

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #49

01 – 07 December 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,924

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

4,314

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

18,360

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

9,670

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

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

**Funded
6%**

Gap
94%



HIGHLIGHTS

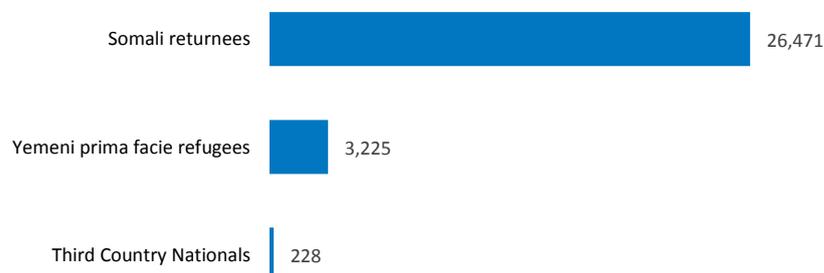
- There were two new arrivals recorded during the reporting period in Somalia, for a total of 111 individuals. A boat carrying 109 individuals arrived in Bossaso, Puntland, on 01 December and a second boat carrying 2 individuals arrived in Berbera, Somaliland, on 03 December.



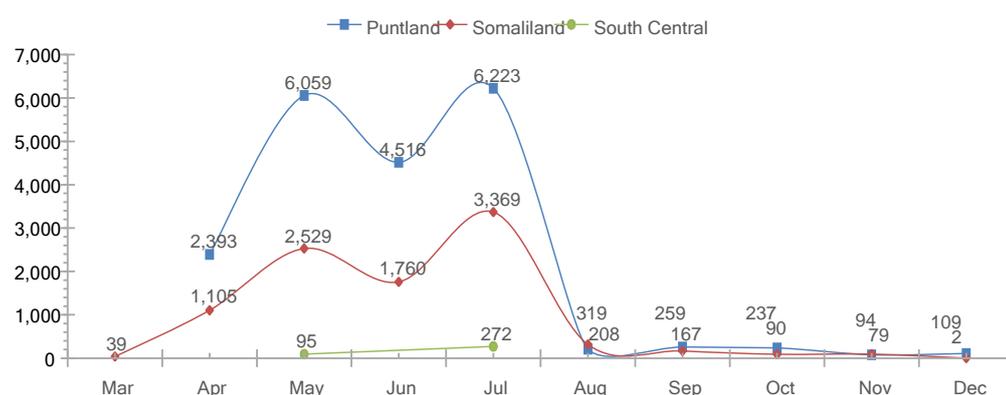
Upon arrival at Bossaso port, photograph courtesy of the Danish Refugee Council

Population of concern

A total of **29,924** people of concern



RRIVALS PER MONTH



| Month | Total # of Arrivals |
|--------------|---------------------|
| March | 39 |
| April | 3,498 |
| May | 8,683 |
| June | 6,276 |
| July | 9,864 |
| August | 527 |
| September | 426 |
| October | 327 |
| November | 173 |
| December | 111 |
| Total | 29,924 |

ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

| Nationality | Arrived to | | | Total | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Puntland | Somaliland | South Central | | |
| Djibouti | 6 | 1 | | 7 | 0 % |
| England | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 0 % |
| Ethiopia | 70 | 109 | | 179 | 1 % |
| India | 2 | | | 2 | 0 % |
| Iraq | 1 | | | 1 | 0 % |
| Kenya | 7 | | | 7 | 0 % |
| Lebanon | | 1 | | 1 | 0 % |
| Libya | | 2 | | 2 | 0 % |
| Pakistan | | 1 | | 1 | 0 % |
| Palestine | | 2 | | 2 | 0 % |
| Somalia | 18,345 | 7,759 | 367 | 26,471 | 88 % |
| Sudan | 3 | | | 3 | 0 % |
| Syria | 2 | 11 | | 13 | 0 % |
| Tanzania | | 1 | | 1 | 0 % |
| Turkey | 1 | | | 1 | 0 % |
| USA | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 0 % |
| Yemen | 1,641 | 1,584 | | 3,225 | 11 % |
| Total | 20,083 | 9,474 | 367 | 29,924 | 100 % |
| | 67.11 % | 31.66 % | 1.23 % | | |

| G/A | Arrived to | | | Total | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | PL | SL | SC | | |
| Children | 8,382 | 4,455 | 23 | 12,860 | 43 % |
| Females | 6,097 | 2,554 | 123 | 8,774 | 30 % |
| Males | 5,461 | 2,465 | 112 | 8,038 | 27 % |
| Total | 19,940 | 9,474 | 258 | 29,672 | 100 % |
| | 67.20 % | 31.93 % | 0.87 % | | |

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 | 4,811 | 5,058 | 0 | 9,869 | 54 % |
| Hargeisa | 347 | 1,779 | 0 | 2,126 | 12 % |
| Bossaso | 692 | 251 | 0 | 943 | 5 % |
| Baidoa | 412 | 156 | 0 | 568 | 3 % |
| Kismaayo | 377 | 186 | 0 | 563 | 3 % |
| Afgooye | 228 | 124 | 0 | 352 | 2 % |
| Other locations | 2,014 | 1,863 | 62 | 3,939 | 22 % |
| Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers | 8,881 | 9,417 | 62 | 18,360 | 100 % |

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

Puntland

Bossaso

On 1st December 2015 Bossaso Puntland received one vessel, the “Shamis-4”, arriving from Al Mukala Port. The crossing took 40 hours, with no reported incidents. The vessel was carrying 109 individuals: 90 Somalis, 18 Yemenis and one Syrian national, including 79 adults (45 males and 34 females) and 30 children. Twenty-four individuals refused assistance and left without going to the reception centre for registration. Of the remaining 85 individuals that were registered, 72 Somalis requested and received onward travel assistance: 39 to Mogadishu, 13 to Baydhabo, two to Dodal, two to Cerigao, three to Hargeisa and 13 to Kismayo. The IOM sponsored medical team visited 18 individuals: 11 over the age of five (5 female and 6 males) and seven under the age of five (4 girls and 3 boys).



Provision of sanitary pads for vulnerable women and girls at the reception center one, photograph courtesy of the Danish Refugee Council

SOMALILAND

On the 3rd December 2015 Berbera Somaliland received one vessel, the “Al Salamah”, arriving from Dhubab, in the Taiz region. The crossing took 24 hours, with no reported problems. The vessel was carrying two individuals, both Yemeni adults (one male and one female). Both received Onward Travel Assistance to Hargeisa.

Since March 2015, 9,481 new arrivals (2,978 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1,584 Yemenis, 7,755 Somalis, 109 Ethiopians, and 21 people of other nationalities. The number of new arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland, remains relatively low.

Achievements



Protection

PUNTLAND

Bossaso

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- The vessel was carrying 109 individuals, 90 Somali, 18 Yemeni and 1 Syrian, 79 adults (45 males, 34 females) and 30 children. Twenty-four individuals did not require assistance upon arrival and left from the port.
- Of the remaining 85 individuals identified with the International Organization for Migration, 72 Somali's requested onward travel assistance: 39 to Mogadishu, 13 to Baydhabo, two to Dodal, two to Cerigao, three to Hargeisa and 13 to Kismayo.
- UNHCR registered 25 households comprising 55 individuals the following day at Reception Center One: 15 Yemeni households with 28 individuals and 10 Somali households with 27 individuals. The remaining 30 individuals have yet to be located.
- The Danish Refugee Council emergency team provided water and light food for the new arrivals and also sanitary pads for the 42 women and girls registered at the reception center.
- Subsistence allowance for Yemeni refugees was provided to 320 households from various locations in Puntland. They received their October monthly subsistence allowance through UNHCR project partners Danish Refugee Council.
- UNHCR, together with DRC, are continuing with dissemination of information for Somali returnees and the provision of assistance to IDP settlements, to the leaders of communities and the beneficiaries.
- The Somali Red Crescent Society provided restoring family links (RFL) free phone calls to 57 returnees.

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- The 03 December arrivals departed from Bab-al-Mandab port at 1:00 PM on 2 December 2015 and reached the Somaliland coastline at 2:30 PM on 3 December 2015. Due to the general stability of the winds and enough space being available at the port, the vessel was able to dock soon afterwards. The new arrivals reported that their journey was free of charge, that they had not faced any kind of abuse and had been given water and food (beans, bread and tea).
- The New Arrivals reported that they did not leave Yemen earlier because they were living in relative peace in their village of Dhubab (Taiz region). The decision to leave was taken on account of the recent upsurge in fighting in Taiz. The New Arrivals reported that they have stayed several days in Bab-Al-Mandab with their relatives before traveling to Somaliland.
- After their arrival in Berbera, the new arrivals were welcomed as per the usual established procedures by several agencies, including DRC, IOM, Somaliland Red Crescent Society (SRCS), government agencies and the immigration office, which took care of the registration formalities. Later on, they were taken to the Reception Center, where DRC provided them with food and water. The new arrivals departed from the reception center immediately after registration and were provided with water and food before their departure.

Hargeisa

Registration

- Between 30 Nov and 6 Dec 2015, a total of 113 Yemeni refugees (59 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by MRR&R.
- Also during 30 Nov - 6 Dec 2015, a total of 17 Yemeni Asylum seekers (11 cases) who had arrived in Somaliland before 28 March 2015 have been registered in Hargeisa by MRR&R.
- A total of 2,475 Yemeni refugees (1,259 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa between 28 March 2015 and 06 December 2015.
- A total of 2,551 Yemeni prima facie refugees (1,284 cases) have been registered with UNHCR SO Hargeisa as of 06 December 2015.

Assistance

- A blanket cash distribution took place on 1, 2 and 3 December for Yemeni new arrivals. The distribution covered emergency cash support for November and December.



Health

PUNTLAND

- For the vessel of 1 December, the IOM sponsored medical team visited 18 individuals: 11 over the age of five (5 female and 6 males) and seven under the age of five (4 girls and 3 boys). None required further treatment.

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- For the vessel of 3 December no medical assistance was required from the IOM medical team.



Logistics

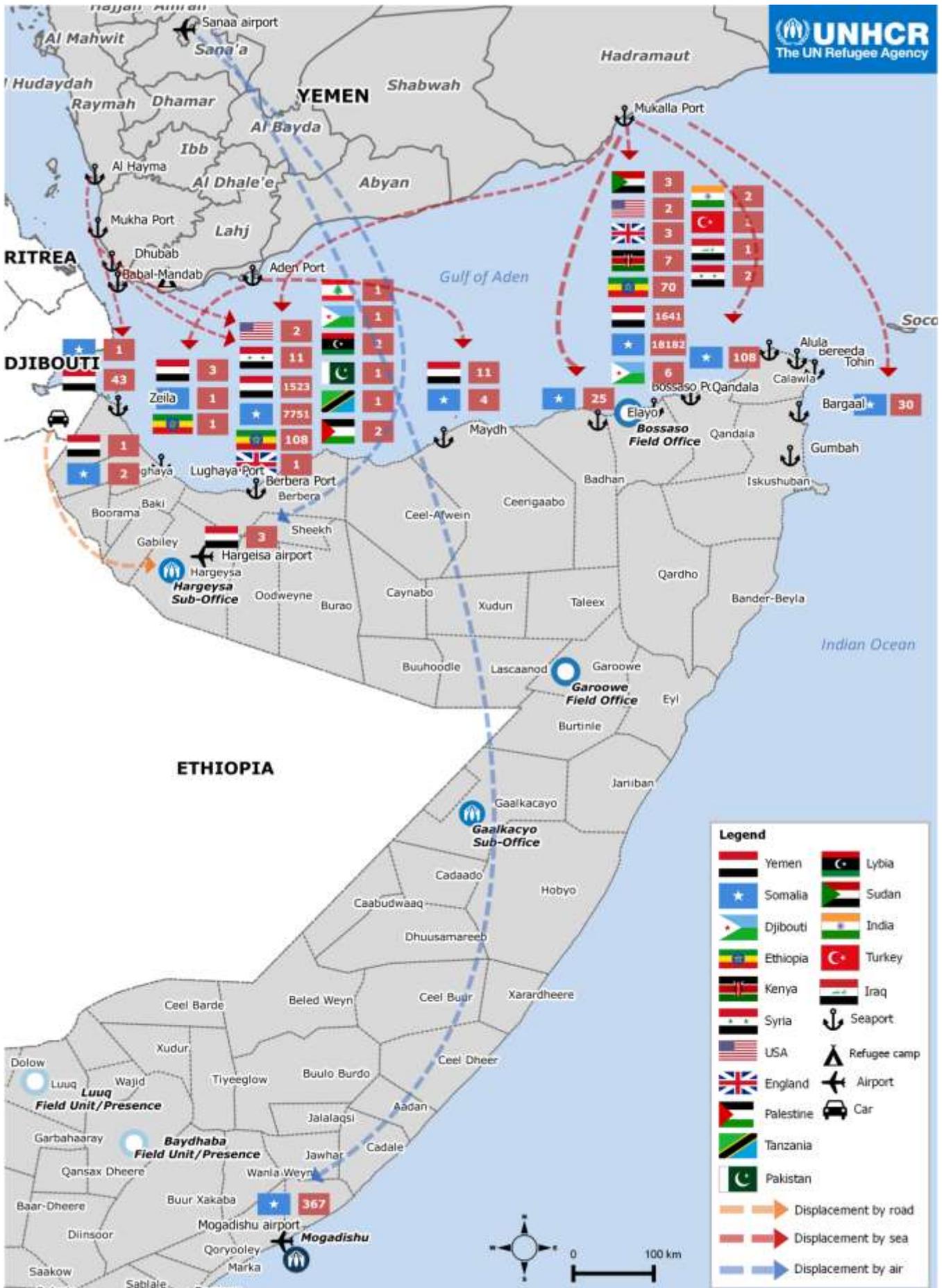
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- 72 Somalis from the vessel “Shamis-4” which arrived from Al Mukala Port requested onward travel assistance: 39 to Mogadishu, 13 to Baydhabo, two to Dodaal, two to Cerigao, three to Hargeisa and 13 to Kismayo.

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 3.9 M (approximately 6% of total approved budget).

Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the situation: [European Union](#) | [Italy](#) | [Japan](#) | [Sweden](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [United States of America](#)



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