New population movement in the Somali Region

Week 2 - as of 9 March 2023

98,000 estimated newly arrived refugees in the Somali region

Population estimates provided by the authorities of Doolo zone, Somali Region. (as of 9 Mar)

Age/Sex Breakdown estimated based on pre-registration.

43% estimated refugees are women

24% estimated refugees are men

33% estimated refugees are children

Gender of Head of Household (pre-registration)

Ethnicity / Clan (pre-registration)

Darood - 99%

Other - 1%

34,000* newly arrived refugees pre-registered in the Somali region (as of 9 Mar)

Pre-registration is ongoing by RRS and UNHCR. Pre-registration does not include biometric data collection.

30,000* newly arrived refugees pre-registered in the Somali region (as of 9 Mar)

Newly arrived refugees pre-registered in the Somali region (as of 9 Mar)

Timeline of key events

9 Feb
RRS Director General & UNHCR Representative meet with the Somali Regional State President in Jijiga.

9-15 Feb
Multi-Sectoral Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) visits 13 locations in Doolo zone, where new arrivals settled.

6 Feb
Refugees begin crossing the border due to fighting in Laas Caanood and surrounding areas.

20 Feb
Six trucks carrying critical relief items (CRIs,) for about 9,000 vulnerable families, received in Bokh.

1-4 Mar
RRS Director General & UNHCR Representative undertake a mission to Doolo zone with regional and local authorities.

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* This figure is subject to change once individual biometric registration is conducted.

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