

Somalia

1-30 April 2022


The operational environment in Somalia remained fluid in April. The security situation continued to deteriorate. Political tensions remained high despite the conclusion of elections for the House of the People.

The worsening drought conditions continued to displace civilians. Six areas in Somalia face risk of famine in coming months. UNHCR continued to assess and respond to the needs of drought-affected households.

Working with the Federal Government of Somalia and partners, UNHCR continued to provide protection, assistance, and solutions to persons of concern across the country.

KEY INDICATORS

 **2.97** million IDPs

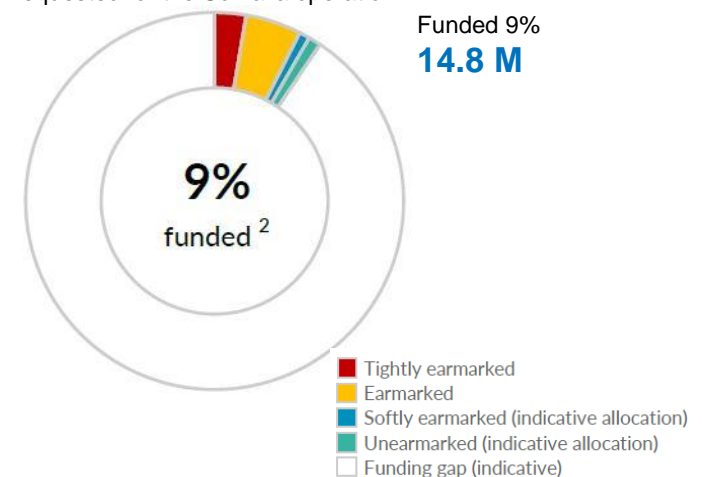
 **14,798** refugees
18,163 asylum-seekers

 **134,947** refugee returnees

FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL)

USD 157.5 M

requested for the Somalia operation



In April, UNHCR inaugurated a Youth Center in Kapasa IDP site in Dolow, Jubaland. © UNHCR/ Asma Ibrahim Barre

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

In April, the operational context in Somalia remained complex, characterized by a risk of famine, insecurity, and political turmoil. According to famine risk analysis by Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU), some 4.8 million individuals are already experiencing crisis or worse outcomes (IPC Phase 3 Crisis). If the current April to June rains fail, food prices continue to rise sharply, and humanitarian assistance does not meet the needs of the most vulnerable population, 81,000 individuals are likely to face localized famine (IPC Phase 5 Famine) by June 2022.¹

The overall security situation in the country remained tense, volatile, and unpredictable. Al-Shabab continued its armed attacks against African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), Somali security forces, government authorities, and the population.

After months of delays, the electoral processes witnessed an upswing in April with the swearing-in ceremony of 290 newly-elected members of the 11th Federal Parliament of Somalia, paving the way for the Presidential Election, which is scheduled to take place on 15 May. By the end of April, 257 out of 275 House of People (lower house) seats were contested, and the remaining seats are expected to be decided in early May.

According to the UNHCR-led [Protection and Return Monitoring Network \(PRMN\)](#), implemented in partnership with NRC, some 584,000 individuals have been internally displaced in the first four months of 2022. In April alone, 45,619 new internal displacements were recorded, among which 25,468 were triggered by drought and 18,524 from conflict and insecurity. Displaced families continued to be in dire need of food, shelter, and NFIs and faced multiple protection risks.

Somalia also hosts more than 32,900 refugees and asylum-seekers, among which 70 percent are women and children. The majority of refugees and asylum-seekers (68 percent) are from Ethiopia, followed by Yemen (27 percent) and Syria (3 percent). Most refugees and asylum-seekers reside in urban or peri-urban settings across Woqooyi Galbeed and Bari regions, in the northern part of the country. Furthermore, 134,947 former refugees have returned to Somalia from their country of asylum, mostly from Kenya followed by Yemen.

¹ [Somalia-Updated-IPC-and-Famine-Risk-Analysis-Technical-Release-8-Apr-2022.pdf \(reliefweb.int\)](#)

Achievements



PROTECTION

Prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV)

- UNHCR supported 47 GBV cases in April across the country. Services to the survivors included case management support, psychosocial counselling, relocation support, medical referral, and provision of dignity kits, among others.

Telling the Real Story

- To increase public awareness of the dangers of irregular movements, Tahriib, 50 youth were reached in Dhobley through an interactive dialogue programme.

Legal assistance

- UNHCR through partner provided legal assistance to 585 refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and host community members in Somaliland and Puntland. Assistance included counselling, mediation, issuance of birth certificates, legal advocacy to release from custody, and legal representation to name a few.

Reception and registration

- UNHCR received five boats from Yemen in Bossaso port, carrying 200 refugee-returnees and 29 refugees. Upon arrival, 175 individuals were accommodated at the reception center. All refugees received monetized NFIs upon being registered in proGres. Likewise, four commercial boats were also received in Berbera, Somaliland, carrying 96 refugees and refugee-returnees, who were accommodated at the reception center, where the refugees started their registration process.

- UNHCR in Kismayo received 15 refugee-returnee HHs (23 individuals) from Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya. The returnees were provided with one-night accommodation with three hot meals, sim card, NFI kits and re-installation grant to help them re-settle and integrate. Similarly, in Mogadishu, UNHCR received five refugee-returnees from Libya. Upon arrival, they receive accommodation and NFIs, while reinstallation grant and subsistence allowance were also processed.

- In April, 652 new arrivals from Ethiopia, Yemen, and Syria were registered, mainly in Puntland and south-central states.



Youths in Dhobley attend an awareness session on the dangers of irregular migration or *Tahriib*. © UNHCR

- UNHCR issued 749 asylum seeker certificates and 129 refugee ID cards in April.

Cash assistance

- UNHCR supported 2,000 IDP HHs (12,464 individuals), who were the survivors of Al-Shabab attacks in Balcad, Hirshabelle. The benefiting households received onetime cash assistance of USD 150 to help them meet their basic needs.
- UNHCR in Dolow commenced distribution of multipurpose cash to 203 new asylum seeker HHs (582 individuals), with each family receiving USD 150 per month for a period of three months.

Refugee Status Determination (RSD) and Resettlement

- In April 2022, 53 first instance interviews were conducted of 182 individuals; 48 first instance RSD assessments for 94 individuals were submitted, while 42 cases of 108 individuals were finalized.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR supported 3,861 refugee and asylum seeker children enrolled in primary schools and 479 children in secondary schools in Galkayo and Mogadishu.
- In Puntland, to ensure the safety and well-being of learners, UNHCR provide transportation service to 635 refugee and asylum seeker students. Moreover, catch-up classes were organized for 100 students.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR's partners delivered primary and secondary health care services, including maternal and child health care and referrals to specialized services, to 1,814 IDPs, refugees, asylum seekers, and IDPs, among which more than 50 percent were females.
- In Puntland, 22 under five-year old children received routine vaccination in Ministry of Health (MoH) health facilities.



A medical doctor provides consultation in a UNHCR supported health center in Bossaso, Puntland. © UNHCR

COVID-19 prevention and response

- UNHCR through Hanano Hospital in Mogadishu distributed 1,078 COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE), which included face masks, hand sanitizers and gloves. Hand washing facilities were also installed at the entrance and other public areas of the hospital.
- UNHCR Baidoa through South-West State Commission for Refugees and IDPs conducted COVID-19 prevention awareness in four districts, reaching 444 IDP HHs (2,664 individuals).



DROUGHT (RISK OF FAMINE) RESPONSE

- The UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) data continues to provide up-to-date information on internal displacement caused by drought, which informs the humanitarian response of the UN and partners.
 - UNHCR through partner, in Baidoa, Dhobley, and Kismayo, distributed core relief items to 2,438 HHs (15,433 individuals) displaced due to drought. Through the assistance, the beneficiaries were supported with life-saving basic household items consisting of jerry cans, blankets, plastic sheet, solar lamp, mosquito net, sleeping mats, and kitchen set.
 - UNHCR through partner in Baidoa started construction of emergency shelters to improve shelter conditions of newly displaced and protracted IDPs due to drought. So far, 100 out of 1,350 planned shelters have been constructed.
 - UNHCR in Baidoa distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to 500 IDP drought affected HHs.
 - UNHCR in Somaliland verified 1,000 IDP HHs who will receive core relief items in May. The beneficiaries were selected from five IDP sites in drought affected Todheer, Sool, and Sanaag regions.



Drought-affected population in Baidoa receive core relief items. © UNHCR



Construction of emergency shelters by UNHCR partner in Baidoa. @AVORD



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND NFIS

Shelter/NFI Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through partners distributed sanitary materials and dignity kits to 890 vulnerable refugee, asylum seeker, and IDP women and girls in Somaliland and in south-central Somalia (Baidoa and Dolow).
- To facilitate durable solution for IDPs, UNHCR through partner in Kismayo has started construction of 60 transitional shelters.
- UNHCR Kismayo through DRC distributed 10 wheelchairs to IDPs with specific needs.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Community empowerment

- A total of 590 refugees, asylum seekers, and refugee-returnees received general protection and psychosocial counselling in Somaliland through outreach programmes and protection desks. Most of the advice sought was for financial concerns followed by refugee status determination concerns and legal issues. Furthermore, beneficiaries also received information about the services provided by UNHCR other partners.
- In Dhobley, UNHCR through its partner conducted a workshop for 30 refugee-returnees, IDPs, and host community members to share information and discuss protection concerns that affect host and displaced communities.

Livelihoods and self-reliance

- UNHCR supported 60 refugee and asylum seekers, refugee-returnees, IDPs, and host community members with vocational and business skills training on beauty salon, mobile repairing, camera and video editing, financial management, marketing, and bookkeeping among others. Upon completion of the training, the beneficiaries also received business start-up cash grant.



UNHCR supported small business owner attending to her shop in Somaliland. © NRC

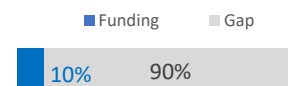
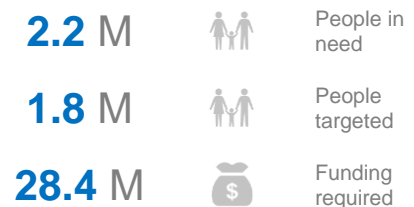
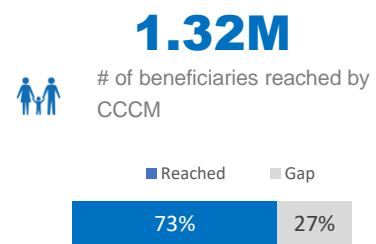
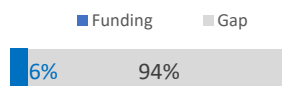
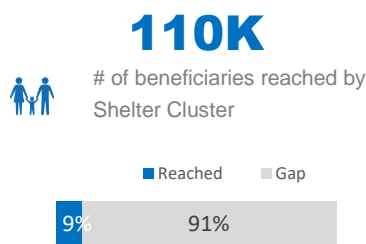
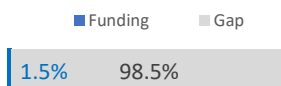
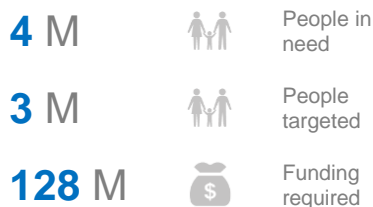
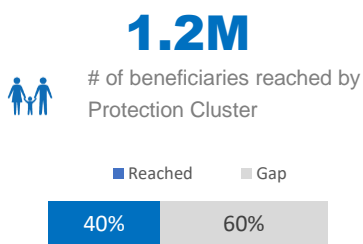
- UNHCR through its partner verified and registered 32 IDPs who will be relocated to the newly constructed

Qalax market, Somaliland. The partner also monitored the small-scale businesses supported in 2021 to further mentor and coach UNHCR supported business.

- In Kismayo, UNHCR through partner distributed maize, sorghum, bean, and sesame seeds as farm inputs to 25 refugee-returnees, IDP and host community families. The beneficiaries also received training on good agricultural practice.
- UNHCR through partner conducted three focus group discussions in Jeehdin IDP settlement in North Galkayo, Puntland, aiming at exploring existing skills and possible livelihood interventions for the residents. Findings suggest those who did not receive shelter support from UNHCR possessed skills in construction, farming, and small-scale retail business. Whereas the residents who received shelter support from UNHCR had limited skills, with many relying on manual labour. With the increasing population in the area, investment in agriculture (both small scale and medium scale), transport sector, and retail market through market construction and provision of SME grant were identified as potential livelihood interventions.



CLUSTER COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP



Protection Cluster

The Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, developed the 2022 drought response protection mainstreaming guidance and disseminated it to all the Clusters to ensure mainstreaming of protection in the drought response.

A total of **52,026** individuals were reached through protection monitoring.

A total of **8,089** individuals were provided with community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services.

A total of **1,175** individuals were reached with capacity-building training for duty bearers and community members with a particular focus on minority communities on protection and awareness of rights initiatives.

To ensure the access to complaint and feedback mechanisms, the Protection Cluster partners on the ground received and responded to feedback and complaint mechanisms from **1,336** individuals.

A total of **473** individuals (230 children, 190 adults and 53 older persons) were reached with specialized protection assistance, including victim assistance services.

Shelter Cluster

The Somalia Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

Shelter Cluster partners reached 18,439 individuals with **NFI kits**; and 4,200 people with **shelter assistance**. Cumulatively in 2022, the Shelter Cluster partners reached 68,339 individuals (9%) of 803,000 targeted with NFI assistance, and 41,643 individuals (10%) of the 430,000 targeted with shelter assistance.

CCCM Cluster

CCCM partners continued to report large numbers of displaced population arriving in 345 IDP sites due to impact of drought. Approximately **45,253 new arrivals** were received in CCCM- managed sites in April.

Service monitoring activities were held in 758 IDP sites covering 22 districts by 17 agencies.

CCCM Partners **constructed two multipurpose community centers** in Berdale IDP site, Bay region of South-West State, to enhance access to information for IDPs, and facilitate coordination meetings between them, partners, and local authorities. The community structures also created room for complaint and feedback response mechanism as well as referral pathways.

Complaint and Feedback Mechanism in April recorded 3,903 complaints. Most of the complaints related to food security and livelihood (45%) followed by shelter (26%) and WASH (12). This is consistent with the ongoing drought needs highlighted by new arrivals upon arrival at the IDP settlements.

More than 364 Camp Management Committees **received training** on CCCM, fire safety, and cross cutting topics such as prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), GBV, and conflict management. The objective of the trainings was to strengthen CMCs capacity in understanding camp coordination and camp management activities and their roles in providing community linkages with the persons they represent, raising service gaps and awareness on their rights to services and holding duty bearers accountable.

Partners **coordinated with local authorities** in five districts, seeking support for the establishment of governance structure within IDP sites. Partners facilitated over 100 site level committee meetings to discuss the immediate needs, responses and challenges affecting the drought affected IDP communities at large.

CCCM partners conducted awareness raising campaigns on flood mitigation measures in the IDP sites located on flood prone areas. In Jowhar and Beletweyn, partners covered over 10 sites with flood response preparation messages.

Partners reached more than 440 individuals, including women, minorities, and people with disability, with **cash for work**.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Somalia Operation in 2022 amount to some **US\$ 14.8 million**. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have already contributed to the Somalia Operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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