



POETRY, ART, MUSIC & STORYTELLING COMPETITION

‘Home’

On the occasion of World Refugee Day on 20 June 2015, UNHCR Somalia launches a Poetry, Art, Music & Storytelling Competition on the theme:

‘Home - Durable Solutions to end Displacement of the People of Somalia’

Today, an estimated 2.1 million Somalis live in displacement in and around their home country. Around 1.1 million of them have fled their homes due to war, insecurity, fear and famine, and sought refuge elsewhere in Somalia – and close to 1 million are registered as refugees in Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and across the Gulf of Aden in Yemen.

What are their prospects and dreams for the future? What are the options and solutions to end the displacement? Can the displaced return to Somalia? Or settle where they are?

The Poetry, Art, Music & Storytelling Competition is open to people living in or affected by displacement in and around Somalia. To participate, depict in writing or visual artwork the theme: **‘Home - Durable Solutions to end Displacement of the People of Somalia’**

Contributions must be original and submitted to UNHCR Somalia by **Monday 20 July 2015**. Remember to indicate your name, location and contact details when submitting via email.

SMS poem: 1 SMS/max 140 characters – send from within Somalia to toll-free number 3-4-5

Visual art: Photo or scan of the drawing or painting - email to infosomalia@unhcr.org

Essay: Max. 500 words (English) – email to infosomalia@unhcr.org

Photo essay: Min. 5 photos with captions – email to infosomalia@unhcr.org

Video: Link or file (max 5 MB) - email to infosomalia@unhcr.org

Music: Link or MP3 file (max 5 MB) - email to infosomalia@unhcr.org

Contributions will be reviewed by a panel to select the winners:

Abdi Aynte, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Somalia

Mohamed Ali Nur ‘Americo’, former Somali Ambassador to Kenya

Yussuf Hassan, Chief Editor, Xaqiiqa Times, Somalia

Louise Tunbridge, Programme Manager, Radio Ergo

Bushra Halepota, Acting Representative, UNHCR Somalia

Winners will be contacted and results announced on 30 July via Twitter: @UNHCRSom

World Refugee Day is marked every year on 20 June to recognize the resilience of forcibly displaced people throughout the world.

UNHCR Somalia looks forward to hearing from you!