

# Somalia

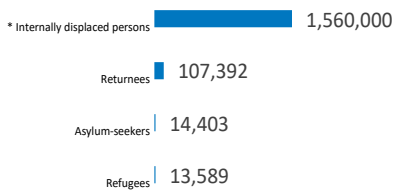
1-30 September 2017

**Severe drought** and food insecurity continues across the country with around 6.2 million people in need of humanitarian assistance according to monitoring agencies.

Projected outcomes of *Deyr* rainfall and warmer temperatures could increase **displacements and vulnerability of displaced persons**.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

1.69 M

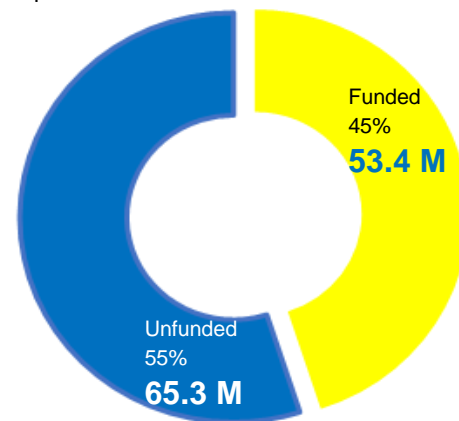


\* Estimated internally displaced persons (IDP) as of 31 December 2016. An updated estimate of the current IDP population is in progress following new displacements of more than one million during 2017.

## FUNDING (AS OF 18 SEPTEMBER)

USD 118.7 M

requested for Somalia



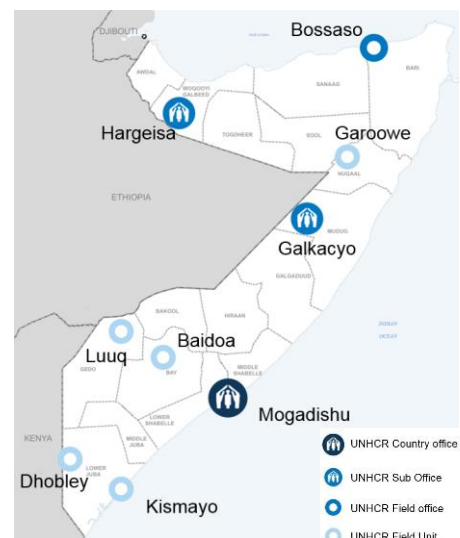
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### Staff:

- 91 National Staff
- 39 International Staff
- 12 Affiliate Workforce
- 8 IUNVs

### Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Mogadishu
- 5 Sub-Office in Galkacyo, Hargeysa and Mogadishu
- 1 Field Office in Bossaso
- 3 Field Unit in Baidoa, Dhobley, Garoowe, Kismayo and Luuq
- 1 Support Office in Nairobi



## Working with Partners

- As part of the UN integrated mission to Somalia, UNHCR maintains close collaboration with UN agencies, national and international NGOs.
- UNHCR has strategic links with key government ministries and departments at the federal and state level in a joint effort to provide assistance and durable solutions.
- UNHCR spearheads productive partnerships with governmental counterparts and national and international NGOs, leading the Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters and co-leading the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster.
- UNHCR is also an active member of the UN County Team, Humanitarian County Team and the Drought Operations Coordination Centres (DOCC).

## Main Activities

### Drought response

**In September, UNHCR provided support to 97,710 persons<sup>1</sup> affected by drought.**

- 57,080 persons were provided with potable water in the reporting period. 36,800 persons were assisted in Togdheer region while 20,280 persons benefited in Lower Juba.



In September, UNHCR distributed kit of CRI to 1,650 internally displaced persons in Mudug region. © UNHCR / September 2017

<sup>1</sup> 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.

- 32,600 persons (5,550 households) benefited from core relief items<sup>2</sup> (CRIs) in several regions as follows: Mudug; 10,500, Galgaduud; 4,500 and Woqooyi Galbeed; 3800. In addition, 10,980 people from were assisted with cash grants to purchase CRIs in Galdaduud and Mudug regions.
- 4,612 persons were reached with gender-based violence (GBV) interventions in three regions as follows: Bay; 1,858, Galgaduud;1,800 and Banadir; 954
- 2,808 persons from 468 households were provided with cash grants to meet their basic needs. Each household received US\$ 100.
- **Provisional figures from the UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN)<sup>3</sup>** indicate that some 49,000 individuals were internally displaced countrywide during the month of September. Drought and conflict were the main drivers accounting for the displacement of 30,000 and 11,000 people respectively.
- At least 926,000 people were displaced by drought during the period 1 November to 30 September. Of those, 837,000 were displaced this year alone.
- Conflict-related displacements during 2017 have reached approximately 163,000. Over the last 10 days of the month, some 29,000 IDPs returned to their home districts in Lower Shabelle region primarily to Marka and Kurtunwaarey districts.

## Protection

### Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster (PC), led by UNHCR, reached some 88,000 beneficiaries with direct service provision as well as environment-building activities.
- Funding for protection specific service delivery is limited while the needs remain high
- A lack of access to affected populations due to insecurity, societal constraints, and power dynamics related to the gatekeeper system further hamper protection service delivery.

### Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **In September, 579 new arrivals from Yemen** reached Somalia (532 Somalis and 47 Yemenis). 399 Somalis arrivals were spontaneous while the remaining 133 came through UNHCR Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR).
- 39,117 individuals have arrived since the start of conflict in Yemen in March 2015. This includes 33,154 Somalis, 5,620 Yemenis and 343 third country nationals.
- In September, 26 Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interview was conducted for 85 Ethiopians and five Eritreans.

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<sup>2</sup> Core relief items are provided depending on the needs of persons of concern. In September, UNHCR provided CRI kits and conditional cash grants to purchase CRIs as core relief items.

<sup>3</sup> The figures for September are provisional and may be adjusted as remaining reports are submitted and verified.

- **During September, 18 persons were resettled** to Sweden. Another 29 cases (99 Ethiopian refugees) were submitted to Sweden.
- **In September, UNHCR registered 2,274 returnees, 448 asylum-seekers and 185 refugees.** Overall, 107,392 returnees, 13,589 refugees and 14,403 asylum-seekers are registered.
- During September, 103 refugees and asylum-seekers with specific needs were provided with special support.
- In September, 503 refugees and asylum-seekers were provided legal assistance; 469 in Hargeysa, 27 in Bossaso and 10 in Garoowe.

### Returnees

**Since 2014, a total of 107,392 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia;** 76,612 from Kenya, 33,154 from Yemen (and 626 from other countries of asylum).

- In September 2017, a total of 2,274 Somali refugees returned to Somalia, 1,509 from Kenya, 532 from Yemen<sup>4</sup>, 232 from Djibouti and one from Eritrea.
- UNHCR supported housing, land and property (HLP) information sessions benefiting 228 persons (125 Somali refugee returnees from Yemen, 87 IDPs, 12 host community members, and four members of the local authorities) in Mudug region, Galkayo district.

### Internally displaced people

- In a fire which erupted at an IDP camp in Kismayo town, Lower Juba region, UNHCR provided eight families affected by the fire with core relief items and a onetime emergency cash assistance amounting to US\$ 250 per family. In addition, a family who lost children was provided with US\$ 720 for. Affected families were also supported with psychosocial support.
- UNHCR supported the registration of 700 households (562 IDP, 60 returnee, 78 host community) for land tenure documents in support of local integration activities in Mudug region, Galkayo district.
- In Baidoa, UNHCR conducted a peacebuilding/community consultation training workshop for 30 individuals (13 returnees, 10 member of host community and seven IDPs) to facilitate community co-existence on emerging issues of evictions and general protection.

## Education

### Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **In September, UNHCR enrolled 148 refugees and asylum-seekers** in primary education and secondary education (117 Yemenis and 31 Ethiopians).

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<sup>4</sup> Out of 532 returnees, 399 were spontaneous returnees and 133 returned under the assisted spontaneous return programme.

### Returnees

- **In the month of September, UNHCR enrolled a total of 5,418 students** in the new 2017/2018 school year. This includes 2,604 in lower primary, 2,486 in upper primary and 328 in secondary education. In the 2017/2018 school year, a total of 6,561 students were enrolled.

## Health

### Refugees and asylum-seekers

- In September, UNHCR provided access to health care services to 1,723 refugees and asylum-seekers.

### Internally displaced people

- UNHCR provided access to primary health care services to 909 persons of concern.

## Cash assistance

### Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **In September, UNHCR provided cash assistance to 2,484 households (6,879 persons)**, 2,399 households (6,612 persons) received monthly subsistence allowance, 45 households (219 persons) emergency cash grants, 35 households (35 persons) conditional cash grants for livelihood, four households (12 persons) received one time resettlement grant for transit expenses.

### Returnees

- **In September, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant of US \$200 per person to 2,941 persons (807 households)<sup>5</sup>**; 2,473 returnees (642 households) from Kenya, 366 persons (115 households) from Djibouti, 102 persons (50 households) from Yemen.
- In September, UNHCR has also distributed subsistence allowance in amount of US \$200 per household per month to 7,821 households<sup>6</sup> (39,011 persons); 6,770 households (33,756 persons) from Kenya, 972 households (4,860 persons) from Yemen and 79 households (395 persons) from Djibouti.

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<sup>5</sup> Some returnees arriving near the end of the month will receive their reinstallation grants in the following month.

<sup>6</sup> The figure represents the total number of households who have arrived between 1 January and 31 August 2017 from Kenya, Yemen, Djibouti and other countries of asylum.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Shelter Cluster

**In September, the Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR, reached 73,200 persons** (44,400 with non-food items and 28,800 with emergency shelter kits) bringing a total number to 477,618 since January 2017.

- The Shelter Cluster faces several challenges in delivering humanitarian assistance, such as lack of dedicated staff to coordinate cluster activities; lack of land to relocate the new IDPs to reduce secondary displacements; limited funding and logistical constraints (high costs of transport, inaccessible roads, and insecurity).

### Refugees and asylum-seekers

- In September, UNHCR provided 11 CRI kits to 11 refugee and asylum-seeker household (26 persons); six CRI kits to six Ethiopian households (19 persons) and five CRI kits to seven Yemeni households (seven persons).

### Returnees

- UNHCR provided 697 kits of core relief items<sup>7</sup> (CRIs) to 543 returnee households (2,004 individuals).
- 529 kits were distributed to 404 households (1,575 persons) from Kenya, 90 kits to 83 households (197 persons) from Yemen and 78 kits to 56 households (232 persons) from Djibouti.
- UNHCR constructed another 17 shelters and 40 latrines in Lower Juba region.
- In 2017, UNHCR has so far constructed 963 shelters and 370 latrines (809 shelters and 230 latrines in Kismayo, 124 shelters and 40 latrines in Afmadow and 30 shelters and 100 latrines in Baidoa).

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster

- The number of sites under the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster stands at 454 (23 per cent) out of estimated 1,948.
- The interagency Detailed Site Assessment (DSA), which shows service delivery in IDP sites, was completed in Bossaso, Kismayo and Baidoa districts and is continuing in other districts.
- Warnings from monitoring agencies of possible floods in southern and central regions could increase vulnerability of IDPs. The CCCM cluster is therefore coordinating across sectors to improve preparedness of humanitarian organizations.

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<sup>7</sup> One CRI kit consists of three blankets, two 10 litres 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.

## Community empowerment and self-reliance

### Refugees and asylum-seekers

**In September, UNHCR supported 323 refugees and asylum-seekers with livelihood projects.**

- In Bari region, UNHCR started 40 persons (39 Yemeni and one Ethiopian) in vocation skills training in tailoring, beauty salon operation, electrical training and computer technology.
- In Bari and Nugaal regions, UNHCR registered 110 persons (93 Yemenis and 17 Ethiopians) in a small-business programme.
- In Hargeysa, 173 refugees and asylum-seekers accessed the Peaceful Co-existence Centre (PCC): individuals attended trainings in language (70 persons), literacy (39 persons), computer (20), use the library (21 persons) and play group (23 children).

### Returnees

**In September UNHCR supported a total of 1,486 beneficiaries (1,167 returnees, 139 IDPs and 180 members of host community) with livelihood projects.**

- Out of the 1,486 persons, 162 were part of a cash for work programme, 572 were enrolled in vocational training, 536 in small-business programme, 202 were assisted with self-employment opportunities and 14 in peaceful-coexistence forum.

### Internally displaced people

**In September, UNHCR supported 284 persons** (231 IDP, 11 refugees and asylum-seekers and 42 members of host community) with livelihood activities.

- UNHCR provided start-up kits to 119 beneficiaries (102 IDPs, 11 refugees and asylum-seekers, six host community) in Mudug region who previously completed vocational skills training (VST) in hospitality management, beauty salon, tailoring, cooking and sweets production, and electronic repair.
- UNHCR registered 120 persons (84 IDP and 36 host community) in small micro-enterprise (SME) training and provisioning in Mudug region.
- UNHCR supported the new enrolment of 45 IDP in Mudug region in vocational skills training (VST) activities, including carpentry, welding, and tailoring.

## Capacity building

- UNHCR supported a two-day HLP training benefiting 30 local municipality staff (two female, 28 male) in Mudug region, Galkayo district. The training emphasized the importance of addressing HLP in humanitarian relief and emergency recovery phases and outlined key concepts and terms related to HLP.
- UNHCR is supporting the construction of community co-existence projects in Mudug region, Galkayo district in areas with high concentration of Somali refugee and returnees from



Yemen and Kenya. These include construction of a two-room school with one berket and one twin latrine, two community centres, a single classroom addition at an existing school, 10 latrines, and one water storage tank.

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