

Ethiopia

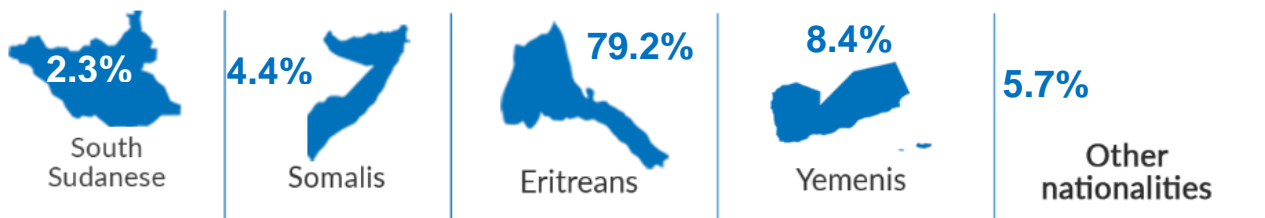
December 2017

To date, a total of **21,109** refugees reside in the capital Addis Ababa as ‘urban refugees’, **22** of them newly registered in December 2017.

Of the **21,109** urban refugees, **16,719 (79%)** are Eritrean refugees who are beneficiaries of the Government’s Out-Of-Camp Policy

Of the total, **805** are children who arrived alone or were separated from their parents or relatives during flight.

Highlights



- At the end of December 2017, there were a total of 21,109 refugees in the capital Addis Ababa, mainly from **Eritrea, Yemen, Somalia, DRC, South Sudan** and refugees of **other nationalities**, mainly from the Great Lakes region.
- UNHCR provides reception services at the Urban Refugee Reception Centre, located around what is popularly known as **Hayahulet Mazoriya** in Addis Ababa. In Addition to registration of new arrivals protection and resettlement counselling services are available at the center from Monday to Thursday every week, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- Coordination of programs targeting the urban refugees in Addis Ababa is done through the monthly “Urban and Kenya Borena sub-working group” meetings that are held every 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the UNHCR office in Bole. The forum brings together the government refugee agency (ARRA), UNHCR and all the partners working with refugees in Addis Ababa in order to ensure coordinated response in service delivery, as well as efficient use of resources.
- UNHCR and its partners undertook a week-long participatory assessment exercise earlier in the year, where refugees in Addis Ababa were invited to a series of focus group discussions held around the city. The objective of the discussions was to hear from refugees directly about the opportunities and challenges they face while living in Addis Ababa. In total 22 focus group discussions were held, with refugees representing the 26 nationalities in Addis Ababa. The responses thus obtained will inform UNHCR’s detailed budgeting for 2018.
- Following the one day workshop organized by UNHCR in October 2017, which was attended by ARRA and all the partners undertaking various programs with refugees in Addis Ababa, a joint policy guidance note was developed and adopted by all the stakeholders in order to standardize modalities of intervention with urban refugees, resulting in a harmonized approach to assistance to refugees.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- In line with the 2014 UNHCR Alternatives to Camps Policy and in the context of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), UNHCR will adopt strategies that enhance refugees' access to basic services through the national institutions; strengthen the protection environment and expand refugees' access to self-reliance opportunities and durable solutions in coordination with both humanitarian and development actors.
- UNHCR will strengthen alternatives to onward movements through promoting access to education, livelihoods and employment opportunities, while enlarging resettlement and legal migration opportunities.
- Protection interventions will adopt a strong community based protection approach, working with the established community structures to ensuring full participation and ownership by the refugees, with the inclusion of the host community whenever possible. The Refugee Outreach Volunteers (ROVs) will be capacitated to conduct home visits and refer vulnerable cases to established service providers and to disseminate important protection information within their communities.

CHALLENGES



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