



# ETHIOPIA FACTSHEET

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## HIGHLIGHTS

<b>682,761</b> Total number of refugees	<b>199,348</b> South Sudanese refugees since 15 Dec.2013	<b>71%</b> South Sudanese new arrivals who are female	<b>67%</b> South Sudanese new arrivals who are children
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### Population of concern

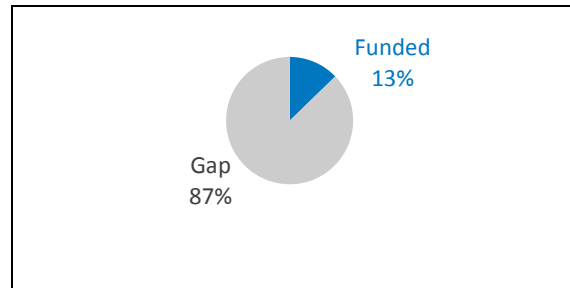
A total of **682,761** people of concern

#### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	261,643
Somalia	246,206
Eritrea	133,348
Sudan	36,275
Other nationalities	5,289
<b>Total</b>	<b>682,761</b>

### Funding

**USD 315 million** requested



• Funding level as of 7 April 2015

### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

- 299 national staff
- 84 international staff
- 135 individual contractors
- 31 deployees
- 8 IUNVs

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Total: **557**

#### 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

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- 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 organizations 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 with participation of all partners.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

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### Protection

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- 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 from neighboring countries 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 means to support themselves. It is hoped that this programme can be improved and expanded. There are 5,900 registered refugees in Addis.
- 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) 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, UNHCR is also contributing to efforts by the Government of Ethiopia and the UN Country Team in this area.

### Education

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- UNHCR, together with ARRA and its Education partners, has drafted a country-specific education strategy document which should serve as a roadmap for our education interventions across all the refugee camps in the country. The document has been shared for peer review by the education team in Geneva and is expected to be finalized before end of May 2015. The draft strategy takes into account existing good linkages with national education systems and seeks to further strengthen the same by working with the Ministry of Education (MoE) at federal and regional levels. Through coordination with ARRA, MoE continues to support the refugee education programme in a number of ways including the administration of placement examination and assessment of core learning competency targeting children and young refugees who could not present education certificates from their countries of origin.

- UNHCR and ARRA have established collaboration in the area of Education Management and Information System (EMIS) which should result in the development of a contextualized EMIS for refugees by mid-2015.

## Health

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- The measles outbreak that affected three of the four refugee camps in Tigray region (hosting thousands of Eritrean refugees) has been contained thanks to the concerted efforts of UNHCR, ARRA, the Federal Ministry of Health as well as UNICEF. A total of 50,430 people (19,176 refugees and 31,254 members of the host community) has been reached through a mass measles vaccination campaign in the four camps, one screening center and eight host-community villages, targeting those in the age range of 6 months to 30 years. A rapid 'convenience monitoring survey' conducted afterwards revealed that 97% of the targeted population has been covered by the vaccination campaign.

## Food Security and Nutrition

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- UNHCR in collaboration with its health and nutrition partners (WFP, UNICEF, ARRA, Goal, CWW, and ACF) completed the annual nutrition and health surveys in the different refugee camps in the Gambella region, home to more than 250,000 South Sudanese refugees. Report on preliminary findings is being compiled.
- Similarly, UNHCR and its health and nutrition partners (ARRA, WFP, SCI, IMC, and MSF-S) are conducting the annual nutrition and health surveys in the five refugee camps in Dollo Ado area, sheltering more than 200,000 Somali refugees.

## Water and Sanitation

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- Refugees and the host communities in and around Barahle refugee camp in the Afar region have a greatly improved access to water with the inauguration of the newly constructed and rehabilitated water supply schemes. Both schemes have installed capacity of approximately 61,000litres per hour pumped using solar and fuel generators. There is a plan to replace the fuel generators with electricity from the national grid there by reducing the unit costs of water;
- Second phase of Urine Diversion Dry Toilet (UDDT) study resumed with a training conducted by Center for Disease Control (CDC) on sampling for partners implementing WASH in the Dollo Ado camps. The project is a sanitation waste to value pilot aimed at providing alternative sustainable sanitation options whilst safely exploiting human wastes potential for livelihoods activities. The project is being implemented in collaboration with CDC and the University of ArbaMinch, Ethiopia.

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

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- 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

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- As of 30 March 2015, 11,460 solar lanterns have been distributed to as many households in Kule (5,553) and Tierkidi (5,907) refugee camps in the Gambella region. Moreover, 7,736 Rocket stoves have been distributed in the two camps-i.e, 7,237 in Kule and 499 in Tierkidi.
- UNHCR's energy & environmental protection partner-Gaia Association- has dispatched 105,000 liters of ethanol fuel to Jijiga for distribution in Aw-barre, Kebribeyah and Sheder camps, home to nearly 40,000 Somali refugees.
- Seedling nurseries are being established in all refugee camps across the country as part of the effort to reforest degraded lands in and around the refugee camps.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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- 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 nearly 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 continue to produce agricultural outputs both for domestic 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 referral target for 2015 is 5,965 individuals.
- As of March 2015, a total of 369 cases (996 individuals) were referred to the Regional Support Hub (Hub) in Nairobi for onward submission to resettlement countries. The Hub has already submitted 219 cases (665 individuals) to resettlement countries.
- 247 cases (821 individuals) have departed Ethiopia to third countries through UNHCR facilitated resettlement program.

## Logistics

- Physical verification of inventories for the first quarter of the year has been conducted in all UNHCR warehouses in Ethiopia, with the findings revealing zero discrepancy.
- In March, the operation received from the Dubai and Nairobi stockpiles 22 containers loaded with 41,500 blankets, 83,510 plastic sheetings, 2,800 family tents, and 10,000 solar lanterns.
- 27,000 blankets, 3,400 solar lanterns, 44,000 Lt of cooking fuel, 6,700 kitchen sets, 252,000 pcs of soap, 14,000 jerry cans, 5,000 plastic sheetings, 9,500 mosquito nets, 10,000 sanitary pads and 30,000 pcs of women's underwear have been distributed to the different field locations for distribution in the camps.

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