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UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

DJIBOUTI

20 February 2025

FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS

32 920

Refugee and Asylum seekers as of 31 January[1].

24 134

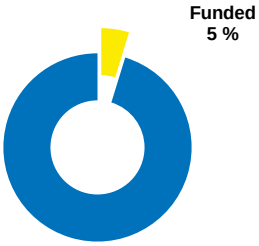
Refugees

8 786

Asylum seekers

FUNDING

20.6 M $ requested for Djibouti operation in 2025[2]



1.1 M $ received as of 31 January 2025

[1] Statistics

[2] Djibouti-funding-update

OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

IGAD and BMZ laid the foundation stone of the market in Ali Addeh refugee village. On 13 February, IGAD, together with German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the prefecture and the regional council of Ali Sabieh, laid the foundation stone for the future market in Ali Sabieh and Ali Addeh. The project, on which work will start shortly, will be implemented by the Danish Refugee Council. IGAD and German Development Bank (KfW), in collaboration with the Djibouti government, have lately implemented two other projects aimed at improving infrastructure in refugee hosting areas in Ali-Addeh and Ali-Sabieh. These are the construction of the Ali Addeh community development center and the renovation and extension of the vocational high school of Ali-Sabieh. UNHCR welcomes these projects as part of its efforts to improve the economic potential and livelihoods of refugees and host communities in the Republic of Djibouti.

New asylum seekers from Syria and Eritrea received non-food items © UNHCR/Mamadou Sadio

REFUGEE RESPONSE

The UK Ambassador visited Markazi refugee site. On 13 February, the UK Ambassador HE Mr. Vinay Talwar and his team visited the Markazi refugee site, in Obock region. The Ambassador was received by the UNHCR Representative Mr Philippe Creppy, where discussions focused on inclusion and empowerment as a way-forward to sustainable solutions. A guided tour was organized for the ambassador and his team, which enabled them to meet with the Yemeni and Eritrean communities to discuss the challenges they face on a daily basis. He promises to be a strong advocate for the operation, and looks forward to further collaboration with UNHCR. The UK supports for the welfare and resilience of refugees in Djibouti and around the world.

New asylum seekers from Syria and Eritrea received non-food items. On 18 February, UNHCR, in collaboration of the ONARS and CIAUD, distributed non-foods items to some new arrivals including 6 families composed of 35 individuals from Syria mostly children and 16 families composed of 47 individuals from Eritrea. All families are settled in Markazi site and have received each blankets, kitchen utensils, jerrycans, 15 L bucket, mats, solar lamps and mosquito nets.

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