



ETHIOPIA FACTSHEET

January 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

665,881 Total number of refugees	33,772 Identified unaccompanied minors & separated children	195,500 South Sudanese refugees since 15 Dec.2013	95% Funding Gap
--	---	---	---------------------------

Population of concern

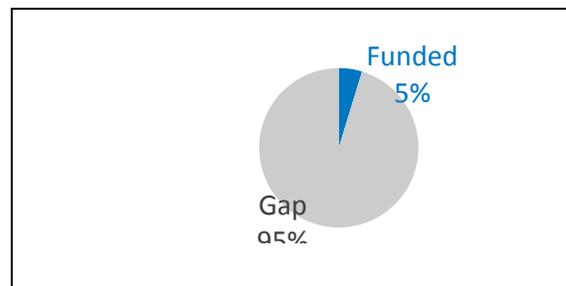
A total of **665,881** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	253,030
Somalia	245,326
Eritrea	126,363
Sudan	35,870
Other nationalities	5,292
Total	665,881

Funding

USD 307.9 million requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

- 306 national staff
- 90 international staff
- 134 individual contractors
- 20 deployees
- 8 IUNVs

Total: **558**

Offices:

26 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia**, the **UNHCR Representation to the AU and ECA** as well as 24 Sub and Field-Offices located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Semera) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Nyn-yang, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyo, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR is fully engaged in the Humanitarian Country Team in Ethiopia, where the refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure that the needs of refugees are adequately presented and addressed. The Office is also building on well-established coordination forums such as the Refugee Task Force, donor and NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp levels.
- UNHCR's main Government counterpart and implementing partner in Ethiopia is the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and the Office works well with it in ensuring continued protection of the refugees.
- About 40 partners, including government agencies, national and international non-governmental organization and UN agencies work closely with UNHCR to support the refugees in the country.
- An effective coordination environment was established in response to the Level 3 emergency with refugees arriving from South Sudan; a Regional Refugee Response Plan was developed

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- The Government of Ethiopia generally maintains open borders for refugees seeking protection in the country. A party to both the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and its 1967 Protocol and the 1969 OAU Convention, the Government provides protection to refugees from over 18 countries, with the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan.
- Most asylum-seekers are granted refugee status on a prima facie basis, i.e., based on their region and/or country of origin. Individual refugee status determination is undertaken for all others through a government Eligibility Committee, on which UNHCR sits as an observer.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers are generally expected by the Government to reside in camps, although some are permitted to reside in urban areas for medical, security, or humanitarian reasons. The Government's "Out of Camp Policy" provides many Eritrean refugees the opportunity to live in Addis Ababa and other locations if they have the necessary financial support. It is hoped that this programme can be improved upon and expanded. Overall, there are some 5,570 registered refugees in Addis Ababa.
- Key protection concerns for the country operation include child protection, Education and sexual and gender-based violence. The situation of Eritrean unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in the north is of particular concern, given the large numbers and limited family-based care options, with additional resources devoted to these children in 2014 under the Child Protection Regional Initiative. Data-collection and case management tools are also being rolled out in the different operations, including the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) (in coordination with UNICEF, the Gender Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) and the Education Management Information System (EMIS).
- UNHCR is also working closely with the government and key partners to address the issue of trafficking and smuggling of refugees. Livelihoods opportunities are considered a key component of these efforts, as are increased information campaigns and improved services. In addition to implementing UNHCR's Strategy and Regional Action Plan to address Smuggling and Trafficking from the East and Horn of Africa (issued in March 2013), UNHCR is also contributing to efforts by the Government of Ethiopia and the UN Country Team in this area.

Education

- An all-out effort is being exerted to provide education to as many refugees as possible, but emergency response and shortage of funds mean that a lot needs to be done to improve the enrolment rate at all levels of the education sector. (comprehensive enrolment figure to be included in February fact sheet).

Health

- Service delivery continues across the operation unhindered and no outbreak of any sort has been reported from any of the camps.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR, jointly with ARRA and WFP, carried out health and nutrition surveys in the three Jijiga camps namely, Sheder, Awbarre and Kebribeyah that are home to more than 40,000 Somali refugees. Preliminary results show GAM rates of 8.9% 8.3% and 6.6% for Sheder, Awbarre and Kebribeyah, respectively, which is less than the public health significance of 15%.

Water and Sanitation

- In Kule camp, UNHCR's partners-World Vision International and UNICEF- awarded contracts for construction of the integrated permanent water system in Gambella while IRC has completed 20 water points and commenced installation of 100,000litres pioneer tanks in Tierkidi camp.
- One borehole was successfully drilled in Barahle town to supply safe water to the host community. This will help solidify refugee-host community relationship, particularly so at a time when the refugee population in Barahle camp is expected to increase.
- As refugees who had self-relocated to host community areas during flooding in Leitchuor camp slowly returned, water and sanitation infrastructure was temporarily increased to improve service delivery as relocation to a new camp is awaited.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The Government of Ethiopia (ARRA) manages all refugee camps in Ethiopia. UNHCR and ARRA work together with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings generally happen both at the zonal and camp level. In addition, technical working groups also meet regularly on such issues as child protection, SGBV, education, WASH and Health.

Access to Energy

- 12,000 solar lanterns and 600 street lights are in purchase pipelines for the Gambella camps.
- UNHCR is has finalized preparations to sign a frame agreement with vendors for the supply of 2.2 million liters of ethanol and 3.4 million liters of kerosene for the year 2015-2016.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR's self-reliance programme in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia, supported by donors, including the IKEA Foundation, complements the Government's development programme and includes refugees and host communities. This programme takes a developmental approach, with improving livelihoods being highlighted as one of the primary areas of focus whereby people can take a greater level of responsibility for their lives and livelihoods. Moreover, as the camps are situated in a drought-prone area, this approach aims to build refugees' resilience in anticipation of their imminent return to their places of origin in Somalia. A resulting increase in household income including the ownership of animals and agriculture activities has already been noted since 2013 and is expected to continue.
- Innovative approaches to refugee shelters, renewable energy and camp lay-out are also being piloted in Dollo Ado for eventual implementation in other operations. In addition to providing training on cooperative development and business management, business grant support has been made available by UNHCR to improve the livelihoods of refugees. UNHCR is also piloting an agricultural project focusing on improving the livelihoods of over 200, 000 Somali refugees in the Dollo Ado area.
- In the Jijiga area where there are three camps hosting more than 40,000 Somali refugees, UNHCR engages refugees and host communities in self-reliance activities under its Development Assistance for Refugees (DAR) project. Refugees and members of the host communities around the camps have begun harvesting agricultural outputs for consumption and for the local market.

Durable Solutions

- Resettlement remains the only viable durable solution in the Ethiopia operation, as conflict continues in countries of origin (Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, and Somalia) effectively precluding voluntary repatriation, while local integration remains elusive.
- Ethiopia's resettlement target for 2015 is 5,965 individuals. During the reporting month, 80 cases (190 individuals) were referred to the Regional Support Hub in Nairobi for onward submission to resettlement countries.
- 39 cases (131 individuals) have been submitted to resettlement countries by the Regional Support Hub in Nairobi.

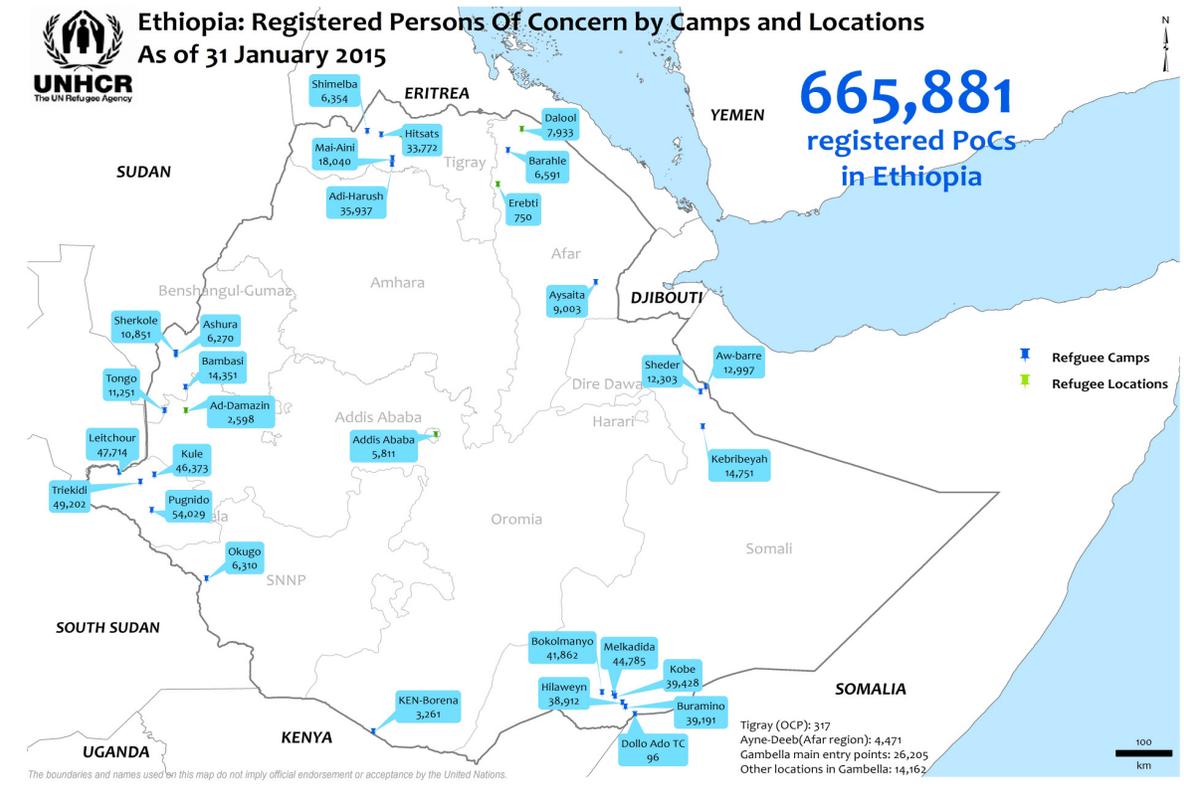
- 125 cases (363 individuals) have departed Ethiopia to third countries through a UNHCR-facilitated resettlement program.

Logistics

- An automatic Core Relief items replenishment system has been put in place to ensure that there is no break in the supply chain. This system is based on aggregated warehouse stock balance and stock at camp level to determine replenishment needs at respective locations at any given time.
- 2015 First quarter CRIs distribution plans as well as procurement plans countrywide have been developed. This will serve as a guideline to service the needs of the different field offices. This activity will be replicated throughout the year.
- The country’s inventory records continue to reflect zero discrepancies due to close follow up of warehousing activities and adherence to set SOPs by both UNHCR and its logistics partner.
- CRIs for the following number of beneficiaries have been prepositioned: Gambella 30,000, Dollo Ado 20,000, Shire 10,000 and Assosa, Jijiga and Samera 5,000 each.

UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors who have given unearmarked and broadly earmarked contributions to UNHCR this year, as well as the following donors who have directly contributed to the Ethiopia operation:

CERF | INT’L ORGANIZ. FOR MIGRATION | PRIV DONORS NETHERLANDS | SWITZERLAND | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Contacts:

Valentin Tapsoba, Representative, TAPSOBA@unhcr.org, Tel: +251116612822
Kisut GebreEgziabher, Assistant Comm/PI Officer, GEGZIABK@unhcr.org, Tel: +251116612822, Cell +251911208901