

Somalia

1-28 February 2022


The operational environment in Somalia continued fluid throughout February. The deadline of the House of People elections, which were scheduled to be completed at the end of February, was moved again.

The worsening drought conditions continued to displace civilians, and is expected to deteriorate further. As part of inter-agency efforts, UNHCR continued to assess and respond to the needs of drought-affected households.

In addition, UNHCR provide protection, assistance, and solutions to persons of concern across the country, as well as a continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

KEY INDICATORS

 **2.97** million IDPs

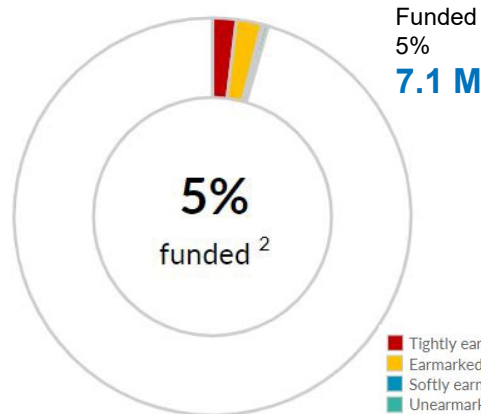
 **14,412** refugees
17,412 asylum-seekers

 **134,469** refugee returnees

FUNDING (AS OF 22 FEBRUARY)

USD 157.5 M

requested for the Somalia operation



A focus group discussion with persons with disabilities in Qansahley IDP site in Dollow. © UNHCR

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

Somalia hosts close to 32,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, of which 71% are women and children. The vast majority of refugees and asylum-seekers (68%) are from Ethiopia, followed by Yemen (28%). Most refugees and asylum-seekers reside in urban or peri-urban settings across Woqooyi Galbeed and Bari regions, in the northern parts of the country.

In February, the operational context in Somalia remained complex, characterized by insecurity, displacement as well as political turmoil due to the ongoing elections. By the end of February, the House of People elections remained in progress and the deadline for completion was, once again, moved to mid-March. International community continued to call for swift completion of the electoral process.

Somalia continued to be severely impacted by the drought, and the situation is expected to deteriorate further in the coming months. The UNHCR-led [Protection and Return Monitoring Network \(PRMN\)](#), implemented in partnership with NRC, reported 136,000 new internal displacements in February, a decrease from the 317,000 displacements reported in January. Of the displacements monitored in February, 115,000 were triggered by drought while 21,000 were related to conflict and insecurity. Displaced families continued to be in dire need of food, shelter and NFIs, and are faced with multiple protection risks. Many drought-affected families arrived in overcrowded IDP settlements, where services are already stretched. Directly, and through the UNHCR-led clusters, UNHCR and partners continued to respond to the immediate needs of the displaced families.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Prevention and response to GBV

- Through partners and GBV committees, UNHCR identified 14 GBV cases in February across the country. Survivors were provided with medical care, psychosocial and legal support as well as dignity kits.
- In addition, UNHCR partners conducted GBV awareness raising sessions at community multipurpose centres and IDP sites, reaching 50 individuals.

- A two-day training on GBV guidelines, principles and confidentiality was organized, and attended by 33 PoCs, governments officials, GBV partners and community leaders.

Legal assistance and capacity development

- In February, 90 PoCs were assisted with legal services, 60 PoCs were provided with counselling services, six PoCs were represented before a law court and 14 individuals were released from custody through advocacy efforts.
- UNHCR's legal partner organized four government capacity-building trainings in Hargeisa, with the goal to improve the legal knowledge of the government officials on refugee law and international protection. The participants included police, immigration authorities and border guards operating in key border entries across Somaliland.



Participants of a workshop for border authorities. © UNHCR

Telling the Real Story

- In an effort to increase public awareness of the dangers of irregular movements, *tahriib*, UNHCR and partner carried out several information campaign, reaching 14,313 individuals in across south-central Somalia. Activities included focus group discussions among the youth and various IDP engagement sessions.

Peaceful coexistence

- Through a partner, UNHCR organized an awareness-raising session on access to justice and compliance with national laws for PoCs and host communities in Berbera. The session intended to educate the PoCs and host communities on

their legal rights and obligations to promote their human rights, peaceful co-existence and social cohesion, and improve PoCs' access to legal assistance.

Refugee returnees

- UNHCR, in collaboration with partners and authorities, received 10 Somali refugee returnee families (17 individuals) from Dadaab, Kenya, in Kismayo. They were provided with the standard return assistance package.



Returnees being transported to the way station. © UNHCR



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In February, six classrooms in a primary school in Berbera were rehabilitated. In Gardo district, UNHCR donated 15 sets of school furniture and whiteboards to a public primary and secondary school.
- UNHCR supported 546 children enrolled in UNHCR-supported primary schools and 270 children in secondary schools in Mogadishu.
- In February a total of 3,183 primary school-aged refugee and asylum-seeker students and 449 secondary-school aged refugee and asylum-seeker students were assisted with school fees through direct payment to their respective schools in Galmudug and Puntland.
- To ensure the well-being and safety of refugee and asylum-seeker students, 406 students were provided with transportation services to schools. In addition, 14 students with learning issues or other challenges were given counselling and psychosocial support to help them improve their grades.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- In February, Hanano hospital in Mogadishu provided 404 refugees and asylum-seekers with primary healthcare services, while a further 380 host community members, refugees, returnees and IDPs were provided with medical services by the Hanano mother and child health centre. Furthermore, 100 refugees and asylum-seekers were assisted with ambulance services and 13 individuals were referred to specialized hospitals.
- UNHCR provided lifesaving primary and secondary health care to 872 refugees and asylum seekers in Bossaso, Gardo, Garowe, and Galkayo. A further 31 individuals were referred to specialized hospitals.

COVID-19 prevention and response

- In February, COVID-19 PPEs were provided to all the 784 refugees who visited UNHCR-supported health centres. PPEs included face masks, hand sanitizers and gloves.



DROUGHT RESPONSE

UNHCR, through its partners, conducted vulnerability assessments across the country for the drought response. UNHCR also participated in various inter-agency coordination meetings and forums. The UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) data continues to provide up-to-date information on internal displacement caused by drought, which informs the humanitarian response of the UN and partners.

- UNHCR conducted comprehensive needs assessment and registration of beneficiaries for multi-purpose cash assistance to close to 1,000 drought-affected IDP families in the drought-affected areas.
- In Puntland and Galmudug, UNHCR provided cash-for-NFIs to 4,400 drought and the conflict-affected families.
- In Dollow, UNHCR supported 470 families who were displaced to IDP sites due to drought with one-time unconditional cash grants.
- In Dhobley, UNHCR registered 938 new arrival households, who will be provided with NFIs.



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND NFIS

Shelter/NFI Achievements and Impact

- Through its partner, UNHCR continued the construction of hybrid shelters in Jeehdin settlements. So far, the first 120 households have completed their construction, while construction is still ongoing for additional households.



Somali refugee returnees receiving NFIs in Kismayo. © UNHCR



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Community empowerment












- In February, UNHCR partner conducted a three-day capacity building training for 15 refugee and asylum-seeker committee members on leadership, teamwork, communication, and time management.

Livelihoods and self-reliance

- In February, UNHCR partner launched a livelihoods project for south central Somalia supporting 755 HHs including returnees, refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs, and vulnerable host community.

Cluster coordination and leadership



829,723	71,940	1.2 M
 # of beneficiaries reached by Protection Cluster	 # of beneficiaries reached by Shelter Cluster	 # of beneficiaries reached by CCCM Cluster
4 M  People in need	3.6 M  People in need	2.2 M  People in need
3 M  People targeted	1.2 M  People targeted	1.8 M  People targeted
\$127.7 M  Funding required	\$57 M  Funding required	28.4 M  Funding required

Protection Cluster

In February, the Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided the following services:

A total of **167,296** individuals were reached through protection monitoring.

A total of **15,067** individuals were provided with community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services.

A total of **1,056 individuals** were reached with capacity-building training for duty bearers and community members with a particular focus on minority communities on protection and awareness of rights initiatives.

To ensure the access to complaint and feedback mechanisms, the Protection Cluster partners on the ground received and responded feedback complaint and mechanisms from **623** individuals.

A total of **94 individuals** (45 women, and 49 men) were reached with specialized protection assistance, including victim assistance services.

A total of **68,473 individuals** (including 45,553 children) were reached with various child protection service, such as child protection messaging, psychosocial support

services, case management, family tracing and reunification, alternative care and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and groups.

A total of **1,922 individuals** were provided with Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), while **12,602** were provided mine action victim assistance services (i.e., emergency medical aid, rehabilitation, data collection, advocacy, and inclusion).

The Protection Cluster through Explosive Hazard AoR partners found and destroyed a total of **268** of explosive remnants of war and landmines (ERWs), and 10,000 of square meters of land cleared and used for productive purpose.

A total of **38,019 individuals** received information on available GBV prevention and mitigation services.

A total of **71,105 individuals** were provided with different Housing, Land & Property activities and interventions including legal aid, Capacity Development, and Eviction monitoring and analyses.

Protection Cluster, Senior Procap Advisor, Senior Gencap Advisor, CCCM Cluster, Minority Rights Group International and Senior Adviser, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) developed a guiding paper on **minority inclusion** in the 2022 drought response and annexes, and this was presented and shared with DOCC.

Shelter Cluster

The **Somalia Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR**, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

In February, the cluster partners reached **9,332** people with non-food items (NFI) kits; and **5,090** people with shelter assistance. Cumulatively in 2022, the Shelter Cluster partners has reached 41,597 individuals (5%) of the targeted 803,000 individuals with NFI assistance, and 30,343 individuals (7%) of the targeted 430,000 individuals with shelter assistance.

CCCM Cluster

The Somalia **CCCM Cluster, co-led by UNHCR**, strengthens services at site level through improved site management and coordination; improves living conditions through site development and strengthens community self-management.

Through (RCCE) activities, partners held over **200 community group discussions** with IDP members and leaders on accepting drought displaced populations in their sites and peaceful co-existence with host communities.

At least **65,000 new arrivals** were received in CCCM-managed sites in the month of February as recorded through the CCCM New Arrival Tracking Tool.

A site verification assessment was conducted in Belet Hawa district, covering **five IDP sites** hosting a total of 3,669 households (24,486 individuals). This figure showed an increase of 557 households living in Belet Hawa IDP sites.

CCCM partners conducted a capacity-building training for **370 IDP community leaders**, partner staff and local authorities involved in CCCM activities, with the aim to enhance their knowledge and understanding of Housing, Land and Property (HLP) issues, CCCM concepts and IDP settlement planning.

Partners organized **site-level coordination meetings** across IDP sites in **21 districts** where humanitarian partners, IDP community leaders and local authorities attended to discuss enhanced service delivery and challenges affecting displaced populations.

Partners provided capacity building training for **150 community leaders** in Kahda, Daynile, Dhusamareb, Galkayo and Garowe IDP sites, on various camp coordination and management topics. The cluster also facilitated CCCM and CFM trainings as well as conducted a Safety audit training in collaboration with GBV and Child Protection AoRs. At least 50 staff from CCCM partners were reached by each training.

Partners carried out regular coordination meetings, including with local authorities, and IDP community leaders for Kabasa, Qansaxley, Ladan and Kaharey to discuss beneficiary selection criteria of 470 HHs for CBI interventions and the most appropriate site for construction of information centers.

Site monitoring reports occurred in **894 IDP sites** covering 20 districts with 18 CCCM Partners administering the activity. CCCM partners carried out site improvement activities, mainly implemented through Cash-for-Work, in 522 sites. Limited access to services such as education, healthcare and food security, were reported in IDP sites.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Somalia Operation in 2022 amount to some **US\$ 7.1 million**. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have already contributed to this Operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

External / Donors Relations

Thanks to the donors of earmarked contributions to Somalia operation in 2022

CERF (1.5 M) | Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Foundation (1 M) | Republic of Korea (0.2 M)

Thanks to donors of softly earmarked contributions in 2022

Norway | Private donors

Special thanks to the major donors of unrestricted funds in 2022

Sweden 77.6 million | Netherlands 37.2 million | Denmark 35.6 million | Germany 27.6 million | Switzerland 18.4 million | Belgium 11.9 million | Ireland 11.8 million | Algeria | Armenia | Bulgaria | Canada | Estonia | Finland | Iceland | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Monaco | Montenegro | Qatar | Republic of Korea | Singapore | Thailand | Turkey | Uruguay | Private donors

CONTACTS

Magatte Guisse, Representative, UNHCR Somalia
guisse@unhcr.org, Cell: +252 611 634 665 (Somalia)

LINKS

Somalia: Global Focus | Somalia: Data Portal | UNHCR Somalia | @UNHCRSom

