



HIGHLIGHTS

23,000

Evictions in Mogadishu since January

6,400

IDPs since late August caused by AMISOM/SNAF offensive

9,159

Cross-border movements into Somalia since January

1,700

NFIs for flood victims in Kismayo in August

Population of concern

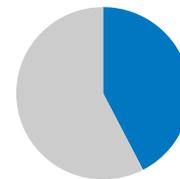
A total of **1.12 M** people of concern

Type	Total PoC
IDPs	1,106,000
Refugees (mainly Ethiopian)	2,535
Asylum seekers (mainly Ethiopian)	9,538
Total	1,118,073

Funding

USD 69.89 million requested

Gap
58%



Funded
42%

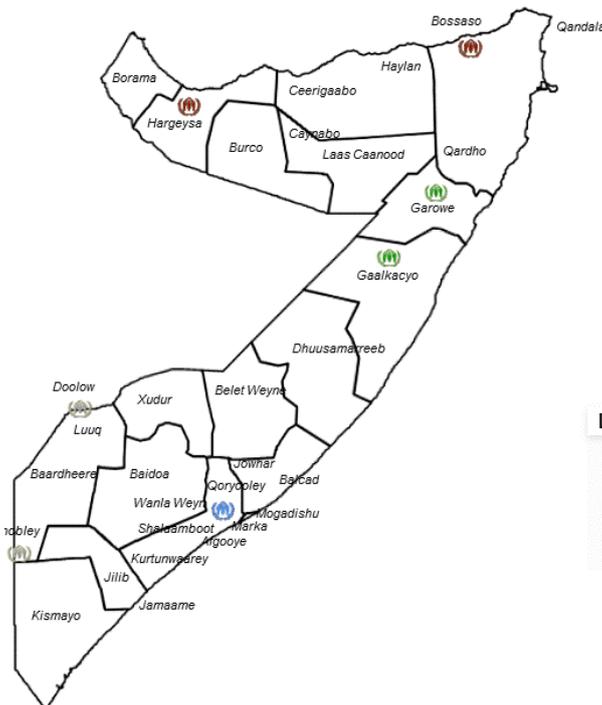
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

65 national staff , 14 international staff
23 affiliated workforce, 10 UN volunteers

Offices:

6 offices and 2 field units located in: Mogadishu, Galkayo, Garowe, Bossaso, Hargeisa, Dhobley, Dollow, Support Hub Nairobi/Kenya



Legend

-  UNHCR Representation
-  UNHCR Sub Office
-  UNHCR Field Office
-  UNHCR Field Unit



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- As part of the UN integrated mission to Somalia (UNSOM), UNHCR maintains close collaboration with other UN agencies, local and international NGOs and Somali authorities at country and field levels, in the joint effort to provide assistance and durable solutions to the people of Somalia. Through weekly inter-agency meetings and other communication channels, UNHCR actively engages in coordination and information-sharing, particularly with UNSOM and OCHA. As a lead agency of the Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters, and the coordination of the Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN), UNHCR spearheads productive partnerships with more than 60 national and international NGOs. Since mid-2012, UNHCR leads the Somalia Return Consortium, a group of nine UN agencies and NGOs providing coordinated and standardized assistance to IDPs that opt to return and reintegrate in their areas of origin to end displacement. Together with IOM, UNHCR also leads the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- In August 2014, the UNHCR-led Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters held a joint training in Hargeisa, with 30 participants including regional clusters coordinators, protection staff and Puntland/Somaliland authorities.
- UNHCR continued to monitor displacement caused by the second phase of the AMISOM/SNAF's Operation Indian Ocean', an anti Al Shabaab military offensive launched in late August. According to preliminary reports, a total of around 6,400 civilians were displaced in the context of the second phase of the offensive from late August to 7 September, mainly in Bakool and Lower Shabelle regions. In addition, movements of drought-affected communities were reported in Gedo and Bay regions (around 1,000 families in the last two months).
- UNHCR is monitoring forced evictions in Mogadishu. Since January 2014, more than 23,000 individuals were forcibly evicted in the Somali capital, of which around 9,000 IDPs have been evicted in late August/early September in Hodan district. In response to this trend, UNHCR is actively advocating with the federal/local authorities, in close collaboration with the HC office. A workshop on IDP protection and basic principles of humane eviction was facilitated in Mogadishu for Government authorities.
- On 31 August 2014, UNHCR participated in the training of new AMISOM Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Officers who will be deployed in Mogadishu and other key locations in South Central Somalia, with a focus on IDP protection and protection risks in these areas. On 30-31 August, UNHCR trained 25 Data Managers in Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) in Mogadishu.
- With regard to non-Somali refugees and asylum seekers in Somalia, UNHCR Hargeisa jointly with UNICEF and IOM, conducted a 5-day training for Immigration Officers and staff from the Ministries of Justice and Interior to enhance their capacity in dealing with different persons of concern.

Education

- UNHCR Hargeisa finalized the phase out plan for 72 grade one refugee students. Following awareness sessions, meetings with the refugees and parents/teachers' committees and various household assessments, 30 children are expected to start their first year of school in Somaliland in September 2014. The support enables refugee/asylum seeker children to attend primary school alongside children from their host community, promoting peaceful co-existence and improving access to quality education.

Health

- In Somaliland, through the implementing partner HYDA, access to health assistance was improved for 387 persons in August. Supplementary Feeding support was provided to 200 individuals. UNHCR has also started to review medical cases jointly with HYDA, in order to identify specific protection needs of the population and inform the office response in providing solutions. As of 31 August, 24 cases out of 107 medical cases have been assessed and are now pending panel decision.

Shelter and NFIs

- The UNHCR-led Shelter Cluster infrastructure mapping exercise has been finalized in Mogadishu and is ongoing in Galkayo. It will be completed in Somaliland and other locations in South Central Somalia by the end of 2014, if funds are secured.
- 1,700 UNHCR NFI kits were distributed to IDPs in Kismayo in August, as a response to the victims of recent floods. A further 3,000 UNHCR NFI kits are being shipped and will be distributed to IDPs in Kismayo in September.

- In Hargeisa, 4,360 blankets, 945 jerry cans, 910 sleeping mats and 4,610 bed sheets were distributed to detention facilities, hospitals, orphanages, mental health wards, migrants response centers, street children centers and safe houses, benefiting both persons of concern and host community to promote peaceful co-existence.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- In Hargeisa, a protection/refugee law training took place with the Refugee Committee in August as part of the office's ongoing training plan for the year to improve capacity and awareness among the refugee community.
- Market survey preparations for the implementation of livelihood projects were undertaken by UNHCR and AAH. Tools have been developed and the process is ongoing.

Durable Solutions

- Since 2013, UNHCR Somalia has shifted the focus of its operation from care and maintenance to durable solutions, in an effort to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development. This is happening through a number of strategic alliances and partnerships, which will help create conditions for a conducive to return and reintegration.
- UNHCR advocates for and is funding a collaborative profiling process in Mogadishu, Galkayo and Hargeisa. The profiling, supported by the Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS), is scheduled for launch in near future. A two-week JIPS IDP profiling mission in August to Nairobi, Mogadishu and Hargeisa to provide technical support to partners for IDP profiling activities has concluded and a de-briefing meeting for donors and partners took place in Nairobi. Data will be available end-year and may impact the overall IDP population figure, while informing a comprehensive solutions strategy for IDPs.
- The UNHCR Global Initiative on Somali Refugees (GISR) regional Ministerial meeting, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 20 August, allowed for high level debate and commitments. All participants reiterated the need to work together to create solutions for Somali refugees and IDPs and to join efforts for peace and security, not only in Somalia but also at regional and global level. In their statements, delegates unanimously expressed their commitment to preserve the asylum space and find durable solutions to the Somali displacement situation with nearly 1 million Somali refugees in the region and 1.1 million IDPs within Somalia.
- Following the Somalia Return Consortium training of 16 enumerators, the IDP returns intention survey has started in various locations of Somaliland. In August, 5 cases (19 individuals) were recognized as refugees improving their protection environment. 14 individuals departed on resettlement to Canada and the Netherlands.
- A final preparatory meeting took place in Nairobi in August 2014 among the members of the Tripartite Agreement. The agreement was signed in Nairobi on 10 November 2013 by the Governments of Kenya and Somalia, and UNHCR. A six-month Pilot Phase has been developed by UNHCR offering support to Somalia refugees in Kenya who wish to return and resettle in their country of origin as a solution to their displacement. The Pilot Phase remains to be launched and will offer support to refugees wishing to return to three districts in South Central Somalia – Luuq, Baidoa and Kismayo.

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