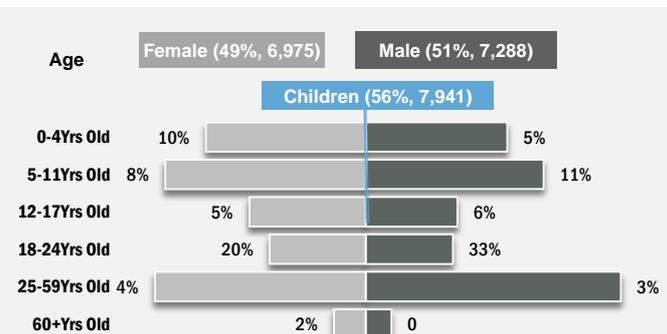


AYSAITA REFUGEE CAMP

<p>2007</p> <p>Camp was established in 2007 and officially opened in 2009</p>	<p>1,126</p> <p>22 permanent, 599 Transitional and 505 emergency shelters are available in the camp</p>	<p>Community Structures:</p> <p>Refugee Central Committee, Women's Association, Youth Association, Association of Persons with Disability</p>	<p>56 %</p> <p>of the population is under the age of 18 out of which 26% are females</p>	<p>14,263 refugees</p> <p>Individually registered and issued ration cards</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>1 primary school and 1 early childhood care and education (ECCE) center and 1 vocational training center available. No secondary school</p>
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OVERVIEW

The **Aysaita refugee camp** was established to accommodate mainly ethnic Afar Eritrean refugees seeking international protection.



Refugee population in Aysaita camp

A total of **14,263** persons of concern in Aysaita Camp as of March 2018.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- A briquette making factory implemented by Organization for Sustainable Development (OSD) became operational in 2017, to cater for alternative energy provision to refugees and the host community.
- In December 2017, the Ethiopian Roads Authority completed the repair of a collapsed bridge connecting the road to the camp, making the camp more accessible.
- Construction of additional classrooms in the primary school and in-patient wards at the Health Center were completed.
- UNHCR started Level 3 registration of refugees in September 2017.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR provides protection and services to refugees in **Aysaita Refugee Camp** in collaboration with:

- **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)**. On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, ARRA implements: Camp Management and security; Primary health care, nutrition, food and CRIs distribution; Protection and Community services; Shelter management; logistics; Environment protection; and Primary education
- **Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA)** - implements: WASH; SGBV Prevention and Response; Child Protection, Education(ECCE), Community based HIV/AIDS support
- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** - implements resettlement and related logistics
- **World Food Program (WFP)** – is in charge of :Food supply, transportation and distribution
- **Development Expert Center (DEC)** - undertakes shelter construction
- **Organization for Sustainable Development (OSD)**– implements: Environmental protection and rehabilitation and energy
- **EECMY**- implements projects in relation to: support for People with Specific Needs; Livelihoods; Vocational skills training including Technical Vocation education and training (TVET)
- **DCA (OP)** – Energy, Livelihoods
- **GOAL (OP)** – Nutrition and Supplementary feeding

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

Health

- One Permanent health center is available for refugees where they receive outpatient and inpatient medical care, including:
 - Reproductive health & HIV services and related capacity building
 - Preventive and community-based health care and access to primary health care services
 - Vaccination/immunization
 - Maternity and child health services

Nutrition

- With support from UNHCR's partners, refugees have access to infrastructure and receive nutritional support, including:
 - Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP), for persons with special needs
 - Treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition for 190 children
 - Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) for pregnant and lactating mothers, children between 6-55 months and other cases – total 1,670
 - Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) service to 600 Pregnant and Lactating women
 - Training on Community Management of Acute Malnutrition

WASH

- Refugees have access to 20 liters of potable water per person per day. There are a total of 27 water points in the camp with 200m safe access to the points.
- 202 household latrines and 99 shower rooms were constructed in 2017
- Regular environmental health and hygiene campaigns are conducted in the camp

Protection & Community Services

- UNHCR and its partners provide protection to refugees and promote durable solutions to their plight through:
 - Provision of prevention and response services for children at risk, and capacity development on child protection
 - Provision of psychosocial counseling and community-based psychosocial programming
 - Enabling and sustaining community participation in SGBV prevention and response through capacity development
 - Provision of specific services to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
 - Resettlement to third countries and facilitated process of family reunification
 - Registration and monitoring

Shelter

- 239 new transitional and emergency shelters were constructed in 2017

Core Relief Items

- Core Relief Items – Blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, soap, Jerry cans, plastic buckets and sanitary materials - are distributed to new arrivals.

Logistics & Site Planning

- Refugees are transported and relocated from border areas to the camp. The Aysaita refugee camp is comprised of 5 Zones and 118 blocks.

Education

- 1 early childhood care and education center, 1 primary school, wherein school meals are provided and 1 vocational skills training are available.

Environment

- UNHCR and its partners seek to reduce the environmental impact in areas hosting refugees through:
 - Forest and environmental protection and capacity building on environmental protection. A total of 118,000 trees have been planted in both the camp and the host community areas to mitigate the impact of the refugees' presence in the area.

Food

- On a monthly basis, food is supplied, transported and distributed to all refugees as well as cash. Since January 2018, the general food basket comprises Wheat grain, Pulse, famix, vegetable oil, Salt and cash amounting to ETB120/person/month.
- 1,174 refugees are engaging in livelihood activities

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