

Djibouti

June 2022

Djibouti is one of the most **politically stable** countries in the region and hosts **35 540¹** refugees and asylum seekers from the neighbouring countries and continues to receive simultaneous arrivals from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

Largest group of refugees are **Somalis** and **Yemenis**, while most of asylum seekers are **Ethiopians** and **Eritreans**. Arrivals from Ethiopia have been on slight rise since the beginning of November 2020 when conflict erupted in the Tigray region.

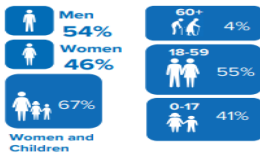
UNHCR and its partners continue responding the needs of refugees and asylum- seekers living in the three refugee villages Ali-Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi, as well as the urban refugee population.

KEY INDICATORS

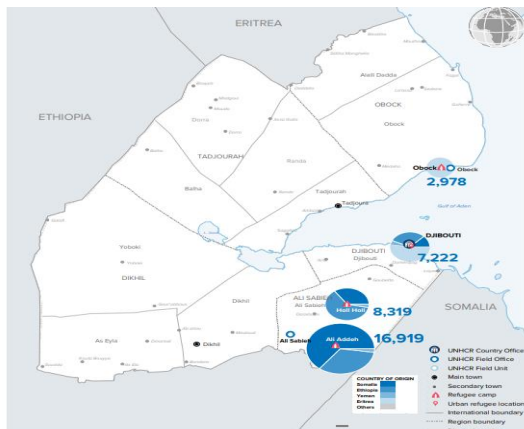


24,357 refugees
11,183 asylum seekers

COMPOSITION AGE AND GENDER



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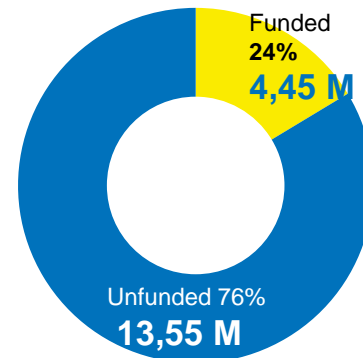


¹ As by 30th June

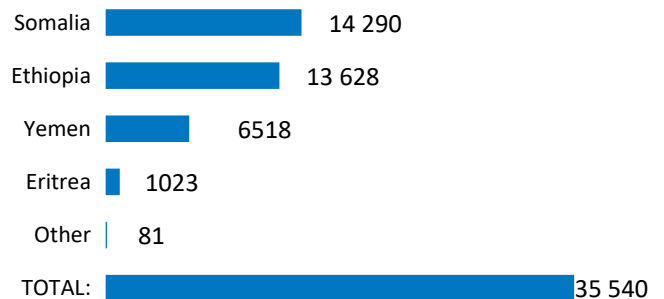
FUNDING (AS OF 28TH JUNE)

USD 18,2 M

requested for the Djibouti operation



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Update On Achievements Operational Context



World Refugee Day: Officials – refugees displaying handicrafts @UNHCR/Daouda Guirou

The official celebration of World Refugee Day took place in Ali Adde, the largest refugee village in Djibouti, under the high patronage of His Excellency the Minister of the Interior, accompanied by the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, the Representative of UNHCR, Representative of WFP, the Executive Secretary of ONARS, Representatives of Ministries, Prefect and Sub-Prefect, Regional Council, Diplomatic Corps, local authorities, partners, refugees, and host communities.

The World Refugee Day is dedicated to honour the courage, strength, and contributions of the millions of people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, war or persecution. At Ali Adde, representatives of urban refugees, from Holl-Holl and from

Markazi joined the local community to demonstrate their potential through exhibitions of handicrafts, artistic dances, football match, and by dedicating a special song and various live testimonies to express their gratitude to the host country for their inclusion and protection. (Links to [album photos](#) of the celebration, [press article](#), and [national TV piece](#)).

During the reporting period, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), in collaboration with UNHCR, organized a regional training of trainers on refugee protection and management. Experts from IGAD member states attended, from June 6 to 9, 2022, a workshop, in Djibouti city, which aimed to assist members in harmonizing refugee protection management practices based on inclusive application of international principles. More specifically, the workshop allowed to strengthen participants' knowledge on access and quality of asylum, harmonized approaches to managing refugee protection, strengthening partnerships, sharing best practices and the creation of a pool of competent experts to transfer knowledge to their respective countries. (Link to [article](#) on the event).

Achievements



Achievements and Impact

On 9, 13 and 14 June 2022, UNHCR FO Ali Sabieh held workshops on the Djibouti refugee law and the international protection, to the intention of refugees and host community leaders, youth and women from both refugee and host community. A total of 174 refugees and host community members attended these workshops in Ali Addeh, and 31 officials composed by regional authorities and civil servants in Ali Sabieh were reached by those workshops. In addition, from 15th- to 16th June, in Dikhil, capacity building workshop for local authorities and civil society have been organized on the international protection and the law on the refugees' status in Djibouti. Other sessions are planned for July and September 2022.

The National Eligibility Commission (NEC) deliberated on 11 cases in June of which 9 granted with refugee status, and 2 cases adjourned.

Registration

- **New arrivals registration:** During the reporting period, 102 (24 females and 78 males) new arrivals were registered. During the same period, 11 individuals were registered as In Situ².
- **Continuous registration activities:** 06 new births were recorded in June; 03 in Ali Addeh, 01 in Holl-Holl, 01 Djibouti-vile and 1 in Markazi.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- Overall, in the 1st semester, 15 awareness sessions on GBV were organized. A total of 346 people, of whom more than 177 are women participated to these sessions that stressed out the definition of GBV, types, causes, consequences, mechanism of denunciation, etc.). As for the response component, 17 cases of GBV were processed of which 10 cases are closed.

² In Situ means the refugee has arrived before the registration year

- In addition, the follow-up of 4 former cases of GBV are still in progress with the Sharia authority of Obock. Most of cases concerned psychological/physical violence, denial of resources, forced and early marriage.
- In June, the SGBV partner, UNFD managed respectively 05, 04 and 04 cases of GBV i.e., physical assaults, psychological violence, denial of resources and psychological violence in Ali-Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi. The partner also conducted 04 sensibilizations in each village, attended by 219 (112 in Ali-Addeh, 58 in Holl-Holl and 59 in Markazi) participants, and 01 sketch “de la rue” around all the sections in the village of Ali-Addeh.

Protection Reception and individual case follow-up/ counselling

- In Holl-Holl, 70 individual case follow-up was done mainly concerning shelter damaged by the summer heavy wind (Khamsin), legal assistance, continuous registration.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Services to persons with specific needs and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support needs are largely left unaddressed due to absence of a partner with the required expertise to implement such programs.

EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR education expert from Geneva visited the village of Markazi, especially the schools, and organized 3 focus groups (Teachers/Students/Parents of students) in the primary school. Following the recommendation regarding the Education sector included in the OIOS Audit1, the mission had the objective to (1) assess the current state of refugee education and (2) draft a work plan to enhance the inclusion of PoC in the education sector (3) institute a performance framework that supports the collection and analysis of related data. The mission also aimed at supporting the elaboration of the proposal for Educate a Child funds
- Baccalaureate exams: In Ali-Addeh, 27 out of 50 students' candidates have succeed to the baccalaureate exam. This corresponds this year' success rate to 54% comparing to 71% last year. For Markazi (Yemeni curriculum), 7 candidates out of the 9 registered students have succeed their baccalaureate exams and the final results are not yet to be promulgated by the Yemeni Ministry of Education.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Among identified needs in Markazi, there are urgent need to build 3 classrooms to replace the 3 caravans currently used for classrooms in the college (they cannot longer use because of their state of dilapidation), need to build a library for high school, need to build a stock room in the high school, need to build a 2nd entrance gate for the school on the facade of sector 1 of the village and need to build two laboratories (IT, science) with equipment for the high school.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- Following a coordination meeting initiated by the UNHCR, the nutritional health sector group decided that the nutritional inputs supplied by the WFP, which were previously stored directly at the level of the Markazi camp, are now delivered to the level of the CMH-Obock at the 2nd trimester. As a result, the chief medical officer of the CMH-O received the batches of Super cereals Plus (CSB++) for the 2nd quarter period, i.e., 192 boxes (10X1.5 kg). The nutritionist takes care of it at the dispatcher at Markazi.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Reinforce solar equipment Markazi village health post and make a solar refrigerator available to store vaccines and insulins.
- Absence of a psychologist in Markazi.



LIVELIHOODS

Achievements and Impact

- Funded by the European Union, 30 selected groups (30 individuals/group) in the first drawn for the PEAR project are following a professional training on the setting up of promising projects in Livelihood on Djibouti-ville, Ali Addeh, and Obock by the livelihood partner (ADDs). The business plan competition in front of a panel is planned for July organized, the selected projects will receive funding of 400,000 FDJ per group, which will be paid by the microfinance institution CPEC.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Lack of sensibilization to the beneficiaries of the IGA projects in the refugee villages regarding the payment of annual patent. Thus, this module on the importance of patent payment should include in the vocational training given to the beneficiaries prior the project.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, in the extremely deplorable summer climate in Djibouti, the water production of refugee villages was impacted. The WASH partner (DHR) took actions to improve water production of the villages, by cleaning the existing well, by changing the column of capture of the drilling in Holl-Holl, by the installation of the HDPE pipes that will connect the well to the adduction system and purchasing a group in Ali-Addeh, and by making direct connection from the village to the main cistern in Markazi.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The motor pump has broken down in Markazi. Therefore, finding an appropriate solution, especially during the summer when the climate is extremely deplorable in Obock.
- There is need to change the old piping of the distribution network in the village in order to withstand the high pressure of the water tower, if the connection becomes feasible



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR field office in Obock and ONARS jointly conducted the exercise to assess the current condition of prefabricated housing, the floor and roof of which are increasingly deteriorating. At the end of the exercise, the team noticed, among others, that wooden interior slabs in the majority of houses are deteriorating, worn roofs causing water leaks, which cause diseases among the inhabitants.
- In Holl-Holl, the first response of shelter assessment done to assess the damaged shelter by the heavy wind is planned to arrive tomorrow (13th July 2022) in the Tigrayans sector (hardly damaged section). In the other hand, the camp managers proceed urgently in the replacement of ten (10) households' shelter damaged by the fire caused by the khamsin. In this purpose, ONARS conducted a sensibilization session to inform the fire risk of the Khamsin in Holl-Holl and Ali-Addeh.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

- Faced with drought, the COVID pandemic, price hikes, refugees are experiencing recurring shocks. The ONARS Executive Secretary and the UNHCR Representative undertook field mission to meet with refugees, host communities and local authorities in Holl-Holl and Ali Adde. They had productive discussions with communities and paved the way for concerted solutions to strengthen their resilience.
- On June 22, 2022, a new mission from the King Salman Foundation, accompanied by two emissaries from ONARS/Djibouti, visited the village of Markazi to assess the condition of the prefabricated housing in the village of Markazi.
- During the reporting period: ONARS transferred 6 Tigrayan asylum seekers aboard the ferry to the village of Holl-Holl.

Working in partnership

UNHCR works with national and international partners, namely: The Ministry of Interior through the government department in charge of refugee-related issues, l'Office National assistance aux Réfugiés et Sinistrés (ONARS), which manages the refugee settlements; Ministry of Education

(MENFOP): education and vocational training; Ministry of Health: health/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and nutrition; Ministry of Habitat, Urban Planning and Environment: firewood; L'Union Nationale des Femmes de Djibouti (SGBV); Ministry of agriculture/DHR; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Social Affairs; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Sports; and DRC.

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