

Djibouti

June 2023

The month of June 2023 was marked by the celebration of **World Refugee Day**, the **Day of the African Child**, the **Eid-el-Adha holiday**, the **launch of the SENS survey**, as well as preparations for the **resumption of US Resettlement Circuits in Djibouti**, particularly for the update of unfinalized cases. This represents a major development in **Sustainable Solutions**.

The **Republic of Djibouti** is one of the most stable countries in the region, currently hosting **30,751 refugees and asylum seekers**, and continuing to receive arrivals from **Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen**.

UNHCR works in close coordination with the government, UN agencies and other actors in fulfilling its **mandate** to provide **protection** and **humanitarian assistance** to people forced to flee.

KEY INDICATORS



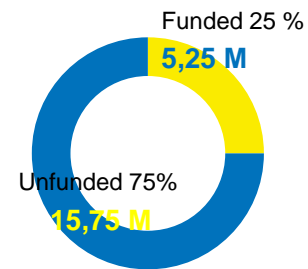
21,621 refugees

9,130 asylum seekers

CONCERNED POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Somalia	13 338
Ethiopia	12 657
Yemen	3277
Eritrea	1414
Other origins	65
Total	30 751

FUNDING (27th June 2023) 21,0 M USD



With the aim of fully dedicating World Refugee Day to the people we serve, and to ensure that the day is celebrated in a fully inclusive manner that respects diversity, UNHCR organized celebrations in all refugee sites in the Republic of Djibouti simultaneously (Djibouti-ville, Markazi, Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl). The celebrations were graced by the presence of refugees, partners, members of the government, donors, ambassadors from friendly and brotherly countries, UN sister-agencies, and UNHCR staff, among others.

On Tuesday June 20, 2023, the celebrations took place in a warm and festive atmosphere at all the sites, with traditional songs and dances, culinary tastings in the colors and flavors of the countries of origin, as well as touching testimonials related to this year's theme, "De l'Espoir Loin de Chez Soi". These testimonials highlighted a number of refugee women and men who have successfully integrated into their host countries through the national education and employment systems.



Achievements



Registration

- With the aim of continuing the registration of some 120 Eritrean households, a joint UNHCR and ONARS Protection mission visited Markazi camp during the period 06 to 11 June 2023 to continue the protection interviews of 42 households of 87 individuals. Once the interviews have been completed in Markazi, the files move on to the next stage of the verification process, which takes place in Djibouti City. In order to ensure full compliance and authenticity of applications and status granted, the pre-identification mechanisms and process had to be reviewed and reinforced with new measures. The protection mission also proceeded with the pre-screening and registration of new Yemeni arrivals from a total of 35 households comprising 50 individuals.

Monitoring Protection

- People with Special Needs (PBS), who are among the most vulnerable in the Ali-Sabieh refugee community, continued to receive financial assistance from UNHCR through its partner CIAUD Canada, covering the second quarter of 2023 (April, May, and June). A total of 42 PBS households, including 31 in Ali-Addeh and 11 in Holl-Holl, continue to receive assistance. This financial assistance, granted by the UNHCR, contributes effectively to supporting and improving the living conditions of PBS. During the week of June 4, 2023, the joint protection team carried out the usual exercise of reassessing the list of eligible beneficiaries in the refugee village, to ensure adequate and up-to-date financial assistance. The nominative list of beneficiaries, which is regularly updated in the field, is then submitted to the UNHCR Protection Officer at the Country Representation in Djibouti.

Protection Reception and Follow-up / Advice on Individual Cases

- Basic protection services, such as the reception, follow-up, and referral of individual cases, were officially resumed in May 2023. A total of 112 individual cases, including 63 cases in Djibouti Ville, 45 cases in Ali Sabieh and 4 cases in Markazi, were received, given regular and appropriate advice, and referred to the relevant services. The complaints mainly concerned requests for resettlement in a third country, the addition of newborn babies, assistance with basic needs, medical assistance, and the correction of biographical data on documents.

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- During the period under review, the National Eligibility Commission (CNE) held four (4) sessions and processed a total of 161 cases involving 41 households. The commission's decisions were as follows: 18 cases accepted, 14 cases rejected, 3 cases absent and 6 cases adjourned.

Gender-based violence (GBV)

- During the period under review, UNHCR's partner for GBV prevention and response (UNFD) carried out its usual activities in the various refugee sites. In terms of prevention, the partner organized information and anti-GBV campaigns that benefited a total of 200 people (90 individuals in Ali-Addeh, 60 individuals in Holl-Holl and 50 in Markazi). In terms of response, UNFD received and handled 04 cases (one case of denial of resources, which was referred to the Cadi of Ali-Addeh, and 3 cases in Markazi, one of which was closed following a divorce).

FOOD SECURITY

- With a view to establishing a single food distribution system for the Yemeni and Eritrean communities in Markazi, WFP and UNHCR teams jointly undertook a SCOPE card distribution exercise for 261 Eritrean families on 24/06/2023. Yemeni new arrivals (35 households of 50 individuals) were also involved in the same exercise.
- The monthly distribution of food and cash was also carried out in the Holl-Holl refugee village, serving 5,934 individuals. Refugees in the village of Ali-Addeh will receive their share of the ration at the beginning of July 2023.
- At the occasion of the holy holiday of Eid AL-ADHA, two foundations - Aide pour le Développement International (A.D.A) and RAHMA-AUSTRIA - distributed meat to 680 families (430 Yemeni and 250 Eritrean) in the village of Markazi.



EDUCATION

- UNHCR's partner for the education of refugee children and pupils, the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training [MENFOP] has promulgated the results of school examinations for pupils in schools in refugee villages in the Ali-Sabieh region (Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl). The results are as follows: for grade 9: out of 239 candidates, 219 were admitted, 7 failed and 10 were absent; for grade 12: out of 59 Baccalaureate candidates, 52 were admitted, 2 failed and 5 were absent. This corresponds to a pass rate for this year of 88%, compared with 54% last year.
- As Markazi high-school students are still following the Yemeni curriculum, the copies of the baccalaureate exams for the 2023 session are being sent to the Ministry of Education in Yemen for correction. The results will be published in August.
- Thanks to the commitments made by the Djibouti government under the CRRF, access for refugee children to all levels of education is a reality. A total of 56 students were admitted to the University of Djibouti for the 2022/2023 academic year. Four (4) of them were enrolled in the 3rd year of the bachelor's degree program, with two (2) coming in 1st and 4th respectively in the Bachelor's degree program in English (AS) at the Faculty of Letters, Languages and Human Sciences. UNHCR and its partner in education acclaimed the efforts of these young refugee students.



World Refugee Day, 20 June 2023 at Djibouti-city

Zakaria Mohamed Mahamoud, major of the 2023 Bachelor's degree program in English faculty of the University of Djibouti 2023 (left) and Mohamed Aden Ali, 4th of the class (right) posing with the UNHCR Representative in Djibouti.



HEALTH

- UNHCR continuously supports access to health services for all refugees in the Republic of Djibouti. In June 2023, 1,673 primary-level consultations were recorded among health facilities at refugee sites. Qualified health workers working at the health centers assisted with deliveries and helped to give birth to 34 newborns. UNHCR also supports the ongoing referral of refugees in need of vital emergency care to district and capital hospitals. As of June 2023, a total of 117 (including 5 to Djibouti City) health cases have been referred for specific care and attended to for secondary and tertiary level care.
- More than 236 cases are admitted to the Nutrition Program in the 3 refugee sites namely Ali-Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi as follows: 61 ANC (45 in Ali-Addeh, 16 in Holl-Holl, and 4 in Markazi), 17 SAM (13 in Holl-Holl and 4 in Ali-Addeh), 40 MAM (28 in Ali-Addeh and 12 in Holl-Holl), 73 breastfeeding women (49 in Markazi, 21 in Ali-Addeh and 3 in Holl-Holl) and 45 pregnant women (22 in Markazi, 19 in Ali-Addeh and 4 in Holl-Holl).
- Regarding the care of the refugees chronically ill, the CMH-O focal point distributed insulin and syringes to 6 diabetics at the Markazi site. It should be noted that the lack of a solar-powered refrigerator in this health post remains a major concern, as current storage conditions make it impossible to have this type of treatment on site. As a result, the focal point has to transport insulins in a cooler with briquettes every 7th day for some people, and every 9th and 15th day for others.



WASH

- UNHCR's water and sanitation partner, Direction Hydraulique Rurale (DHR), continues to supply drinking water to refugee sites. During the month of June 2023, in addition to routine activities (such as maintenance, network repairs, drinking water production and hygiene promotion), UNHCR and its partner carried out repairs on the submersible pump at the Assamo 2 well in Ali-Addeh, the completion of repairs to the water intake pipe at the borehole in Holl-Holl, and the collection and disposal of solid waste in Markazi.
- In addition, a follow-up meeting of the working group on water issues in refugee sites was held on June 14, 2023, at the UNHCR office in Djibouti-ville between various stakeholders such as DHR, ONARS, NRC and UNICEF. During the meeting, the various partners agreed to carry out work to replace water pipes, boreholes, and a new route to avoid crossing the wadi at 4 points. Financed by the international NGO NRC, this project aims to help improve the drinking water system in the refugee village of Holl-Holl, especially in anticipation of the upcoming heatwave months.

NFI NFI'S

- In order to assess shelter needs following the recent storms, a mission from UNHCR's Logistics Section visited Markazi to distribute NFIs to Eritrean asylum seekers living in the camp. The NFIs consist of jerry cans, plastic mats, synthetic blankets, kitchen utensils, buckets, flashlights, and plastic tarpaulins. The mission also carried out an inventory of the stock of NFIs allocated to the UNHCR field office in Obock. In Ali-Addeh, 14 Eritrean new arrivals referred by the Obock ONARS and two fire-affected households were assisted by UNHCR with NFIs (tents and other household items).
- HCR's partner in charge of firewood distribution, the Ministry of the Environment in collaboration, proceeded to distribute firewood for the months of May and June 2023. A total of 695 families with 3151 individuals were served.

Funding Update

UNHCR is grateful for the essential support provided by the donors who supported the operation, as well as those who contributed to UNHCR programs with unrestricted and largely restricted funds.

CONTRIBUTIONS ³ | USD

	Unearmarked	Softly earmarked	Earmarked	Tightly earmarked	Total
USA	-	-	2,500,000	-	2,500,000
European Union			-	511,898	511,898
Germany	-	243,843	-	-	243,843
IGAD	-	-	26,995	-	26,995
Sub-total	-	243,843	2,526,995	511,898	3,282,736
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	1,778,469	301,172	(152,230)	(31,189)	1,894,223
Total	1,778,469	545,015	2,372,765	480,710	5,176,959

Methodology: Unrestricted funds are allocated and reallocated several times during the year to enable UNHCR to fund priority activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds to accurately represent the resources available for the country. The earmarked contributions for Djibouti shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the slightly earmarked and non-earmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments concern program support costs and carry-overs.

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