

HIGHLIGHTS

829,925 refugees registered in the country

38,434 refugees newly registered so far in 2017

20,515 refugees newly registered in March

44,453 unaccompanied and separated children

Population of Concern by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	366,198
Somalia	246,742
Eritrea	168,447 ¹
Sudan	41,031
Yemen	1,643
Other Nationalities	5,864
Total	829,925

Age and Gender



Infants (0-4 yrs)

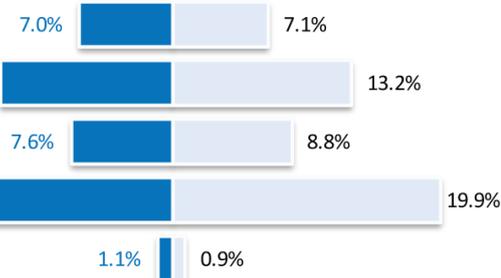
Children (5-11 yrs)

Adolescents (12-17 yrs)

Adults (18-59 yrs)

Elderly (60+)

Female (50.1%) Male (49.9%)



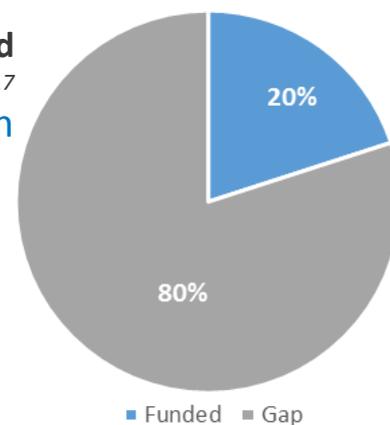
UNHCR Presence

Staff: 336 national staff, 92 international staff, 160 individual contractors, 23 deployees, 8 IUNVs, Total: 619

26 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia (in Addis Ababa)**, as well as Sub/Field Offices & Field Units located in five Regional States:

Afar (Aysaita, Barahle) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Tsore, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyoy, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).

Funding Requested as of 31 March 2017 USD 307.5 million



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) is UNHCR's main government counterpart with which close cooperation is maintained to ensure the protection of refugees in Ethiopia.
- UNHCR is fully engaged in coordination fora to mainstream the needs of refugees within humanitarian and national plans, including the UN Country Team, the Humanitarian Country Team, the Refugee Task Force, and donor, NGO and inter-agency meetings at the national, field and camp levels.
- A total of 16,274 South Sudanese refugees were registered in Ethiopia during the reporting month, almost three times as many compared to the arrivals in February. 85% of them originate from the Upper Nile State, 14% from the Jonglei State and 1% from Unity State, citing conflict and food insecurity as the reason for their flight. UNHCR and ARRA, together with their partners, are finalizing plans to establish an additional camp in the Benishangul-Gumuz region.
- Over 3,490 Eritrean and 583 Somali refugees were also registered in Ethiopia during the month, among others.

¹ 81, 078 Eritrean refugees previously registered as living in the camps are believed to have spontaneously settled elsewhere in Ethiopia. This figure is subject to verification

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Protection

- A party to the 1951 Refugee Convention, the 1967 Protocol and the 1969 OAU Convention, the Government of Ethiopia provides protection to refugees from some 20 countries; the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan. South Sudanese, Eritreans, Yemenis and Somalis originating from South and Central Somalia are recognized through light screening procedures. To all others, individual refugee status determination is undertaken by the Government's Eligibility Committee on which UNHCR sits as an observer.

Education

- The 2016/17 school year has seen 35,365 new students enrolled in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE); elementary and secondary schools, bringing the total number of refugees enrolled in general education to 179,022; including 75,359 female students. This represents an increase of almost 25% from 2015/2016. The Gross Enrolment Ratio by school level shows an increase from 42% to 56% for ECCE; 53% to 62.4% for primary, 9 to 9.6% for secondary education. Eighty ECCE learning centers, 56 primary and 18 secondary schools in and around 24 of the 25 refugee camps cater to the learning needs of students.

Health

- In Jan/Feb 2017, 65,199 persons benefited from consultations in Health Centers across refugee camps, 11.7% of whom from host communities. The health facility utilization rate is 0.9 consultation per refugee per year, slightly below the standard of 1 consultation/year. The mortality rate in children under five is of 0.1/1000/ month and remains within the expected range. 96% of all deliveries in the camps were conducted with the help of skilled birth attendants. As part of a national HIV prevention and treatment plan, mass campaigns for voluntary counselling and testing are being implemented by the Ministry of Health. Refugee camps are part of these ongoing effort.

Nutrition and Food Security

- A total of 506 severely acutely malnourished and 3,632 moderately acutely malnourished children (6-59 months) were treated in the nutrition centers of all refugee camps as of end of February 2017. Nutrition screening was conducted at the Dollo Ado reception center targeting all under five and pregnant and lactating women who arrived since 1 January 2017. The result showed a Global Acute Malnutrition rate of 32.2%, with 4% of the under-fives severely, acutely malnourished and 28% others were moderately, acutely malnourished. About 16% of the pregnant and lactating women screened were severely, acutely malnourished. UNHCR and its partners are working to address the situation.

Water and Sanitation

- 11.3 million litres of water are supplied to refugees daily; an average per capita access of 17.2 litres. Water trucking in Nguenyiel Camp has doubled following the increase in population, with the construction of a permanent water system underway. Discussions have commenced with refugee-hosting woredas (lowest administrative points) to provide Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services to refugees and host communities. The 'Self Reliance' and Regional Development and Protection Programme initiatives target all refugee-hosting locations.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- UNHCR and ARRA work in close coordination with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings and technical working groups take place both at the zone and camp levels.

Access to Energy and Environment Protection

- UNHCR provides refugees with ethanol fuel and kerosene for cooking and solar lanterns and street lights for lighting. In 2017, access to alternative energy sources and lighting has been prioritized with more than one million litres of liquid fuel, over 4,000 fuel saving stoves, 15,000 solar lanterns, and 619 solar street lights to be provided. Solar street light installation is underway at Pagak Reception Centre and Nguenyiel Camp, while solar lanterns were distributed in Aysaita and Barahle Camps. Activities aimed to mitigate land degradation in and around refugee camps continues, with efforts to raise and transplant 1.2 million seedlings. 480 hectares of land are also be rehabilitated.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- The implementation of self-reliance and job creation activities continue in different camps, mainly in the Dollo Ado camps where the IKEA Foundation and other donors are providing funds. Refugees receive training on cooperative development, business management and business grant support. Refugees and host community farmers are involved in irrigated agriculture and share the products on a 50:50 basis. ARA has recently confirmed that funds needed to establish industrial parks employing 100,000 people including 30,000 refugees had been secured.

Durable Solutions

- Providing an increased number of refugees the opportunity for resettlement is a priority, as the conditions for voluntary repatriation do not exist, and limited opportunities for local integration. Ethiopia's resettlement referral target for 2017 stood at 7,500 individuals, but is expected to drop significantly due to uncertainties around UNHCR's key resettlement partner programme. As of March 2017, 1,236 individuals were referred to the UNHCR Regional Service Centre for onward submission to resettlement countries. During the reporting period, 817 persons have been submitted and 541 persons departed for resettlement countries, 92% of them to the USA.

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