

SOMALIA

REPATRIATION UPDATE

1 - 30 April 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

	3,234 Somali refugees returned to Somalia
	927 core relief items distributed to 695 households (2,920 returnees)
	1,199 newly enrolled students
	2,632 returnees provided with reinstallation grants
	92 shelters and 63 latrines constructed
	2,425 beneficiaries enrolled in community-based projects

RETURN FIGURES

Country of asylum	1-30 April 2017	1 January - 30 April 2017
Kenya	2,704	23,601
Yemen	530	1,654
Djibouti	-	61
Tunisia	-	2
Total	3,234	25,318



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UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Operational Context:** On 6 April, the long expected *Gu* rains made roads to the areas of return impassable. As a result, UNHCR temporarily suspended return convoys from Kenya to Somalia while continuing to assist Somali refugees to return using the return flights.



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Impassable roads in Dhobley temporarily suspended return convoys from Kenya to Somalia.

Returnees arriving to the Way Station in Kismayo with the road convoys before the *Gu* rains.

Return Figures

- UNHCR received 3,234 Somali refugee returnees throughout the month of April, including 2,704 individuals from Kenya and 530 from Yemen.
- Since the beginning of the year until 30 April, a total of 25,318 Somali refugee returnees were repatriated to Somalia; 23,601 from Kenya, 1,654 from Yemen, 61 from Djibouti and two from Tunisia.

Return Assistance

- During the month of April, UNHCR with partners provided return assistance to refugee returnees from Kenya at the Home Way Stations (1,781 in Kismayo, 603 in Mogadishu, 164 in Afmadow, 136 in Baidoa and 18 in Luuq). At the Home Way Stations, returnees benefitted from the provision of information on assistance available in areas of return, transport options, security on route, mine risk education and availability of health services, as well as received accommodation, hot meals, drinking water, medical assistance and access to sanitation facilities.
- Somali refugee returnees from Yemen were received at the Reception Centres in Bossaso and Berbera where UNHCR, together with partners, provided 455 refugee returnees (235 in Bossaso and 220 in Berbera) with hot meals, drinking water, accommodation, information counselling and access to sanitation facilities.

Core Relief Items

- UNHCR with partners distributed a total of 783 CRI kits to 556 returnee households (2,602 individuals) from Kenya in five Home Way Stations. In Kismayo 539 CRI kits were provided to 367 households (1,781 individuals); 204 CRI kits were provided to 154 households (603 individuals) in Mogadishu; 26 CRI kits were provided to 26 households (164 individuals) in Afmadow; and 11 CRI kits were provided to 7 households (36 individuals) in Baidoa.



UNHCR with partners preparing CRI kits for returnees in Kismayo.

- UNHCR provided 108 CRI kits to 103 returnee households (211 individuals) from Yemen at the Reception Centres in Mogadishu and Berbera; 90 CRI kits were distributed to 85 households (160 individuals) in Mogadishu and 18 CRI kits were distributed to 18 households (51 individuals) in Berbera. While in Bossaso, 36 households (107 individuals) were provided with conditional cash grant in amount of US\$ 50 per households to enable them to purchase CRIs in the local markets.

Education

- Access to education:** In April, UNHCR partners Mercy Corps (MC) and INTERSOS registered 1,199 students in school (1,112 in primary and 87 in secondary education); 660 students in Baidoa and 539 in Mogadishu.
- Gaps and needs:** In Lower Juba region no new enrolments took place since the target number of 2,000 students has already been reached in March.
- Improved educational infrastructure:** In Baidoa, UNHCR partner African Volunteers for Relief and Development (AVORD) completed the rehabilitation of the Howlwadaag primary school, this consisted of two classrooms and a perimeter wall. While in Luuq, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) began installing fencing around the Salama primary school.



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Newly enrolled students in class with uniforms provided by UNHCR.

Cash Assistance

- **Reinstallation Grants:** Throughout the month of April, 2,632 Somali returnees, comprising of 610 households, were provided with a one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person by UNHCR; 2,314 individuals (471 households) from Kenya and 318 individuals (139 households) from Yemen.

Shelter

- Throughout the month of April, UNHCR partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the construction of 92 shelters and 63 latrines in Kismayo, bringing the total number of shelters and latrines constructed in Lower Juba region over the course of 2017 to 379 shelters and 175 latrines.



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New shelters and latrines in Kismayo.

Community Empowerment and Self Reliance

- In Kismayo, the UNHCR Representative in Somalia together with the President of Jubaland, the Commissioner for the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI) and partner American Refugee Committee (ARC) opened the Wamo Stadium in Kismayo and handed over to the Ministry of Sport.



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Opening of the Wamo Stadium in Kismayo.

Cash for Work

- In April in Baidoa, UNHCR partner INTERSOS continued with the rehabilitation of the Wadajir Mother Child Hospital (MCH) perimeter wall and sanitation facilities in the IDP camps through a cash for work programme targeting 200 beneficiaries (140 returnees, 40 IDPs and 20 members of the host community).



Wadajir MCH perimeter wall under construction [left] and cash for work beneficiaries [right].

- In April in Baidoa, UNHCR partner AVORD completed the rehabilitation of a perimeter wall and two classrooms for the Howlwadaag primary school with a cash for work programme that targeted 49 beneficiaries (34 returnees and 15 host community members).
- During the reporting period, a cash for work scrub clearance programme implemented through UNHCR partner DRC was completed in Luuq; 200 beneficiaries were targeted including 140 returnees, 40 IDPs and 20 host community.
- UNHCR partner ARC in Afmadow began the rehabilitation of a road and school playgrounds through a cash for work programme targeting 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 host community).



Beginning of a road rehabilitation in Afmadow through a cash for work programme.

Technical and Vocational Training

- UNHCR partner ARC in Kismayo continue to conduct technical and vocational training in construction, fabric dyeing, IT, baking and tailoring for 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 host community).
- UNHCR together with partner African Action Help-International (AAH-I) in Somaliland, continue to conduct technical and vocational training for 139 Somali returnees in carpentry and joinery, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dyeing, soap production and cooking.

- In Mogadishu, UNHCR partner Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) identified and registered 160 beneficiaries (128 returnees and 32 IDPs), for a technical and vocational training programme in nine different areas including IT, tailoring, beauty salon, mechanics, hand crafts, carpentry, welding, catering and mobile repairing.
- UNHCR partner ARC in Kismayo began technical and vocational training on fish preservation with the first group comprising of 40 beneficiaries out of an eventual 80 beneficiaries in total (48 returnees, 16 IDPs and 16 host community). Through this project, people of concern are equipped with new skills in fish drying, salting and preservation thus increasing their chances of employment and self-reliance.



A training on fish preservation in Kismayo.

Agricultural Production

- In Baidoa, UNHCR partner AVORD continued with the agriculture project targeting 450 beneficiaries (110 returnees, 100 IDPs and 240 host community). In April, beneficiaries have planted seeds.

Poultry Production

- In Kismayo, UNHCR partner ARC identified and registered 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs and 44 host community). The first group of 100 beneficiaries was trained in backyard poultry farming and constructed 37 poultry houses which are currently hosting 3,800 chickens.

Small-Business Enterprise

- In Luuq, 70 beneficiaries (49 returnees, 14 IDPs and seven host community) started with trainings in small-business management through UNHCR partner DRC. Each beneficiary will receive a start-up grant in amount of US\$ 500 to start their own business.



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Poultry house with 3,800 chickens in Kismayo [left] and a shop established through a micro-finance grant in Afmadaw [right].

- In Kismayo, UNHCR partner ARC identified 80 beneficiaries (48 returnees, 16 IDPs and 16 host community) for a small-business enterprise project. The beneficiaries will be trained in business management and received grants to start their business.
- After conducting an assessment, UNHCR partner Action Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) registered 555 beneficiaries (444 Somali returnees and 111 host community), living in Puntland (380 in Garoowe and 175 in Bossaso) to be trained in small-business management and to be provided with business cash grants to start-up their business.

Peaceful Co-existence

- In Luuq, two peaceful co-existence meetings took place facilitated by UNHCR partner DRC with 22 returnees from Kenya.

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