

Highlights

- One aid worker shot; two abducted at the Ifo 2 West refugee camp, Dadaab, Kenya.
- Humanitarian agencies step up security in and around Dadaab complex of camps.
- UNHCR and partners suspend non-life-saving activities in Kenya's Dadaab camps.
- Crude mortality rate in Ethiopia's Dollo Ado complex of camps drops below emergency threshold for the first time this year.
- Unlike in previous weeks, no case of measles was recorded in Dollo Ado camps in the past week.
- Ongoing Kenya operation moves more than 85,000 Somali arrivals from Dadaab's outskirts to its extensions before the onset of the rainy season.
- Private business commits to support the development of a refugee site in Dadaab, Kenya

Registered Somali refugees in the region as of 30 September 2011

(by country of asylum)

Country of Asylum	Total
Kenya	509,363
Ethiopia	174,707 ⁱ
Djibouti	18,159
Yemen	196,996
Others	24,934
Total	924,159

UNHCR financial requirements for the Somali displacement crisis (in million USD)

Country Operation	Emergency requirements *	Revised total budget (2011)
Kenya	68.8	172.1
Ethiopia	62.7	128.1
Djibouti	4.8	25.5
Somalia	8.6	75.5
Total	144.9	401.2

Percentage funded against revised total budget as at 12 October: 57%

* included in revised total budget (2011)

ⁱ Of the 18,500 previously reported in Gode, UNHCR registered 1,354 individuals identified by local authorities in one location. Some 11,500 were found to be on the other side of the border inside Somalia where assistance is now being targeted.

New Somali arrivals by country of asylum - 01 January to 15 October 2011

Country of Asylum	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Kenya	9,958	10,176	11,334	10,636	9,214	32,383	41,334	37,934	29,672	9,575	202,216
Ethiopia	6,792	2,016	4,072	6,749	12,045	24,042	19,610	5,695	4,563	6,126	91,710
Djibouti	384	293	359	246	398	425	833	879	637	345	4,799
Yemen	1,735	2,136	2,130	1,571	1,655	1,189	1,118	4,564	3,298	* ¹	19,396
Total	18,869	14,621	17,895	19,202	23,312	58,039	62,895	58,223	38,170	16,046	318,121

¹ Not yet compiled

Background

Since 1991, Somalia has been divided largely along clan lines and commanded by various groupings of warlords. A third of Somalia's population of 7.5 million is estimated to have been uprooted. Since the beginning of the year, continuing insecurity and drought have brought more displacement, with nearly half of the population inside Somalia – an estimated 3.7 million – affected. The United Nations has declared famine in six regions of southern Somalia, amid concern that the famine could quickly spread across the country and may affect other areas of the Horn of Africa if not addressed through rapid action.

Current situation

- Currently, there are some 940,000 registered Somali refugees and asylum-seekers in neighbouring countries, with Kenya, Yemen, Ethiopia and Djibouti hosting more than 90 percent of them. This year alone, 318,121 Somalis have sought refuge in neighbouring countries, mostly in Kenya and Ethiopia. Kenya continues to receive Somalis daily in East and West Ifo as well as Kambioos, the newest sites in the Dadaab complex of camps. Dadaab is currently home to 463,739 refugees, mostly Somalis. In Ethiopia's Dollo Ado, daily Somali arrivals are on the rise from an average of 200 to 400. Already this year, nearly 92,000 Somalis have been received.
- Within Somalia, nearly 1.5 million Somalis are internally displaced, mostly in south-central areas.

Latest developments – Kenya

- Following the shooting and abduction of aid workers at the Ifo 2 West refugee camp on 13 October, UNHCR is working with the Kenyan authorities to improve security in and around the Dadaab refugee camp complex.
- UNHCR and its partners have temporarily suspended non-life-saving activities. Only water, food and health-related services are being maintained until further notice. Measures are being put in place to improve security for refugees and the humanitarian community at Dadaab. These include increased patrols, additional check-points and the deployment of more police posts within the camps. To enhance the capacity of security personnel, UNHCR has provided vehicles and communication equipment. Earlier this year, UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Kenya which provides for measures including construction of houses and a transit centre at the Liboi border with Somalia where asylum-seekers will be screened and received. It is expected that these measures will contribute to a better security regime.
- UNHCR and its partners have relocated most of the Somali arrivals who for lack of other options, settled on Dadaab's precarious outskirts. The new homes are in the newest extensions of the Dadaab complex, Ifo 2 East, Ifo 2 West and Kambioos. These camp extensions have to date received 33,339, 40,588 and 11,323 individuals respectively. The outskirts, which are potential swamps in the rainy season, had inadequate services and exposed the new arrivals to harsh conditions, increased risks of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and public health concerns.
- IKEA Foundation, the charitable arm of the world's largest furniture retailer, has committed US\$62 million to help build Kambioos in Dadaab. The focus of the partnership encompasses not only infrastructural development but also enhancing social services and livelihood opportunities. This enjoins IKEA's vision of changing lives with UNHCR's goal of bringing refugees to as close to normal life as possible, thereby breaking the cycle of dependence.

Latest developments – Ethiopia

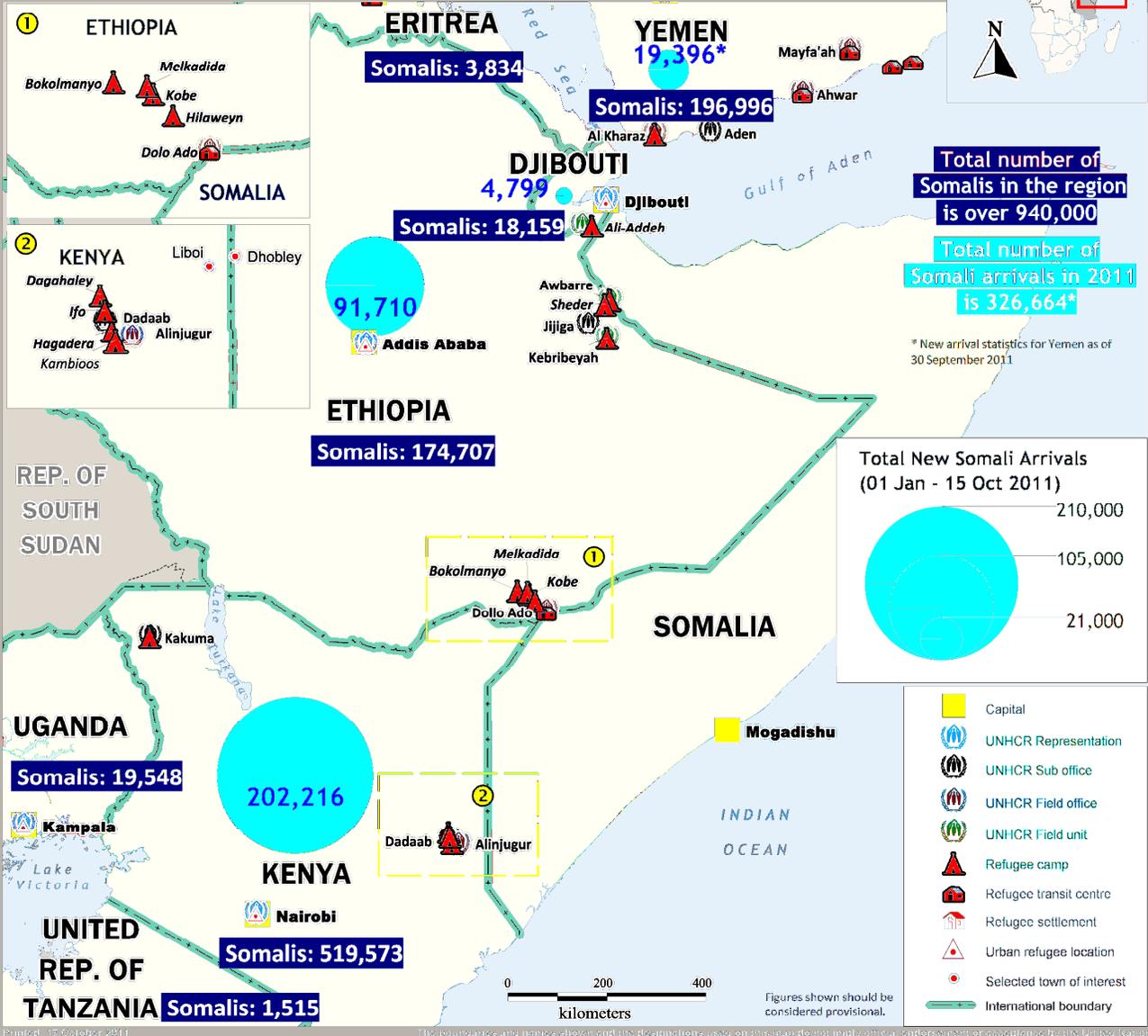
- Following enhanced health and nutrition interventions in the Dollo Ado complex of camps, a significant decline in the crude mortality rate has been noted in all of the camps. The crude mortality rate is now well below the emergency threshold of 1 death per 10,000 people per day and for the past week is at 0.3/10,000/day in Kobe and 0.4/10,000/day in Hilaweyn which were the worst affected camps.
- For the first time since the outbreak of measles in August 2011, there was not a single reported case of measles in the Dollo Ado refugee camp complex.
- Since 12 October, heavy rains have resulted in flooding in many refugee shelters in Dollo Ado and hindered provision of assistance including water trucking to Hilaweyn, which relies solely on water brought in by trucks.

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