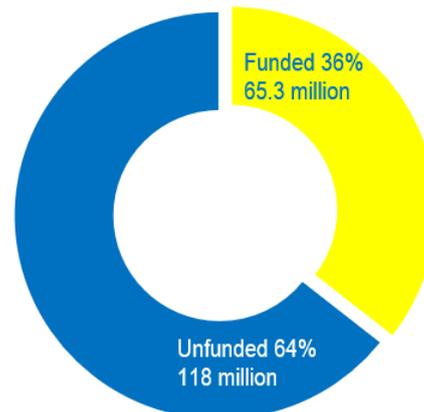


* Estimated internally displaced persons as of 31 July 2018
(Source: Information Management Working Group)

FUNDING (AS AT 9 DECEMBER)

USD 183.3 million

requested for the Somalia situation



RATIFICATION OF KAMPALA CONVENTION

On 26 November, in Mogadishu, the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed "Farmajo", signed [the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa](#) (the Kampala Convention).

Somalia has the fourth largest population of internally displaced people in the world, estimated at over 2.6 million persons. So far this year, over 709,000 persons have been forced to flee their homes due to floods, conflict and drought.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

As of 31 November, the UNHCR-led [Protection and Return and Monitoring Network](#) monitored **369,000 persons newly displaced by floods** caused by the heavy rains in Ethiopian highlands and Deyr rains in Somalia. The worst hit regions were Hiraan (254,000) and Gedo (67,000) where 88 per cent (321,000) of the total flood displaced persons originate. 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.



Persons displaced by floods in Belet Weyne receiving kits of NFIs. © AVORD

In November, UNHCR **provided life-saving support to 26,989 persons displaced or affected by floods or rains** bringing the total to 42,246 assisted by emergency shelter kits or non-food items (NFIs), including 15,762 persons in Belet Weyne, the worst affected area with over 271,000 persons displaced by floods.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GBV

On 25 November, in Mogadishu, UNHCR in collaboration with partners and states' counterparts **launched a 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence (GBV) campaign** in commemoration of the international day of Elimination of Violence against Women.

UNHCR started the country-wide campaign to raise awareness on this year's theme **Generation Equality Stands against Rape!**, reaching hundreds of persons of concerns and members of the host community through community dialogue, legal aid awareness, inter-school debates, recitation, drama, trainings on GBV prevention and response, volleyball match, workshop on application of formal justice system, training for police officers and training on survivors centre approach.



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



ALBERT EINSTEIN GERMAN ACADEMIC REFUGEE INITIATIVE

Hargeysa. An induction session was held for 56 refugees who received a scholarship by the [Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative](#) explaining their entitlements and next steps in this program. The majority of the students will be enrolled in the University of Hargeysa where they passed the entrance exam alongside the host community students. The Ministry of Education in Hargeysa played an instrumental role in enabling this access for refugee students.



REGISTRATION

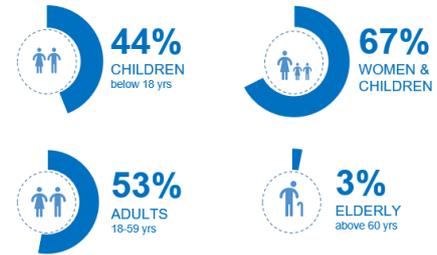
As of 31 November, Somalia hosted 35,582 refugees and asylum-seekers, out of which 21,707 (61 per cent) were from Ethiopia, 13,259 (37 per cent) from Yemen and 616 (two per cent) from other countries of origin. Most of the refugees and asylum-seekers lived in northern and central Somalia (90 per cent) and some (10 per cent) in southern Somalia.

- In November, UNHCR registered 113 refugees and asylum-seekers, 65 from Ethiopia and 48 from Yemen, totaling 2,480 refugees registered in 2019.

REGISTERED REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

POC	BEFORE 2019	NOV 2019	2019	TOTAL
ASYLUM-SEEKERS	16,361	53	1,395	17,756
REFUGEES	16,741	60	1,085	17,826
TOTAL	33,102	113	2,480	35,582

AGE GENDER COMPOSITION



REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION

- In November, UNHCR conducted first instance Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews with 35 asylum-seekers (694 in 2019) who had sought international protection in Somalia according to the [Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees](#).

RESETTLEMENT

- In November, 43 refugees (215 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 November, 6,902 persons received monthly subsistence allowance (7,831 in 2019), out of which 19 started receiving cash assistance, mostly those who cannot meet their basic needs.

HEALTH

- In November, 2,518 persons were provided access to health care services. Among these, 2,470 accessed primary health care service and 48 were referred to secondary and tertiary health care.

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- In November, 760 persons (1,339 in 2019) were enrolled in vocational and enterprise trainings: 610 in Hargeysa and 150 in Berbera.

REFUGEES EMPOWERED BY FISHERY TRAINING

UNHCR in collaboration with FAO provided vocational training on fishing to 16 refugees from Yemen and a start-up cash grant in the amount of US\$ 1,000 to each refugee.

Refugees formed four groups, purchased boats and started fishing. One group now generates US\$ 200-300 per day. Part of the income covers their family expenses and part goes for savings for new boats. At the same time, refugees began cooperating with fishing companies to expand their businesses.

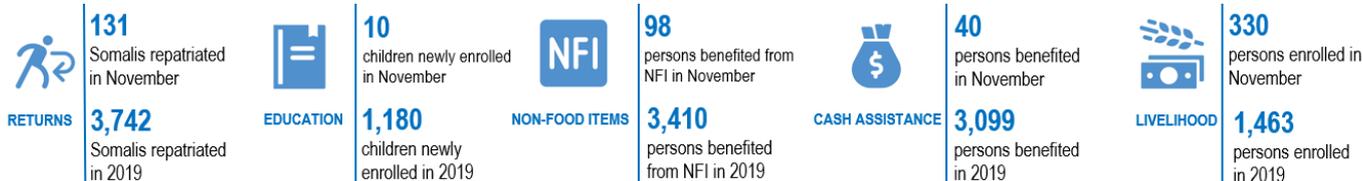
Refugees have also started to train other refugees on fishing as a viable livelihood opportunity in the coastal city of Bossaso that hosts 8,788 asylum-seekers and refugees (25 per cent) of the total 35,582 in Somalia.



REFUGEE RETURNEES

Over 91,000 Somali refugees have voluntarily repatriated since December 2014 with UNHCR assistance from 14 different countries of asylum. 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



RETURN FIGURES

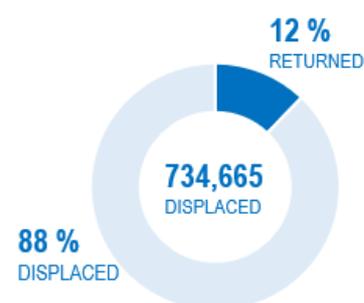
Among the more than 91,000 Somali refugees who have repatriated with support from UNHCR, 2,742 returned in 2019. Some 734,665 Somali refugees and asylum-seekers (88 per cent), however, remain displaced in neighbouring countries: in Kenya (258,710), Yemen (250,860), Ethiopia (178,145), Uganda (33,714), Djibouti (13,163) and Eritrea (73). Since 2015, a total of 38,306 Somalis spontaneously returned (1,839 in 2019) from Yemen.

- In November, UNHCR supported the return of 131 Somali refugees from Yemen. In the same month, 89 Somalis spontaneously returned from Yemen.

RETURN TRENDS

REASON	CoA	BEFORE 2019	NOV 2019	2019	TOTAL
Assisted	Kenya	82,840	-	1,980	84,820
	Yemen	3,405	131	1,406	4,942
	Other	1,245	-	225	1,470
	Sub total	87,490	131	3,742	91,232
Spontaneous	Yemen	34,467	89	1,839	38,306
TOTAL	14	123,957	220	5,581	129,538

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.

EDUCATION

- In November, 10 persons (1,180 in 2019) were [newly enrolled in education](#), after their return to Somalia.

CASH ASSISTANCE

- In November, 40 persons (3,099 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 November, 98 persons (3,410 in 2019) were provided with a conditional cash grant in the amount of US\$ 66 to purchase [basic and domestic items](#).

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- In November, 330 persons (1,463 in 2019) were enrolled with [vocational or entrepreneurial trainings](#) in five locations: Mogadishu (140), Baidoa (60), Bossaso (50), Gaalkacyo (40) and Dollow (20).

POVERTY ALLEVIATION COALITION

Mogadishu. On 28 November, the Livelihood Unit organized a [Poverty Alleviation Coalition](#) (PAC) meeting with PAC partners in Somalia: CONCERN Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council and World Vision International. UNHCR and partners mapped out potential areas of synergies and complementarities with the PAC programme.

The PAC is global coalition between the UNHCR, the World Bank Partnership for Economic Inclusion and 12 NGOs, works towards [alleviating poverty for refugees and host communities](#). The vision and objectives are guided by the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) (GCR) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the Agenda 2030. The Coalition will be guided by the GCR objective I (Ease pressure on host countries) and II (Refugee self-reliance), and SDGs 1 (End Poverty), 8 (Economic Growth) and 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

The duration of a programme is from 18 to 36 months, and combines consumption support and asset or cash transfer with training and mentoring.



Meeting with partners on PAC in Mogadishu.



Vocational training on carpentry in Hargeysa.

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.

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ABUSE AND HARRASSMENT

Baidoa. Sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment are unacceptable breaches of the fundamental rights of the people UNHCR serves and of those with whom it works. UNHCR started raising awareness among the internally displaced persons stressing that all services provided by UNHCR and partners are free of charge and encouraging them to report any form of misconduct. UNHCR also established a hotline number, which is free of charge to the persons of concern.



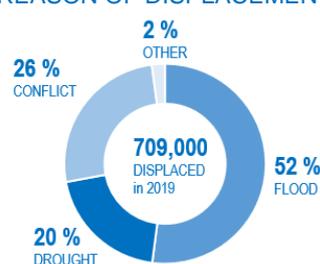
NEW DISPLACEMENTS

The field reports from UNHCR-led [Protection and Return Monitoring Network](#) (PRMN) indicated that in November 43,000 persons were newly displaced: 29,000 due to flood, 7,000 due to conflict, 6,000 due to drought and 1,000 due to other reasons. In 2019, UNHCR recorded 709,000 internally displaced persons: 369,000 due to flood, 183,000 due to conflict, 142,000 due to drought and 15,000 due to other reasons.

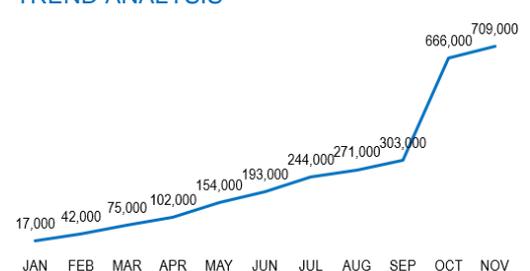
DISPLACEMENT TRENDS

REASON	2018	NOV	2019
FLOOD	281,000	29,000	369,000
CONFLICT	320,000	7,000	183,000
DROUGHT	256,000	6,000	142,000
OTHER	26,000	1,000	15,000
TOTAL	883,000	43,000	709,000

REASON OF DISPLACEMENT



TREND ANALYSIS



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT CLUSTER

The CCCM Cluster, co-lead by UNHCR, oversees the living conditions and protection of IDPs in sites and/or settlements. So far this year, the CCCM reached 1,103,894 IDPs (61 per cent) of the targeted 1.8 million IDPs, established coordination mechanisms in 830 sites, (43 per cent) of the targeted 1,926 sites, and relocated 1,102 households (55 per cent) out of 2,000 targeted households.

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** The protection and improvement of the living conditions of IDPs were limited by restricted humanitarian access, lack of information at the site level, lack of land tenure, forced evictions, and low levels of community participation.

PROTECTION CLUSTER

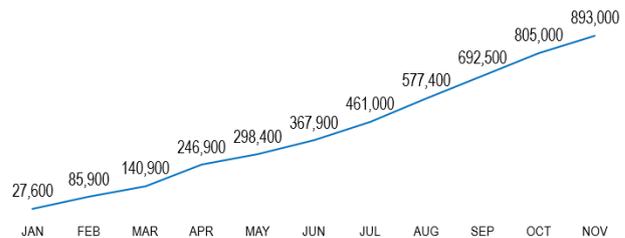
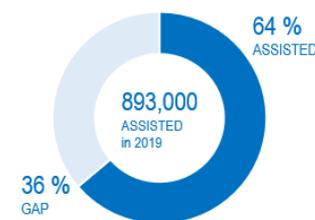
The Protection Cluster covers a wide range of activities that are aimed at ensuring respect for the rights of all individuals in accordance with relevant laws. In November, the UNHCR-led Protection Cluster provided support to a total of 88,000 persons bringing the total to 893,000 persons reached, representing 64 per cent of the 1.4 million targeted persons.

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** Consequences of the floods and violence, exposure of women and girls to GBV, early marriage, child recruitment, lack of access to justice, and ill treatment were among the concerns most reported by communities in November.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF POC ASSISTED
TARGET	1,400,000
BEFORE NOV	805,000
NOV	88,000
TOTAL	893,000

TREND ANALYSIS



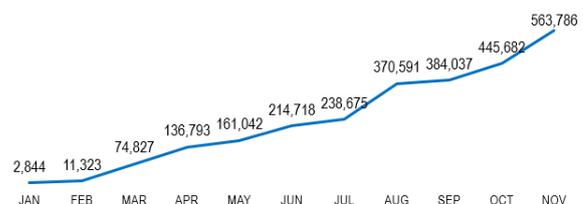
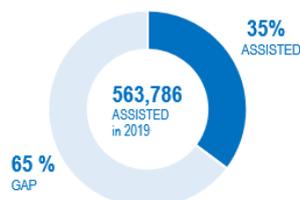
SHELTER AND NFI'S CLUSTER

The Shelter and NFIs Cluster, led by UNHCR, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters. In November, the Cluster reached 118,104 persons with NFI kits, bringing the total to 563,786 persons reached in 2019 out of targeted 1.6 million persons.

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** There are limited shelter/NFI stocks available that is not enough to respond to needs. The shelter sector is severely underfunded with only 13% of the funding requirement received by end of November. The scale of needs is much higher than available funds. The high cost of air transport and lack of prepositioned stocks hamper comprehensive shelter response.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF POC ASSISTED
TARGET	1,600,000
BEFORE NOV	445,682
NOV	118,104
TOTAL	563,786



REFUGEE HOUSE UNIT

Berbera. UNHCR in cooperation with the Berbera Area Municipality commenced construction of 153 (out of 300) [Refugee House Unit](#), transitional shelters with latrines for 918 internally displaced persons. This pilot project involves the municipality and host community working towards permanent shelters and

securing title deeds for their land and it represents the first step towards **local integration of internally displaced persons** affected by drought and conflict and in protracted displacement.



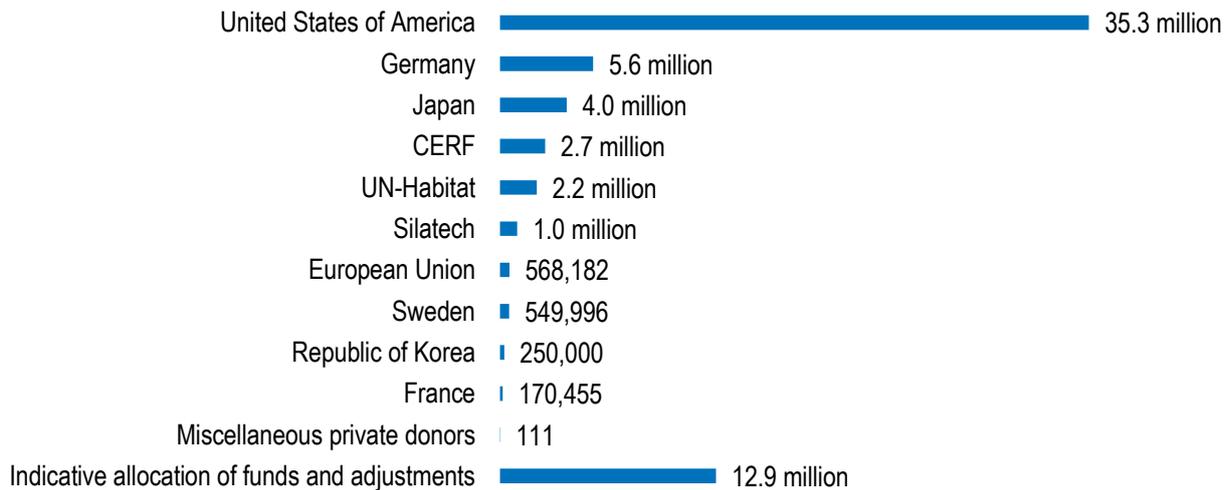
First completed foundations of temporary shelters. © UNHCR/Ivanna Molina

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