

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #31

29 July – 4 August 2015

KEY FIGURES

28,433

Arrivals from Yemen since 27 March 2015 at the early onset of the crisis

1,613

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March out of the total of 2,752 Yemeni arrivals

17,124

Arrivals registered at Reception Centers in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu since 27 March

55%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

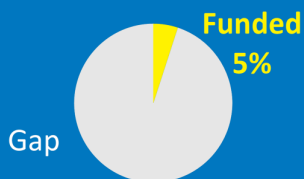
8,269

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance to their areas of return since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

requested for the Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-September 2015)



HIGHLIGHTS

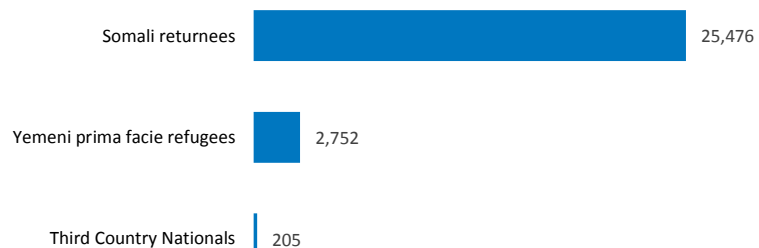
- During the reporting period, a total of 2,616 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (73 persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (2,543 persons). Out of them, 1,124 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.
- A large boat named Nawal III reached Bossaso on 30 July 2015 carrying 2,543 individuals (2,197 Somalis, 337 Yemenis, 7 Ethiopians, 1 Kenyan and 1 Indian).
- In Berbera, assistance continued to be provided to new arrivals of 28 July (34 passengers, including 3 Somali nationals and 31 Yemenis) and another boat arrived on 3 August, carrying 73 individuals (47 Somalis and 26 Yemenis).
- The total number of arrivals in Somalia in the month of July reached over 9,800 persons, the peak month since the beginning of the Yemen situation, followed by the month of May with over 8,600 arrivals.
- The Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General/Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator for Somalia, Peter de Clercq, visited Berbera and Bossaso on 4 August 2015, together with UNHCR and IOM.
- A potential new Reception Center was identified in Berbera to replace the existing 2nd Reception Center, which is a school and will not be available from September.



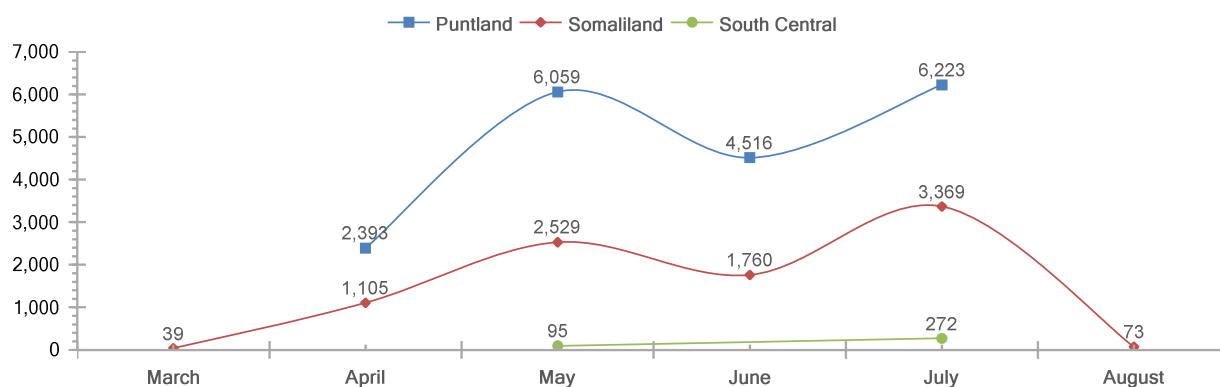
Vessel Nawal III reaches Bossaso Port with over 2,500 new arrivals from Yemen ©UNHCR/ 30 July 2015)

Population of concern

A total of **28,433** people of concern



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
Ethiopia	65	102		167	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	17,627	7,482	367	25,476	90 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		8		8	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,478	1,274		2,752	10 %
Total	19,191	8,875	367	28,433	100 %
	67.50 %	31.21 %	1.29 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,101	4,261	23	12,385	44 %
Females	5,847	2,418	123	8,388	30 %
Males	5,123	2,196	112	7,431	26 %
Total	19,071	8,875	258	28,204	100 %
	67.62 %	31.47 %	0.91 %		

Note: not all individuals that arrived remained to be registered. The figures shown here reflect those who have chosen to have their bio data collected

INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

Areas of Intended Return	First Point of Entry from Yemen			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	4,500	4,909	0	9,409	55 %
Hargeisa	323	1,528	0	1,851	11 %
Bossaso	624	238	0	862	5 %
Kismayo	328	174	0	502	3 %
Baidoa	364	118	0	482	3 %
Afgooye	221	124	0	345	2 %
Other locations	1,881	1,730	62	3,145	18 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,241	8,821	62	17,124	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

On 1 August 2015, due to celebrations for the anniversary of the Puntland State of Somalia's autonomy declaration, UN staff's movements were limited and UNHCR had to put on hold registration of Yemeni refugees until the following day.

With the change of control of Aden, which returned under Saudi-backed Yemeni forces, it is expected that outflows of Somalis will continue, while outflows of Yemenis may slightly decrease. However, it is noted that many Somalis have moved out of Aden due to the conflict and are closer to Mokha and particularly Mukalla Port, where thousands of Somali refugees reportedly are. With the reopening of Aden's Seaport and Airport possibility of evacuations by boat and plane from Aden may also be explored.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR Bossaso registered in UNHCR registration system, ProGres, 123 Yemeni arrivals (28 households) as prima facie refugees. The total number of Yemeni nationals registered as refugees in Bossaso is currently 1,141 persons (400 households).
- Upon registration, three months subsistence allowance has been given to Yemeni refugees (60 USD per head of household per month, plus 20 USD per additional adult family member and 10 USD per child). UNHCR had noticed the current subsistence allowance being provided was not sufficient to meet the basic needs of Yemeni refugees, particularly shelter. UNHCR and the Puntland Ministry of Interior have conducted a quick living survey in Bossaso, Garowe and Gardo to revise the scale of the payment. The subsistence allowance rate was increased to 100 USD per head of household per month and 120 USD for very vulnerable persons, to include rent for refugees and facilitate their peaceful co-existence with the host community and integration in the local economy.
- UNHCR's implementing partner DRC is completing rehabilitation work at the 2nd Reception Centre in Bossaso and the new Center should be operational by the second week of August.
- Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) provided Restoring Family Links (RFL) assistance to 490 individuals through the provision of access to urgent phone calls. Additionally, SRSC provided psychosocial support to 5 new arrivals in Bossaso.
- Tadamun Social Society (TASS), UNICEF's local partner, placed three unaccompanied children in foster care and referred them to their extended families. Psychosocial support was provided to 13 separated or unaccompanied children by TASS/UNICEF and Save the Children. TASS/UNICEF also constructed a temporary partition for privacy of women in the 1st Reception Center in Bossaso.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Registration of Yemeni refugees currently in remote areas is pending due to difficulties by UNHCR staff in reaching those locations. As agreed with the Puntland Ministry of Interior, refugees will be informed to go for registration to the nearest UNHCR office, depending on security and accessibility. Recruitment of UNHCR new Registration Assistants, which is being finalized, will also contribute to fill in this gap.
- UNHCR biometric registration equipment is scheduled to be dispatched to Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu from 6 August 2015 and biometric registration should be operational from the second week of August.

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Achievements and Impact

- Rehabilitation of the two Reception Centers in Berbera is underway, including construction of a kitchen and extra latrines and laundry facilities. UNHCR's implementing partners, Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBRs) and DRC, have now their own office at the Center. IOM medical unit has been upgraded and Save the Children is finalizing the construction of the children playground area and the registration room.
- A joint mission by UNHCR, IOM and Somaliland Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR) took place on 29 July 2015 to review four different possible reception sites in Berbera, to replace the current 2nd Reception Center which is a school. A potentially suitable facility was identified and contract for rehabilitation work should be signed soon. The establishment of this alternative Reception Center in addition to the set-up of UNHCR Field Office in Berbera will increase the capacity of UNHCR and partners to receive and respond to the needs of larger numbers of new arrivals in Somaliland.

- Revised information leaflets were printed and are now being distributed at the reception centers in Somali, Arabic, Oromo, Amharic and English. These leaflets provide new arrivals with information about available services and their rights and responsibilities in Somaliland.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Although a facility has been identified that could be developed into a large Reception Center for new arrivals in Berbera, significant rehabilitation work would need to be undertaken before the Center could be fully operational.
- There is a need to distribute identification cards to new arrivals so that their lawful status in Somaliland can be easily confirmed and, where possible, assistance provided at their final destinations. This will be in addition to the proof of registration that all new arrivals receive after initial data collection in Berbera and the certificates provided through UNHCR ProGres system once they register with MRRR in Hargeisa.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- The Somali evacuees, who arrived in Mogadishu with IOM evacuation flight on 27 July 2015 and were accommodated at the Mogadishu Reception Center, were assisted with communicating with and finding relatives in Somalia. Everyone left the Centre to rejoin their families within the third day upon arrival from Yemen.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- TASS, UNICEF's local partner, and SRCS provided emergency medical support upon arrival in Bossaso to 18 individuals, including 9 children, and Save the Children provided medical referrals to 48 patients (10 children and 38 adults). Ten patients remain in the hospital in Bossaso. Save the Children provided emergency medical assistance to 20 Yemeni refugees in Gardo (4 children and 16 adults).



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- WFP provided 2.32 metric tons of food commodities in the Bossaso Reception Center through its local partner Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA). Additionally, WFP provided plumpy doz to 150 children to prevent malnutrition.
- Save the Children provided nutrition screening at Bossaso Reception Center to 89 children under the age of 5 and 39 lactating mothers. 3 moderate acute malnutrition cases were identified and provided with plumpy doz.
- DRC provided emergency water and biscuits to 2,543 new arrivals at Bossaso Port. The same services were provided to 1,051 persons in the Reception Center in Bossaso.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- NRC continued to coordinate garbage collection and hygiene promotion campaign at the Reception Center in Bossaso and SRSC provided five volunteers to engage in hygiene and sanitation activities.

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Achievements and Impact

- Construction of additional toilet and bathroom facilities at both Reception Centers in Berbera continues.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Water pressure in Berbera is generally limited, which makes it necessary to bring in water by trucks. It is hoped that the construction of elevated water tanks will alleviate this problem at the Reception Centers.

Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- NRC has provided 527 Non Food Item (NFI) kits to 527 Somali returnee households at Bossaso Reception Center.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and its implementing partner Puntland Elders Network (PEN) assisted 13 families of Somali returnees in finding housing in Bossaso.



Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through its implementing partner IOM, provided onward transportation assistance to 239 Somali returnees, 152 of whom went to Mogadishu. Save the Children provided onward transportation to 11 Somali returnees. Among the over 2,500 arrivals of 30 July, 993 have or will be getting onward transportation assistance from UNHCR, IOM, local authorities, and other Puntland New Arrivals Task Force members, including 918 returnees to South Central, 42 to Puntland and 33 to Somaliland.

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Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through its implementing partner IOM, provided 241 Somali returnees with onward transportation assistance to those who arrived in Berbera on 26 July (218 returnees to South Central regions, 1 to Puntland, 2 to Somaliland and 4 to Ethiopia) and on 28 July (15 to South Central regions and 1 to Somaliland).

Working in partnership

- On 4 August 2015, the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General/Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator for Somalia, Peter de Clercq, visited Berbera, Somaliland, and Bossaso, Puntland, with a delegation that included senior officers from UNHCR, UNOCHA and IOM. The delegation visited the Reception Centers in Berbera and Bossaso, and met with a range of senior members of the local government and partners. It was highlighted during the meetings that no refugee camp is foreseen but preferably community-based approach and cash grant to support vulnerable arrivals from Yemen, in order to ensure access to basic services.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – September 2015) was released on 4 June and shared with donors, governments and partners. 11 UN agencies and NGOs participate in the inter-agency response. The Response Plan can be accessed at <http://goo.gl/pVH7da>. Total funding received to date is USD 3.5 M (approximately 5% of total approved budget).

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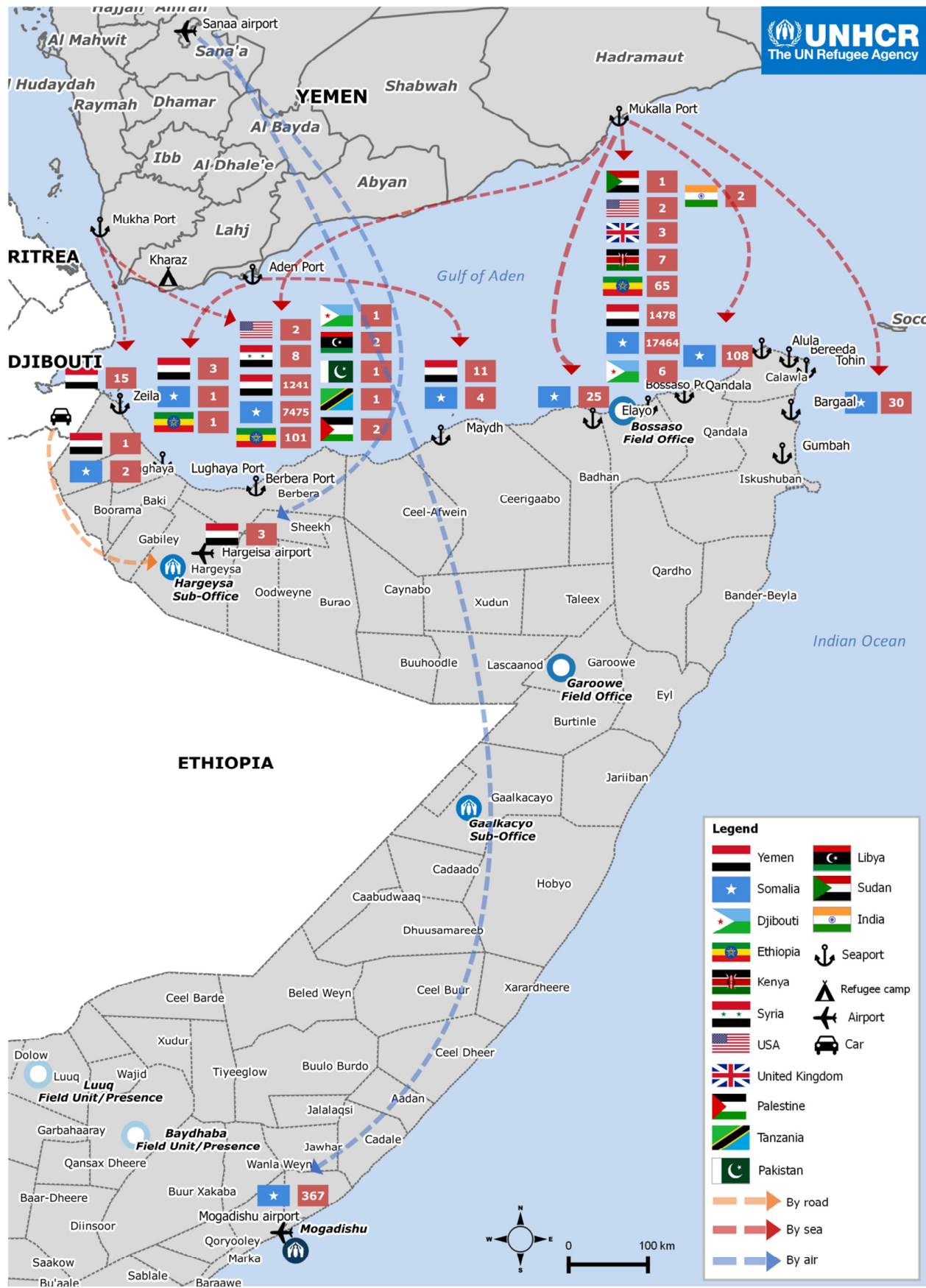
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