

Somalia

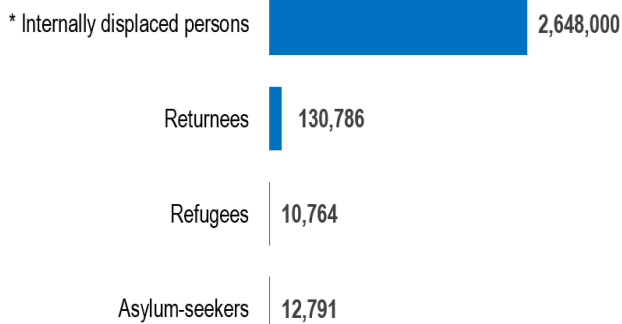
1-31 October 2020

The operational environment in Somalia remained fluid and complex throughout October. In addition to the prolonged conflict and insecurity, the **triple threat** of Covid-19, seasonal floods and

desert locusts added further to the already-precarious humanitarian situation. UNHCR and partners continued to provide critical **protection and assistance** to refugees, asylum-

seekers, refugee returnees and IDPs across the country, including healthcare, shelter and livelihoods support.

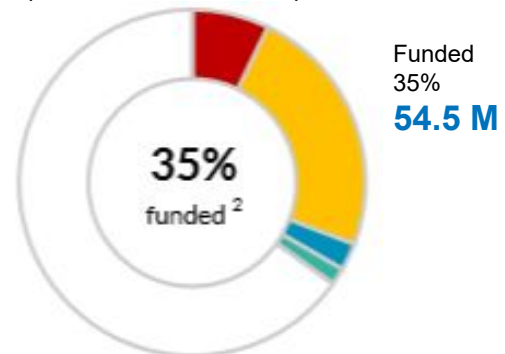
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FUNDING (AS OF 22 OCTOBER)

USD 154.4 M

requested for the Somalia operation



*Estimated number of IDPs as at 31 July 2018 (Source: Information Management Working Group)



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The operational environment in Somalia remained fluid and complex, with multiple drivers of internal displacement, including conflict and insecurity, natural disasters such as drought and floods, as well as desert locusts. In addition, the continued outbreak of Covid-19 and associated measures further challenged the work of UNHCR and partners across the country. In this context, UNHCR and partners continued to deliver assistance, including material support to those affected by the floods, hygiene and dignity kits to strengthen Covid-19 prevention, as well as protection interventions such as registration and legal assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR continued to lead and co-lead the Protection, Shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management Clusters, providing protection and assistance to IDPs across the country. Assistance provided during the reporting period is detailed below.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Covid-19 response

- Distribution of 10,000 surgical masks to the Ministry of Health for delivery to Martini Hospital. The distribution of additional 40,000 masks is ongoing.
- In Somaliland, distribution of subsistence allowance to refugees was ongoing during the reporting period, with total plan to cover four months' (Sept-Dec) worth of allowance for 1,140 refugee households (benefitting 4,455 individuals).
- The last round of food distribution was conducted in Hargeisa, resulting in the provision of four-month food ration for all 11,641 refugees and asylum-seekers.

Registration

- As of 31 October, UNHCR recorded a total of 23,555 refugees and asylum-seekers, comprised of 10,764 were refugees and 12,791 asylum-seekers. Most of the refugees and asylum-seekers arrived from Ethiopia (71%) and Yemen (26%). In October, UNHCR registered 127 new refugees and asylum-seeker arrivals, including 28 new-born babies.

Refugee returnees

- By the end of October, UNHCR has received a total of 130,786 Somali returnees from 14 countries of asylum. Out of the total 91,829 who have repatriated with UNHCR's support, 84,981 were from Kenya, 5,416 from Yemen, 773 from Djibouti, 469 from Libya, 143 from Sudan, 34 from Eritrea, and the remaining from various countries.
- In October, 90 Somalis returned spontaneously from Yemen. This brings the total number of un-assisted returns from Yemen to 38,957 persons.

Prevention and response to SGBV

- In October, UNHCR, in coordination with partner Alight, trained 12 Somali female police officers in Jubaland on GBV prevention and response mechanisms, including interviewing techniques for suspects, managing survivors cases, confidentiality principles, child survivor case documentation, and court procedural system. This is part of UNHCR's effort to eliminate GBV and provide capacity building to local authorities.

Peaceful coexistence

- In Somaliland, the partner-run peaceful coexistence centre continued to provide a range of activities to enhance peaceful coexistence between the displaced and host communities. Activities include the provision of psychosocial counselling, assistance to persons with specific needs, vulnerability assessments, general counselling, as well as skills training, such as language and IT classes.
- UNHCR maintained two boreholes in Baidoa, providing safe water to some 1,000 IDPs, 1,250 refugee returnees and 250 host community members.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In October, 1,006 IDP, host community and returnee children were newly enrolled in primary education and 136 in secondary education with UNHCR's support.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- In October, 2,533 PoCs received primary healthcare, 164 PoCs received secondary healthcare and seven PoCs were referred to tertiary healthcare or specialized healthcare services.

**WATER AND SANITATION****Achievements and Impact**

- During the reporting period, 35 refugee and 35 asylum-seeker women received sanitary kits.

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievements and Impact**

- In Galkayo, 2,000 IDPs received NFI kits.
- A total of 1,002 internally displaced households (benefitting some 6,012 individuals) in the north and the south of Galkayo received cash grants to complement the previous distribution of emergency shelter kits (ESKs).
- In Hargeisa, the second phase of a transitional shelter project, the construction of Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) was completed in October and the RHUs will be handed over to the intended beneficiaries by mid-November.
- Furthermore, in south central, 53 RHUs were installed, while the construction of 194 RHUs commenced. The construction of RHUs is benefitting both IDP and returnee families.



IDP families receive NFI kits in Galkayo. @UNHCR

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Achievements and Impact**

- UNHCR, in coordination with partner JRIA, provided capacity building to leaders and community members (10 female and 20 male) on camp management at five IDP sites in Jubaland. Some of the topics covered during the training were roles and responsibilities of camp coordination and camp management, community participation, complaints and feedback mechanisms, fire safety and prevention,

emergency planning and community mapping, resolution of conflicts and disputes, prevention and response to SGBV, referral pathways as well as land tenure and ownership. This is part of the agency's effort in strengthening community self-management and facilitating access to information for displaced populations.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Livelihoods

- A total of 255 PoCs in Baidoa, Diinsor, Dhobley, Mogadishu and Kismayo participated in vocational skills trainings on computing, tailoring, masonry, electricity, metal fabrication, bakery, shampoo-making, tie-die and henna-making. Trainings, implemented through partners, are a part of UNHCR's efforts to promote livelihoods through self-employment, particularly to gender-based violence survivors. From this intervention, twenty sexual and gender-based violence survivors successfully completed in October their vocational skills training on Bakery at the Saharla Safe space in Mogadishu, this was a non-formal educational learning program implemented by SWDC in Mogadishu and all COVID-19 precautionary measures were in place.



Internally displaced women enrolled in the cloth face mask production in Hargeisa. This activity provides a much-needed income for the women, while responding to the need of PPEs. © UNHCR

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR Somalia Operation amount to some **US\$ 54.5 million**.

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Earmarked contributions to the Somalia operation in 2020

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