

Djibouti

July 2022

Djibouti is one of the most **politically stable** countries in the region and hosts **35 925¹** refugees and asylum seekers from the neighboring countries and continues to receive simultaneous arrivals from Somalia, Ethiopia,

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

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



24,691 refugees

11,235 asylum seekers

COMPOSITION

AGE AND GENDER

20% GIRLS 0-17 **BOYS 21%**
BELOW 18 YRS

26% WOMEN 18-59 YRS **MEN 33%**
18-59 YRS

ELDERLY ABOVE 60 YRS

60+
4%

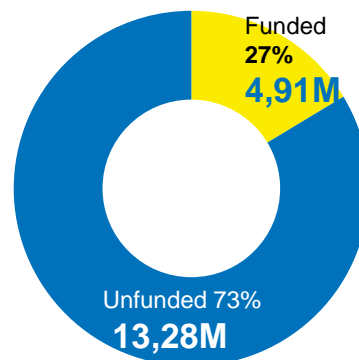
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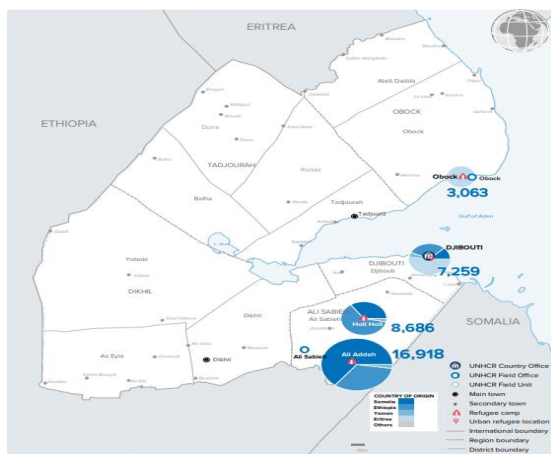
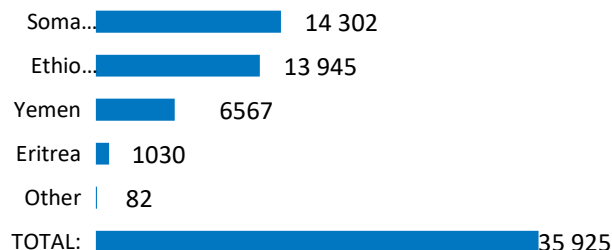
FUNDING (AS OF 31ST JULY)

USD 18,2 M

requested for the Djibouti operation



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¹ As of 31st July

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The Republic of Djibouti, like other countries in the Horn of Africa, is facing one of the worst droughts in more than 40 years, which is seriously affecting populations, including refugees and asylum seekers.

The Government has declared a state of emergency linked to the drought affecting populations throughout the national territory and has convened an emergency meeting for this purpose. The United Nations System has taken note of this Declaration.

On July 20, 2022, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees declared a Level 2 emergency for four countries in the sub-region, including Djibouti.

The drought has caused internal displacements within the Djiboutian population and affects both humans and livestock. Its impacts extend to host populations as well as to refugees and asylum seekers in settlements and in urban areas, thus weakening the social balance of households and exacerbating precariousness within communities.

Following the Level 2 Emergency Response Statement on the impact of the drought in the Horn of Africa, of which Djibouti is a part, UNHCR Djibouti, in collaboration with ONARS, is preparing a response plan to mitigate the impact of drought on the well-being of people under his mandate living in the refugee sites of Holl-Holl, Ali-Addeh and Markazi as well as in the urban area of Djibouti Ville.

One of the priority sectors identified for the response is food security. Indeed, rising prices and inflationary trends in international/local markets put considerable pressure on the ability of refugee and asylum seeker households to meet their daily food needs. Thus, a sectoral response is proposed to ensure that each refugee manages to consume at least 2100 KCAL/day according to international standards.



Photos of impact of the drought in the country (Dikhil region, southern of Djibouti)

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

The month of July 2022 was marked by a preparatory mission led by Mr. Clément Ibale Sebutimbiri in order to plan the exercise of physical verification of refugees from Djibouti, scheduled for October 2022, but also to assess with the ONARS field coordinator and the two field offices (HCR/ONARS), the existing and the missing needs in order to better undertake this verification operation which is planned on the 3 sites.

The period was also marked by the official visit of the Deputy Representative of UNHCR Djibouti and the protection officer to Markazi/Obock in order to immerse themselves in the living conditions of Yemeni refugees, to assess existing sectoral needs and the state of administrative infrastructure and shelters.

During the reporting period, the FO office Ali-Sabieh accompanied an assessment, communication and awareness-raising mission for Tigrayan communities who had recently arrived in the village of Holl Holl.

Registration

- **New arrivals registration:** During the reporting period, 335 (118 females and 217 males) new arrivals were registered. During the same period, 26 individuals (23 males and 3 females) were registered as In Situ².
- **Continuous registration activities:** 20 new births were recorded in June; 5 in Ali Addeh, 14 in Holl-Holl, and 1 in Markazi.

Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- The month of July was marked by an interagency meeting which brought together several stakeholders around the implementation partner of the GBVIMS data collection system "Mission Community Systems Foundation" to share their opinions and agree on the information that should be covered GBVIMS regarding populations under their respective jurisdictions. This meeting was followed by a capacity building session on the different stages of the case management/integrated care process in the GBVIMS platform. They, in turn, made recommendations aimed at strengthening the quality of services at all levels of the GBV survivor management process.
- In the refugee villages, one case of GBV was referred to the partner in charge of the component in Ali Addeh and two cases were the subject of a joint UNHCR/UNFD follow-up in Holl Holl. In addition, 03 cases of GBV including a case of psychological violence, a case of denial of resources and a case of assault were taken care of in Ali Addeh. At the level of Holl Holl, a case of denial of resources has been identified, while 03 new cases of SGBV are recorded during the month in Markazi mainly relating to physical aggression and psychological violence. 2 former follow-up cases for physical assault and psychological violence have been referred to the Madoun level to activate the divorce procedure. All of the survivors received psychosocial assistance and were referred to the competent authorities.
- In terms of GBV prevention, 112 individuals were sensitized in sections 1 to 6 of the village of Ali-Addeh. In Holl Holl, only one sensitization was held this month of July and reached 10 people while in Obock, a total 4 sensitization sessions held with 52 (17 men and 35 women refugees) on the cause/consequences of GBV and on denunciation in order to prevent and reduce gender-based violence.

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

Protection Reception and individual case follow-up/ counseling

- During the month of July, a total of 102 requests were received in the representation office in Djibouti: the grievances registered consisted mainly of requests for resettlement, requests for financial or medical assistance, renewal of documents and cases of detention in Nagad.
- 15 individuals were received in the village of Ali Addeh, the majority of whom had concerns related to resettlement, others asked for their data to be updated, and some sought assistance in shelter (following the violent Khamsin summer winds) and medical care.
- In Holl-Holl, individual cases follow-up was done mainly concerning new arrivals registered between May and June 2022 who did not receive shelter.
- On July 26, 2022, the protection team contributed to the release of 06 refugees who were returning from Ethiopia after having spent the summer holidays and who had been intercepted at the level of Guelileh (checkpoint of the forces of security of Djibouti on the border with Ethiopia).

Durable solutions

- On July 14, 2022, in the village of Ali-Addeh, the protection carried out an assessment of the relations of dependency between a principal applicant and her sister as part of the verifications of the cases of resettlement in Canada. The assessment revealed very close ties of dependency and recommended that the 2 women won't be separated.
- As part of resettlement as a durable solution, the office has been preparing for the finalization of 50 cases previously submitted to Canada whose departure was put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. To date, 23 cases have been verified including 20 cases in the village of Ali Addeh and 3 cases in Holl-Holl.

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

- According to the regional education coordinator, the results of the baccalaureate exams, session 2022 have not yet been promulgated by the Yemeni Ministry of Education. As a result, the school management and the students are impatiently awaiting the results of the baccalaureate.
- The 2022/2023 back-to-school calendar for Markazi village school classes: the administrative start is scheduled for August 25, 2022, and the start of the school year will take place as follows: September 4, 2022, for the basic school, 5 September 2022, for middle school and high school and October 2, 2022, for kindergarten.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- On July 28, 2022, the PoCs of the refugee villages benefited from the services offered by the World Acupuncture Mission (WAM) team who came at the invitation of the government of Djibouti. The team, made of 20 physicians

and 20 physician assistants and based in the USA with branches in South Korea, came to treat various diseases from the Ali Sabieh Regional Hospital Doctor Ahmed Absieh Warsama. The mission moved to Ali-Addeh refugee village where they gave treatment for refugee who are medically disadvantaged to bring healing for their various diseases (handicap, veins issues, paralyzed).

- In Obock, following receipt of new batches of super cereals plus (CSB++), the nutrition team of the village health post carried out an exercise to identify and verify malnutrition among children aged 0 to 59. months in Markazi, including children from 7 to 12 years old. Anthropological measurements (height/weight) were taken with the instruments of about fifty children in total.



Verification exercise to identify and verify malnutrition among children aged 0 to 59. months in Markazi
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LIVELIHOODS

- The entrepreneurship project for refugees (PAER) continues: the entrepreneurship training was finalized in July on all four sites (Djibouti city, Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi), and the beneficiaries are now setting up their business plans, which they will present in front of a jury in August. The income-generating activities that were launched in 2020 got an additional funding to reinforce their activities. Saving groups for women have been established on all four sites and the beneficiaries have signed the convention with the microfinance institution CPEC waiting for their accounts to open. The first bank transfer is planned for August. The PAER project is funded by the European Union and is implemented by ADDS and CPEC.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Refugees and asylum-seekers are constantly asking to take part in livelihood projects. UNHCR is considering other income-generating activities to support more refugees living in the refugee villages.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- During the period under review, the tanker truck provided by UNICEF began supplying water to the refugee village of Holl-Holl. Due to technical difficulties, the regularity of the tanker trips to the refugee villages has been reduced to 03 times a day instead of 05.

- Also, during this month, the field teams carried out several maintenance and repair works on the village distribution networks (replacement of a pipe damaged by the refugees in Holl-Holl, replacement of an old shut-off valve in the distribution network of section 3 of Holl-Holl).
- During this period, the FO Ali-Sabieh held a meeting with the water committee and the section heads of the village of Holl-Holl to take stock of water during this drought season; one of the major problems is that the untapped cement wells for the production of drinking water that the refugees used in times of shortages to do their laundry have been sealed by a plantation aid project. ONARS was contacted to find a solution with the organization that is implementing this project with the aim of restoring access to water points for refugees. The other problem raised during this meeting is the vandalism of the pipes of the water network. As a result, water committees have been made aware of the negative impact that this behavior has on existing resources, especially in times of drought and in the face of budget cuts.
- The DHR team is working hard on the site to continue the water supply to the village following the failure of the suppressor linked to the solar panel devices during the past month. focal also approached the commander of the barracks of the Inter-Army Regiment of Obock (RIAO) with a view to mobilizing their tanker and constantly increasing the quantity of water supplied to the Yemeni community, especially during this period of heat wave.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- In response to the impact of the drought in the refugee villages, the office held meetings with DHR and the refugee community during which the needs to be covered for the sector were identified and budgeted. Finally, the emptying of the pit of the old latrine block of the Tigrayan reception site was finalized. The construction of 2 blocks of 4 additional latrines for new arrivals from the refugee village of Holl-Holl is almost finalized.
- A group of 10 Korean volunteers led by SUNG BONG KIM came to Markazi village in order to provide sports equipment to Yemeni refugee children which includes 5 soccer balls, 1 pair of sports shoes for 1 child and kids tattoo application.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- The general distribution of food and cash for the month of July continued until the beginning of the month August in Ali-Addeh, 120 disputed households concerning 315 individuals were treated (35 households with Data-related problems and 85 other households with vulnerabilities and medical transfers). Also, the office also supported the distribution of firewood in the village of Ali-Addeh during which 1802 households of 9732 individuals were served.
- The local Rural Water Directorate (DHR) sub-contractor repaired the main entrance gate which had been damaged by their truck during the village's monthly solid waste disposal exercise on Sunday July 17, 2022.

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 d'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 Labor; Ministry of Sports; and DRC.

External / Donors Relations

CONTRIBUTIONS³ | USD

	■ Unearmarked	■ Softly earmarked	■ Earmarked	■ Tightly earmarked	Total
European Union	-	-	-	2,630,810	2,630,810
United States of America	-	-	900,000	-	900,000
CERF	-	-	-	100,004	100,004
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	-	-	915	14,085	15,000
Sub-total	-	-	900,915	2,744,899	3,645,814
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	904,287	493,399	(35,472)	(166,600)	1,195,614
Total	904,287	493,399	865,443	2,578,298	4,841,427

Methodology: Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund prioritised activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the country. The contributions earmarked for Djibouti shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to programme support costs and carry-over.

United States of America 14.5 million | **Canada** 7.8 million | **Private donors Australia** 4.9 million | **Private donors USA** 4.4 million | **Private donors Germany** 2.9 million

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