

Somalia

1-31 August 2017

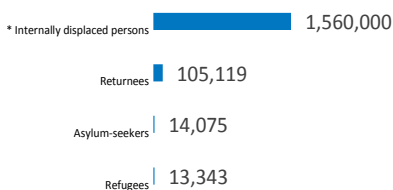
Humanitarian situation remains of concern mainly as a result of ongoing conflict, food shortages, loss of livestock and limited resources.

Severe drought, conflicts and food insecurity remain key drivers of ongoing **internal displacements**.

Expected *Deyr* rain may cause floods and further deteriorate fragile situation and **increase displacements**.

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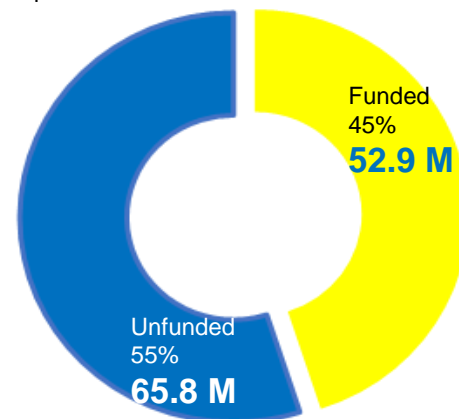


** Estimated Internally Displaced Persons as of 31 December 2016. An updated estimate of the current IDP population is in progress following the new displacements of more than 900,000 during 2017.*

FUNDING (AS OF 22 AUGUST)

USD 118.7 M

requested for Somalia



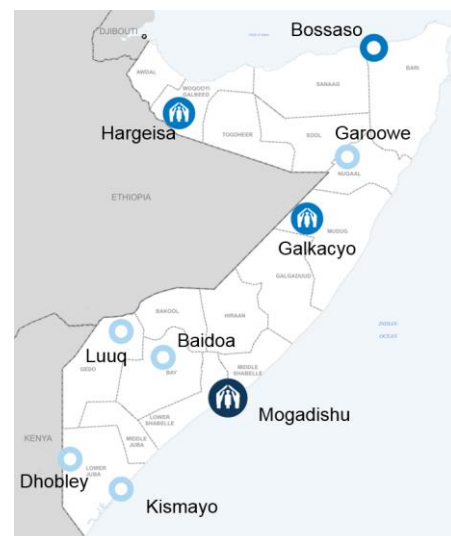
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Working with Partners

In August, UNHCR supported the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI) to host a **National Forum on Durable Solutions**, which was attended by a broad range of government, civil society and international stakeholders to deliberate on how Somalia can achieve solutions for displacement affected communities across the country. In particular, the Forum received widespread support from all levels of government, with the proposal of a draft national policy on returning refugees and IDPs, as well as a national action plan for the achievement of durable solutions.

Main Activities

Drought response

In August, UNHCR provided support to 67,325 persons¹ affected by drought.

- 35,088 persons (5,848 households) were provided with potable water (6,738 persons (1,123 households) in Togdheer region and 28,350 persons (4,725 households) in Lower Juba region);



Displaced persons in Lower Juba region benefiting from newly constructed water kiosks. © UNHCR / Lower Juba region, August 2017

¹ In cases where the exact number of persons isn't known the figure is based on the standard of one household consisting of six persons.

- 31,500 persons (5,450 households) benefited from core relief items² (CRIs): 1,500 CRI kits were distributed to 1,500 households (9,000 persons) in Woqooyi Galbeed region, 1,250 plastic sheets were distributed to 1,250 households (7,500 persons) in Lower Juba region, 1,100 emergency shelter kits were distributed to 1,100 households (6,600 persons) in Nugaal region.
- 1,000 conditional cash grants to purchase CRIs were distributed to 1,000 households (6,600 persons) in Bari region and 600 conditional cash grants to purchase CRIs were distributed to 600 households (2,400 persons) in Sanaag region.
- 737 persons were reached with gender-based violence (GBV) interventions, 728 in Bay region and nine in Woqooyi Galbeed region.
- In Lower Juba region, UNHCR completed the construction of seven water kiosks and one elevated water tank. With expanded water facilities, UNHCR is able to supply additional 2,400 persons with potable water.
- **Provisional figures from UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN)³** indicate that at least 58,000 persons were newly internally displaced countrywide in August, of whom 24,000 by conflict and 34,000 related to drought. This represents a decrease compared to July, which had seen a spike in total displacements, with 130,000 newly internally displaced by both conflict and drought. Cumulative drought-related displacements monitored by PRMN in the period 1 November 2016 to 31 August 2017 now total approximately 893,000 (or 804,000 year to date).

Protection

Protection cluster

The Protection Cluster (PC), led by UNHCR, reached some 73,087 beneficiaries with direct service provision as well as environment-building activities.

- Capacity to implement protection specific support services targeting drought - and conflict-affected populations remains low due to financial constraints, while coordination of protection activities would benefit from strengthened information management capacity and training of PC members, especially at sub-national level.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **In August, UNHCR recorded 349 new arrivals from Yemen** (259 Somalis, 80 Yemenis and 10 Ethiopians). Since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen, 38,537

² Core relief items are provided depending on the needs of persons of concern. In August, UNHCR provided CRI kits, emergency shelter kits, plastic sheets and conditional cash grants to purchase CRIs as core relief items.

³ The figures for August are provisional and may be adjusted as remaining reports are verified.

individuals arrived to Somalia, including 32,622 Somalis, 5,572 Yemenis and 343 third country nationals.

- Throughout August, UNHCR conducted Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews for 34 families (154 Ethiopian asylum-seekers and two Sudanese asylum-seekers), completed assessment of 11 cases submitted for review (55 Ethiopian asylum-seekers), delivered seven first-instance decisions (40 Ethiopian asylum-seekers), including two accepted (15 Ethiopian asylum-seekers) and five rejected (25 Ethiopian asylum-seekers), drafted the assessment of 20 cases (111 Ethiopian asylum-seekers), conducted derivative status for one case (three Ethiopian asylum-seekers), and placed 13 cases (39 Ethiopian asylum-seekers) on hold for suspected registration fraud.
- In August, UNHCR resettled six families (27 Ethiopian refugees) to Sweden. Another 15 households (65 Ethiopian refugees) were referred to regional hub for possible submission to Sweden and one case (one Ethiopian refugee) to France for family reunification.
- In August, UNHCR registered 213 people of concern: 124 Yemenis, 83 Ethiopians, three Eritreans, two Syrians and one Sudanese.
- UNHCR provided legal assistance to 169 refugees and asylum-seekers (143 Ethiopians, 21 Yemenis, five Eritreans and one Sudanese).
- In August, UNHCR reached 1,041 refugees and asylum-seekers with SGBV interventions; conducted awareness-raising reaching 1,005 persons, provided psychosocial counselling to 19 individuals and identified and supported 17 SGBV survivors.
- UNHCR also provided support to 61 refugees and asylum-seekers with specific needs.

Returnees

Since 2014, a total of 105,119 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia; 72,104 from Kenya, 32,622 from Yemen and 393 from other countries of asylum.

- In August 2017, a total of 2,173 Somali refugees returned to Somalia, 1,883 from Kenya, 259 from Yemen and 31 from Djibouti.

Internally displaced people

In August, **UNHCR reached 1,643 individuals with GBV interventions.**

- 1,013 with awareness-raising activities, 161 survivors received psychosocial counselling, 129 survivors received medical support, 104 survivors received legal support, 51 survivors received medical support and 159 survivors were supported in other ways.
- UNHCR provided capacity building for 26 participants from partner and governmental counterparts on GBV case management and psychosocial response.

Education

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- In August, UNHCR enrolled 951 refugees and asylum-seekers in school (761 Yemenis and 190 Ethiopians).

Returnees

- In August, UNHCR enrolled in the new school year 2017/2018 1,523 returnee students, 1,395 in primary and 128 in secondary education; 1,501 from Kenya and 22 from Yemen.

Health

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- In August, UNHCR provided access to primary health care services and referrals to secondary and tertiary health care to 2,152 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 1,694 Yemeni refugees and 458 Ethiopian refugees and asylum-seekers.

Internally displaced people

- UNHCR provided access to primary health care and referrals to secondary and tertiary health care to 1,120 persons of concern, including 595 IDPs and 525 members of host community.

Cash assistance

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- In August, UNHCR provided cash assistance to 2,222 households (6,169 persons), 2,157 households (5,911 persons) received monthly subsistence allowance and 12 households (61 persons) received one time emergency subsistence allowance to cover their basic needs.

Returnees

- In August, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person to 304 returnee households (1,091 persons); 232 returnee households (1,005 persons) from Kenya⁴ and 72 returnee households (86 persons) from Yemen.

⁴ Some returnees arriving near the end of the month will receive their reinstallation grants in the following month.

- UNHCR has also distributed subsistence allowance in amount of US\$ 200 per household per month to 5,643 households (27,134 persons)⁵; 5,474 returnee households (26,661 persons) from Kenya and to 169 returnee households (473 persons) from Yemen.

Shelter and NFIs

Shelter Cluster

In August, 43,620 persons were reached by the Shelter Cluster (SC), led by UNHCR, bringing a total number since January to 402,918. In August, SC reached 30,313 persons with non-food items (total 264,342 in 2017), 8,058 persons with emergency shelter kits (total 100,788 in 2017), 1,620 persons with transitional shelters (total 14,920 in 2017) and 3,630 persons with permanent shelters (total 7,530 in 2017). SC also provided 15,318 persons with plastic sheets in 2017.

- Lack of land to relocate the new IDPs calls for more land tenure advocacy to reduce secondary displacements. Limited funding and logistical constraints, such as high costs of transport, inaccessible roads, and insecurity, affected the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- UNHCR provided conditional cash grants in amount of US\$ 95 per household for emergency shelter kits to 13 Ethiopian asylum-seeker households (42 persons) that had been subjected to eviction.

Returnees

In August, UNHCR provided 781 kits of core relief items⁶ (CRIs) to 576 returnee households (2,180 persons).

- 686 CRIs to 515 households (1,978 persons) from Kenya, 73 CRIs to 39 households (172 persons) from Djibouti and 30 CRIs to 22 households (22 persons) from Yemen.
- In August, UNHCR constructed an additional 285 shelters: 195 in Kismayo district and 90 in Afmadow district.

Community empowerment and self-reliance

⁵ In some cases some of the households were paid at least US\$ 400 for two months to reduce continuous travel to pay points.

⁶ One CRI kit consists of three blankets, two 10 litre jerry cans, seven boxes of BP-5, three soap bars, three sleeping mats, one plastic sheet, two cooking pots, one large spoon and kitchen knife, five table spoons, plates and metal cups.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- In Woqooyi Galbeed region, 241 refugees and asylum-seekers accessed the Peaceful Co-existence Centre (PCC): 101 individuals attended trainings language (62) and literacy (39), while 140 use the library.

Returnees

In August, UNHCR supported a total of 2,570 beneficiaries (1,672 returnees, 282 IDPs and 616 members of host community) with livelihood activities.

- Out of 2,570 individuals, 249 were part of cash for work programme, 999 were enrolled in vocational training, 750 in small-business programme, 197 were assisted with self-employment opportunities and 375 in peaceful-coexistence forums.

Internally displaced people

In August, UNHCR supported 104 persons (74 IDP and 30 members of host community) with livelihood activities.

- 34 individuals (20 IDPs and 14 members of host community) were registered in vocation trainings in catering and hospitality management in Mudug region.
- 34 IPD who previously completed five-month vocational courses in tailoring, mobile repair, cooking and beauty salon, attended examination.
- UNHCR partner engaged 20 IDP women and 16 host community women who completed vocation training in tailoring to produce sanitary kits and have so far produced 1,500 kits.

Capacity building

- UNHCR is constructing temporary canteen and dorm facilities for 100 police officers for a joint police patrol in Mudug region. The joint police patrol was established with UNSOM support as part of the peace settlement between Puntland and Galmudug.

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