



UNHCR providing business grants in Galkayo

HIGHLIGHTS

3,349

Somali returnees assisted

2,628

Households provided with subsistence allowance

8,120

School fees provided

3,513

NFIs distributed

Population of concern

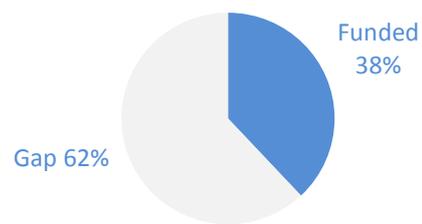
A total of **1.20 million** people of concern

by category

Category	Total PoC
Internally displaced people	1,106,751
Returnees	69,465
Asylum-seekers	12,794
Refugees	11,574
Total	1,200,584

Funding

USD **171.7 million** requested



UNHCR Presence

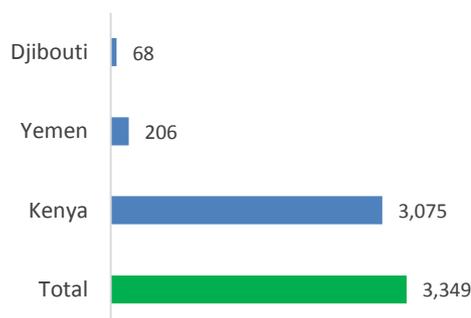
Staff

- 73 National staff
- 29 International staff

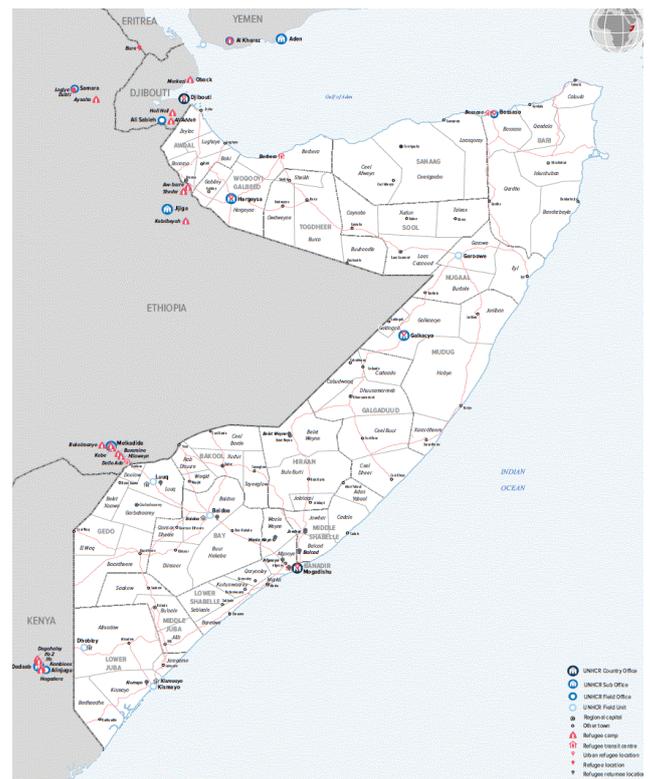
Offices

- 10 Offices:
 - 1 Representation office in Mogadishu
 - 1 Support office in Nairobi
 - 2 Sub-offices in Galkayo and Hargeisa
 - 1 Field Office Bossaso
 - 5 Field units in Baidoa, Dhobley, Garowe, Kismayo and Luuq

Returnees by country of asylum



UNHCR presence and refugee location



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- At the beginning of December, the UNHCR and IOM led inter-agency Task Force for the Yemen Response convened to discuss the return of Somalis from Yemen. Throughout the month UNHCR has also actively engaged in various other coordination meetings including one in Kismayo to specifically discuss and review repatriation activities in Jubaland, as well as numerous drought response meetings.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- Returns:** During December UNHCR assisted 3,349 Somali returnees, including 3,075 from Kenya, 206 from Yemen and 68 from Djibouti, to return to Somalia. Returns from Kenya to Somalia remained restricted to air transport as road convoys had not resumed following the Deyr rains. Several scheduled return flights had to be postponed due to heightened security measures that were prevailing in south and central regions of Somalia. In 2016, a total of 36,823 Somalis returned through the UNHCR supported process, including 33,792 from Kenya, 2,963 from Yemen and 68 from Djibouti.



Returnees from Kenya arriving at the Baidoa Airport.



The Deyr rains affected the road to Dhobley Border Way Station.

- Arrivals from Yemen:** During December, three boats carrying 272 arrivals from Yemen, including 204 Somalis, 62 Yemenis and six third country nationals arrived in Bossaso. There were no arrivals from Yemen through Berbera in December as the Somaliland government placed a suspension on vessels arriving due to a cholera outbreak in Yemen. In 2016, UNHCR assisted 4,558 arrivals, including 2,963 Somali returnees and 1,526 Yemenis. This brings the total of arrivals from Yemen to 34,760 since the crisis began.
- IDPs:** UNHCR partner the Puntland Ministry of Interior have biometrically register a total of 39,612 IDP individuals; 15,583 in Garowe, 17,228 in Galkayo and 6,555 in Qardho. Together with the Jubaland Refugee and IDPs Agency, UNHCR undertook a profiling of IDPs in Dolow and Dhobley where a total of 8,732 IDP households were identified (6,172 IDPs in Dolow and 2,560 IDPs in Dhobley).
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers:** UNHCR conducted 18 refugee status determination interviews for a total of 73 Ethiopian nationals.

Education

- From 1 January until 31 December 2016, UNHCR supported 8,120 children with monthly school fees. Through implementing partners Mercy Corps (MC) and INTERSOS, 5,530 returnee, IDP and host community benefitted from this assistance, and through partners Action Africa Help-International (AAH-I), Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT), Relief International (RI) and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), 2,590 refugees and asylum-seekers benefitted.
- In partnership with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), UNHCR completed the rehabilitation of a primary school and installed school fencing in IDP settlements in Galkayo.



Rehabilitation of a primary school in Tawkal [left] and school fencing in Madina Muwara settlement [right] IDP



Health

- UNHCR provided health assistance to 3,255 refugees and asylum-seekers, IDPs and members of host communities, through partners DRC, International Rescue Committee (IRC), GRT and Galkayo Medical Foundation (GMF).

WASH

- During December, UNHCR supported families affected by the drought in Puntland with water trucking. A total of 17,500 barrels were provided containing 3.5 million litres of water.

Shelter and NFIs

- **NFIs:** UNHCR, through partners, distributed 3,513 NFIs kits in December. 1,500 NFIs were provided to IDPs and members of the host community displaced by the Galkayo conflict, 960 NFIs to returnees from Kenya, 692 NFIs to families affected by the drought in Puntland, 180 NFIs were distributed to displaced people by the military operation near Kismayo, 24 NFIs were given to persons with specific needs in Galkayo, 157 NFIs and 100 dignity kits were provided to refugees in Somaliland.
- **Shelter:** UNHCR partner NRC constructed 270 shelters for 100 IDP households in Garowe, 80 returnee households, 80 IDP households and 10 host community households in Baidoa, and are continuing with the construction of 435 shelters for returnee households in Baidoa and Kismayo.

Livelihoods

- **Business grants:** UNHCR has, through partners DRC and American Refugee Council (ARC), provided 1,384 business grants to support economic self-sufficiency to 581 refugees, 395 individuals from IDP settlements, 225 returnees and 183 members of the host community in south central regions and Puntland. Additionally, ARC has provided microfinance-loans for 225 returnees, 75 IDPs and 75 host community to support their own business in Kismayo.



UNHCR distributing business grants to IDPs, refugees and host community in Galkayo

- **Re-installation grants:** To support returnees in re-establishing their lives in Somalia, UNHCR has, through partners, distributed a total of 753 one-time re-installation grants to 663 returnee households from Kenya and 90 returnee households from Yemen, upon their return to Somalia.
- **Subsistence allowance:** UNHCR has provided one time emergency subsistence allowance to 1,239 individuals; 683 Yemenis, 608 Ethiopians and 9 refugees from third countries. UNHCR has also provided subsistence allowance for a six month period to 1,389 households, comprising of 7,243 returnees, to enable people to address their immediate and mid-term needs.

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