

# DJIBOUTI

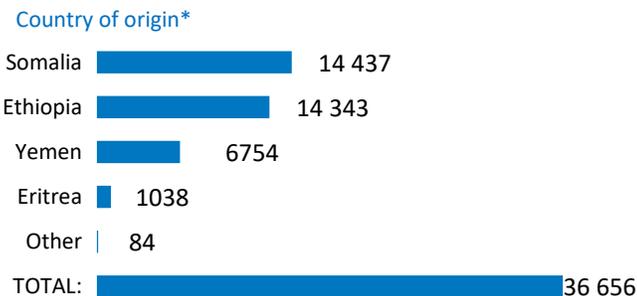
July - September 2022

The UNHCR operation in Djibouti is preparing to launch the **Physical Verification Operation of Persons** under its mandate throughout the territory of Djibouti. This Physical Verification Operation will take place as follows:

<b>Djibouti-ville</b>	02-19 October
<b>Markazi</b>	22-27 October
<b>Ali-Addeh</b>	01-30 November
<b>Holl-Holl</b>	03-15 December

The operation currently has **36,656 refugees** and **asylum seekers**, mainly from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

## CONCERNED POPULATION - 36,656

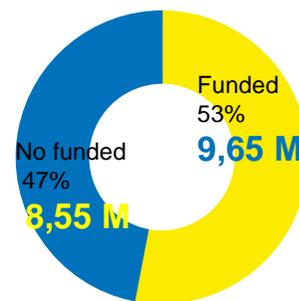


The purpose of the exercise is: (i) to determine the people under the mandate of the **UNHCR** and **ONARS** residing on Djiboutian territory, (ii) to update the **biographical** and/or **biometric** data of these people, (iii) to take and application of requests for **reactivation**, group separation, member unification and unresolved contentious cases in connection with a registration procedure and finally (iv) the **renewal** of any expired, lost, damaged or expiring documents issued by UNHCR and ONARS.

At the end of this exercise, and at the request of the government of the **Republic of Djibouti**, the data resulting from this verification exercise will be shared with the government so that they can trace in case of potential **duplications** in the two systems. In addition, the operation closely monitors possible movements from Ethiopia, especially since conflicts resumed in the Tigray region at the end of August 2022.

## FUNDING (AS OF 29 SEPTEMBRE 2022)

USD 18,2 M required by the Djibouti operation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 32 national staffs
- 15 international staffs

### Offices:

- 1 Representation office in Djibouti-ville
- 2 Field offices in Ali-Sabieh and Obock



The Regional Director during her visit to the Republic of Djibouti, from August 14 to 16, 2022 © UNHCR/Deka Hassan Nour

## Working with partners

- UNHCR's main government counterpart in Djibouti is the Ministry of the Interior through the government department responsible for refugee issues, the Office National d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Sinistrés (ONARS), which manages the refugee sites. Close collaboration is maintained with the government of Djibouti and authorities at all levels alongside sister UN agencies, international and national non-governmental organizations (INGOs/NNGOs), development partners as well as refugees and leaders host communities to ensure coordination, response, and durable solutions for people of concern.
- In addition to the Ministry of the Interior, UNHCR works with other national and international partners, namely: Ministry of Education (MENFOP), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Sports, National Union of Women of Djibouti (UNFD) and DRC.
- UNHCR is also leading the multi-sectoral response for refugees and asylum-seekers in the villages of Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi as well as in urban areas. In Ali-Sabieh, the coordination role of the UN has been delegated to UNHCR in the areas of Dikhil and Ali-Sabieh. UNHCR co-leads the mixed migration working group; in the field, and co-lead meetings on child protection and SGBV case management.
- The period covered, from July 1 to September 30, 2022, was marked by:
  - The declaration of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees level 2 emergency for four countries in the sub-region, including Djibouti, on July 20, 2022;
  - The working mission of Madame Clémentine Awu Nkweta Salami, Director of the UNHCR Regional Office for East Africa, the Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes, to Djibouti, from August 14 to 15, 2022, to soak up the living conditions and challenges faced by people under UNHCR's mandate, residing in the country. The highlight of the mission was the signing of a memorandum of understanding with IGAD;
  - The exchange mission on the inclusion of refugees in social protection and the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) of the Djiboutian delegation, including the UNHCR Representative, with Rwanda from 22 to August 26, 2022. This mission was an opportunity for Djibouti and Rwanda, two pioneering countries in the inclusion of refugees in national systems, to discuss their experience in the inclusion of refugees in their respective systems.
  - Preparations for the launch of the physical verification exercise for refugees and asylum seekers residing in Djibouti. The operation leads the exercise jointly with the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Sinistrés, was the subject of discussion of the parallel event of the Djiboutian Minister of the Interior and the High Commissioner during ExCom 2021.

## Main Activities



### Protection and durable solutions

- The period under review was marked by the conduct of participatory assessments in the Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl refugee sites in order to invite the representatives of refugees and asylum seekers to identify their most required needs in according to age, gender and diversity, the expression of response capacities within their different communities and the proposal of appropriate solutions to these needs/problems.
- During this period, the UNHCR, in collaboration with ONARS, conducted trainings, funded by the European Union, on International Protection on the dissemination of the law on the status of refugees in the Republic for the armed forces of the regions of Ali-Sabieh, Dikhil and Obock.
- From July 1 to September 30, 2022, a total of 820 new arrivals were registered in Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl, Markazi and in urban areas in Djibouti, compared to 353 people in the same period in 2021. In addition, 140 births were recorded during this period, compared to 147 people in the same period in 2021.
- As part of the follow-up and individual counselling of cases, the operation has, during the period under review, received more than 230 cases whose grievances were mainly related to: requests for resettlement, requests for financial or medical assistance, and document renewals request for vocational training and request for information on the audit exercise. All cases received counselling and were referred to the organs concerned.
- The operation finalized the verification and updating of 50 resettlement files of 311 resettlement individuals accepted by Canada.

### Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- The period under review was marked by an Inter-Agency meeting which brought together several actors around the implementation partner of the GBVIMS data collection system "Mission Community Systems Foundation" to share their opinions and agree on the information that should be covered by the GBVIMS for populations under their respective jurisdictions. This meeting was followed by a capacity building session on the different steps of the integrated case/care management process in the GBVIMS platform. They, in turn, made recommendations aimed at strengthening the quality of services at all levels of the process of caring for survivors of GBV.
- A total of twenty (20) awareness sessions on GBV were organized; 258 people (including more than 177 women) participated in these sessions which focused on the definition of GBV, types, causes, consequences, reporting mechanism, etc.).



### Education

- Education remains a key priority for UNHCR in Djibouti and co-leads with the Ministry of Education to ensure the provision of educational services to refugee pupils and students. The 2022/2023 provisional statistics for students in schools in the Ali-Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi refugee sites have been shared and are composed as follows: 4109 (2113 boys and 1996 girls) all levels combined. Moreover, these figures may increase with the addition of the number of kindergarten students whose start of the school year is scheduled for October.

- The official results of the Arabic baccalaureate, session 2022 for the 7 candidate students of the Markazi high school, were finally promulgated by the education coordinator of the village of Markazi: 4 students (boys) are admitted and 3 students of which 2 are girls adjourned. This brings the number of baccalaureate holders to 31 (28 boys and 3 girls) who passed their baccalaureate in the 2021-2022 school year, and to 80 (63 boys and 17 girls) refugee students passed the bac nationally.



## Health

- In accordance with its commitments, the Republic of Djibouti, through its Ministry of Health, also ensures refugees' access to health services.
- The operation, via the Ali-Sabieh field office, monitored the transfer and treatment of injured persons following the road accident that occurred on August 29 in the village of Holl-Holl which caused 18 wounded refugees, with the support of the Ministry of Health. The latter had moved for the distribution of food. In addition, the operation provided financial support to patients transferred to referral hospitals as well as to people with specific needs. During this period, financial assistance was granted to 37 people with special needs.
- During the period under review, the PoCs of the refugee villages benefited from the services offered by the team of the World Acupuncture Mission (WAM) who came at the invitation of the government of Djibouti. The team, made up of 20 doctors and 20 medical assistants and based in the United States with branches in South Korea, came to treat various illnesses from the Ali Sabieh Regional Hospital, Dr. Ahmed Absieh Warsama. The mission moved to the refugee village of Ali-Addeh where it treated medically disadvantaged refugees to cure their various illnesses (disability, venous problems, paralysis).



## Water and Sanitation

- Continuous supply of drinking water to the refugee community of the refugee sites: Markazi (60 liters/day), Ali-Addeh (20.69 liters/person/day), Holl-Holl (8.91 liters/person/day) due to generator failure. Currently, the entire village is supplied with drinking water by the cement well.
- During the period under review, the Office took part in the provisional acceptance of two latrine blocks built by the partner DHR. In addition, the construction of collective latrine blocks has been completed in the village of Holl-Holl.



## Livelihoods

- During the period covered, the business plan competition was held in August in the city of Djibouti; ten groups of three people presented their business plan in front of a jury, and the five best projects were valid. Then, from September 5 to 8, the business plan competition was held in the refugee village of Holl-Holl and Ali-Addeh, and respectively nineteen (19) groups and twenty-one (21) groups presented their business plan, and ten projects were validated for each village. In all, 25 out of 50 projects were selected for funding of 475,000 DJF to support the start-up of their micro-enterprise.
- During the month of August, the refugee villages hosted a new Livelihoods/PAER2022 mission; whose aim is to study the market to identify, after a discussion with the refugees, the Livelihoods projects

that the operation could set up before the end of the year within the framework of the project financed by the European Union.



### Shelter and Non-Food Items

- In Markazi, the Turkish company Nevka has started rehabilitation works on the interior surfaces of prefabricated housing and has provided construction materials such as 5 bags of cement and 1 trip of sand of 4 cubic meters and the payment of the costs of the labour per dwelling. UNHCR shared with ONARS a list of vulnerable groups in the village in order to prioritize houses for these groups during rehabilitation works.

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