

Ethiopia

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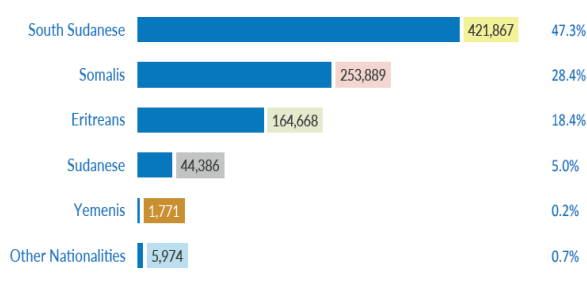
Ethiopia is host to the second largest refugee population in Africa, sheltering **892,555** registered refugees and asylum seekers as of 31 December 2017.

Since January 2017, **109,851** refugees arrived in Ethiopia, mainly from South Sudan (over **75,400**), Eritrea (over **25,200**) and Somalia (almost **6,700**).

Ethiopia formally launched the **CRRF**, paving the way for the implementation of the nine pledges it made at the Leaders' Summit on Refugees in September 2016 in New York.

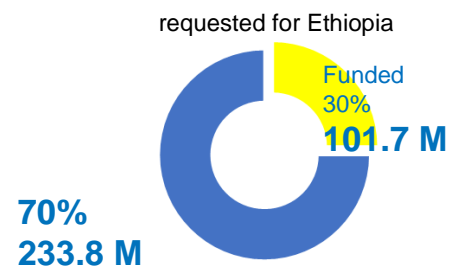
POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin



FUNDING (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2017)

USD 335.4 M



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

351 national staff, **112** international staff (including JPOs)

153 individual contractors

29 deployees & IUNVs

Offices:

1 Branch Office in (Addis Ababa), **2**

Field Offices-Sherkole and Mekelle, **5**

Sub-Offices- Melkadida, Gambella, Shire, Assosa and Jijiga



UNHCR handed over 4 haemodialysis machines to St. Paul Hospital. UNHCR/Kisut G.Eziabher

Working with Partners

- UNHCR's main Government counterpart to ensure protection of refugees in Ethiopia is the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA). In addition, UNHCR works in close coordination with some 40 partners, and is fully engaged in the Humanitarian Country Team in Ethiopia, where refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure that the needs of refugees are adequately presented and addressed. UNHCR is also building on well-established coordination fora such as the Refugee Task Force, donor, NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp level. As part of the CRRF, UNHCR is furthering partnerships with line ministries, regional and local authorities, as well as traditional and non-traditional donors.

Main Activities

Protection

- During the year, UNHCR has advanced in its commitment to improve the quality and depth of refugee registration data, including through validation of the Registration Multi-Year Plan of Action with the government; Level 2 registration of more than 100,000 new arrivals; countrywide harmonization of the registration data in a manner that guides the implementation of the CRRF and the Government's Pledges; countrywide harmonization of refugee documentation, including proof of registration, ID cards and ration cards; L3 registration and implementation of the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) in some regions of the country (Shire, Melkadida, & Addis Ababa) which is an ongoing work.

Education

- UNHCR's education service delivery in Ethiopia has markedly improved in 2017 with 20% increase in the number of children enrolled at the primary school level. Currently, refugees' enrolment rate at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education stands at approximately 62%, 13% and 4%, respectively, with 517 refugees, 42% of whom are females, currently enrolled in public universities across the country. Gaps in the provision of education in Ethiopia include lack of available classroom space, lack of trained teachers, and quality classroom materials, including books, scientific implements, and stationary materials. On average, there is one teacher for every 80 students, with only 56% of teachers having formal qualifications to teach at the primary school level.

Health

- Out of 889,671 persons who received consultations in health centres in all refugee camps, 8.9% were from the host communities. The health facility utilization rate stands at 1.2 consultations per refugee per year and is within the standard of more than 1 consultations per year. The mortality rate in children under five is 0.2/1000/month and remains within the expected range. 97% of all deliveries were conducted with the help of skilled birth attendants. UNHCR donated four haemodialysis machines to the St. Paul Hospital in Addis Ababa where refugees and Ethiopians with chronic renal diseases have access to renal medical services.

Food Security and Nutrition

- In 14 out of 26 Refugee Camps assessed in 2017, the prevalence of global acute malnutrition is below the WHO emergency threshold of 15%. A total of 25,683 children under the age of five have been treated for acute malnutrition. Food rations increased from October to include 13.5kg of cereals (previously 10kg, standard: 16kg) and 0.5kg of CSB (standard: 1.5kg). Oil, pulses and salt are provided at full ration, while sugar remains absent providing a total of 1737 Kcal (standard: 2100 Kcal). WFP, UNHCR and ARRA reviewed the market assessments reports that show an increase in cereal prices in Afar, Assosa and Jijiga camps and agreed to increase the cash component of the ration effective from January while price fluctuations continue to be monitored.

Water and Sanitation

- 11.5 million litres of water have been treated, pumped and supplied to all camps on a daily basis, representing an average per capita supply of 19 litres of potable water per day. In 12 of the 26 camps 20 or more litres of water per person per day was supplied. On average access to latrine services stands at 1 latrine for 18 persons, still far below the 1 latrine per household indicator.

Shelter and CRIs

- Shelter experts from UNHCR and ARRA undertook a series of joint missions to the different field locations to review shelter options and advise on the roll out of UNHCR's new Shelter Strategy. The missions also supported field colleagues in developing technical guidelines to implement the strategy.
- UNHCR has put in place the necessary structures and systems and conducted response analysis for the institutionalisation of Cash-Based Interventions (CBIs) in 2018. Based on the response analysis, it is expected that use of cash in different sectors, including in replacing Core Relief Items (CRIs), will be rolled out in 2018 in all field offices apart from Gambella and Dollo where there are plans for joint CBI assessments by UNHCR, WFP and ARRA.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

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

Access to Energy

- In the last 12 months 625 solar street lights were installed in the refugee camps and 15,090 solar lanterns and 1.06 million liters of liquid fuel distributed to refugee households, while biomass briquette projects were successfully piloted. In all cases, the achievements exceeded the target set at the start of the year.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR livelihood activities targeting refugees and host communities fall under: agriculture and livestock; vocational skills training; microfinance and small enterprise. Backyard gardening has been established in Gambella and Assosa, while in Shire refugees are largely engaged in agriculture and goats and cattle fattening. Vocational training courses are available in all locations, and are increasingly linked to markets, often targeting youth and women. Income Generating Activities are related to business skills of refugees and driven by market opportunities. In line with CRRF, UNHCR will focus on enhancing coordination of livelihood interventions with development actors.

Durable Solutions

- Providing resettlement opportunities remains a top priority, as conditions for voluntary repatriation are still unfavourable for most refugees in Ethiopia and options for local integration are limited. To date, 2,666 individuals were referred to the UNHCR Regional Service Centre for resettlement, far surpassing the target of 2,000 individuals for 2017. Additionally, 2,680 refugees have been submitted to resettlement countries and 2,115 persons departed as of December 2017. The innovative new 'Humanitarian Corridor' project is underway, with the first group of 25 refugees already departed to Italy.. Approximately 500 refugees will find a durable solution through this project, which UNHCR has undertaken in partnership with Caritas Italiana and Sant'Egidio Community. The second group of about 100 refugees is expected to depart in February 2018.

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