

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #30

22 – 28 July 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a total of 665 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (374 persons), Bossaso, Puntland (19 persons) and Mogadishu (272 persons). Out of them, 391 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers. Registration of arrivals in Mogadishu is being finalized.
- In Berbera, two boats arrived on 24 July carrying 133 persons (109 Somalis, 23 Yemenis and 1 Ethiopian) and on 26 July carrying 241 persons (238 Somalis and 3 Ethiopians). Assistance continued also to be provided to the 1,367 new arrivals (1,328 Somalis, 24 Yemenis and 15 Ethiopians) who reached Berbera on 20 July.
- In Bossaso, two boats arrived on 22 July, carrying 4 individuals (all Somali nationals) and on 26 July, a boat carrying 15 individuals (11 Somalis, 2 Yemenis and 2 Ethiopians).
- IOM's second evacuation flight from Yemen arrived in Mogadishu on 27 July with 272 persons.
- Somali returnees arrived in Bossaso and Berbera and supported with onward transportation assistance were received in Luuq (7 households, 31 individuals) and Baidoa (65 households, 275 individuals).

KEY FIGURES

25,783

Arrivals from Yemen since 27 March at the early onset of the crisis

1,490

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March out of the total of 2,358 Yemeni arrivals

15,966

Arrivals registered at Reception Centers in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu since 27 March

56%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

7,778

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

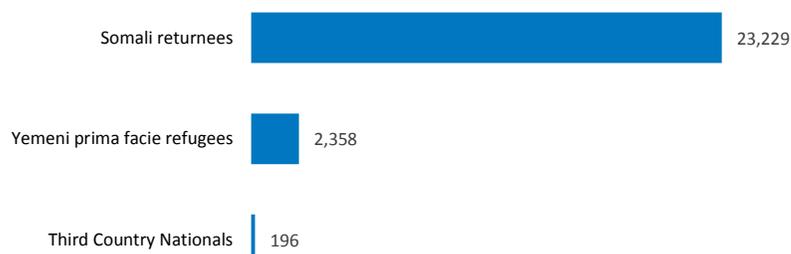
USD 64 million

requested for the **Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-September 2015)**

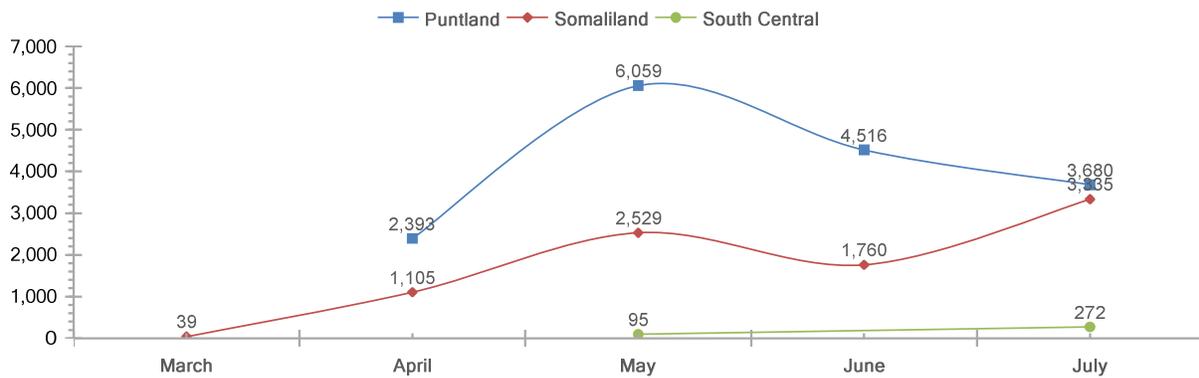


Population of concern

A total of **25,783** people of concern



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
Ethiopia	58	102		160	1 %
India	1			1	0 %
Kenya	6			6	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	15,430	7,432	367	23,229	90 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		8		8	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,141	1,217		2,358	9 %
Total	16,648	8,768	367	25,783	100 %
	64.57 %	34.01%	1.42 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	7,120	4,222	23	11,365	45 %
Females	4,954	2,383	123	7,460	29 %
Males	4,454	2,163	112	6,729	26 %
Total	16,528	8,768	258	25,554	100 %
	64.68 %	34.31 %	1.01 %		

Note: not all individuals that arrived remained to be registered. The figures shown here reflect those who have chosen to have their bio data collected.

INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

Areas of Intended Return	Point of Entry			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	4,017	4,850	0	8,867	56 %
Hargeisa	249	1,497	0	1,746	11 %
Bossaso	454	238	0	692	5 %
Kismayo	289	174	0	463	3 %
Baidoa	316	111	0	427	3 %
Afgooye	181	124	0	305	2 %
Other locations	1,684	1,720	62	3,466	20 %
Total Registered Arrivals	7,190	8,714	62	15,966	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements



Protection

PUNTLAND

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR Bossaso registered 28 Yemeni individuals (9 households) as *prima facie* refugees. The total number of Yemeni nationals registered in Bossaso is currently 1,033 (371 households). UNHCR also registered 2 Ethiopian nationals (1 household) as refugees with the office as they had previously been recognized in Yemen.
- Progress continues to be on track with respect to the construction/rehabilitation of the 2nd Reception Centre in Bossaso, and UNHCR's implementing partner DRC expects that the Centre will be functional within the first week of August. Once completed the Center will avoid overcrowding in case of large group of arrivals.
- Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) provided Restoring Family Links (RFL) assistance to 317 individuals through provision of access to urgent phone calls. This activity was supported by ICRC.
- NRC provided information/counselling sessions to 11 new arrivals (9 females and 2 males) at the Reception Centre through their Information Counselling and Legal Assistance (ICLA) programme, including provision of information services on rights, remedies and entitlements for people affected by displacement, and the provision of legal counselling and facilitation of referrals to beneficiaries. NRC aims to make these services available to all households at the Reception Centre.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The boat that arrived on 26 July arrived in the evening and the Port authorities did not allow people to disembark until morning. Registration occurred on 27 July.
- Various sources, including UNHCR, Puntland Ministry of Interior (MOI) and local community, have identified approximately 30 cases of Yemeni nationals wishing to register as refugees in Garowe, Gardo and Badhan. These cases are currently pending registration interview by UNHCR.
- Strengthened registration system is ongoing, in line with the comprehensive registration strategy developed by UNHCR and agreed with partners. Biometric registration equipment is being received from Geneva to Nairobi and should be delivered and installed in Bossaso, Berbera and Mogadishu in early August.
- A large boat carrying an estimate of 3,000 passengers is expected to arrive in Bossaso during the current week.

SOMALILAND

Achievements and Impact

- Efforts continued to establish a UNHCR Field Office in Berbera with dedicated protection and administrative staff to facilitate reception and assistance for new arrivals. Suitable office premises have been identified and the recruitment of field staff is being completed.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Due to large group of arrivals in Berbera on 20 July, the capacity of the Reception Centers was stretched. Bathroom capacity at both Centers was overwhelmed and hygiene became a concern. Furthermore, capacity of all partners was significantly strained.
- Rehabilitation at both Reception Centers in Berbera is ongoing, but was delayed due to large new arrivals staying at the Centers.
- As the 2nd Reception Center in Berbera will not be available by early September with the start of the school year, efforts continue to locate a suitable alternative Reception Center. A joint field mission by UNHCR and Berbera authorities is scheduled for 29 July to assess alternative buildings.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- IOM's second evacuation flight from Yemen arrived in Mogadishu at 07.45 am on 27 July. Escorted by two medical staff, the aircraft had 272 Somali passengers on board, of whom 196 requested further assistance and were taken to the IOM Transit/Reception Center in Mogadishu. The evacuation operation prioritized vulnerable people and many elderly, persons with disabilities, chronically ill and injured were among the passengers. Out of the 272 arrivals, 217 indicated intention to remain in

Mogadishu, while others plan to travel to the following locations: 19 to Baidoa, 8 to Galgaduud region, 10 to Hiraa region, 9 to Jowhar and 9 to Galkayo. 76 persons were either met by their families or already proceeded to make their own onward journey.

- In Luuq, 31 individuals were provided by UNHCR with return and initial reintegration package harmonized with the one provided to returnees from Kenya, while in Baidoa 100 individual has been verified and received return assistance package and other 172 individuals are waiting for verification.
- During the reporting period, a total of 40 Yemeni refugees contacted UNHCR hotline number in Mogadishu to seek for assistance and protection.
- UNHCR-funded Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) is activated to track return movements to South Central regions, allowing for new insight into needs to intervene with emergency protection responses. So far, PRMN system has reported an estimated 1,153 households of 6,790 individual returnees who arrived in South Central regions from Somaliland and Puntland since the Yemen crisis began. The majority of returnees returned to the Benadir region with an estimated 927 households (5,562 individuals) who returned to Mogadishu city.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- It has been noted that an estimate of 300 Yemeni refugees are staying in Mogadishu, which require registration and assistance.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- Psycho-social counselling was provided by Somali Red Crescent Society to 27 individuals and by Save the Children (SCI) to 42 children (18 girls and 24 boys) and parents at the Bossaso Reception Centre during the reporting period.
- Save the Children International (SCI) made six medical referrals to hospitals in Bossaso; four of these patients have been discharged, while two children were admitted to a stabilization centre at Bossaso General Hospital with severe acute malnutrition. SCI also conducted an IYCF (Infant and Young Child Feeding) group counselling session for 61 mothers, aimed to educate mothers and caretakers on breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices for children in the Centre.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- Seven of the evacuees who arrived in Mogadishu on 27 July were referred to further medical assistance after being checked by IOM's health team in the Transit/Reception Center.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Before evacuees could receive medical treatments, road blocks on the way to the Transit/Reception Centre due to the security incident in Mogadishu significantly delayed the movements.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- Save the Children International provided nutritional screening for 55 children and 20 mothers at the Bossaso Reception Centre. No malnourished cases were identified.

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Achievements and Impact

- While three meals and water four times per day continued to be provided to new arrivals by DRC, construction of a kitchen at the 1st Reception Center is ongoing. Efforts continue to improve the quality of food provided to new arrivals.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- WFP, through DRC, is providing food voucher for three months to evacuees arrived in Mogadishu on 27 July through registration in SCOPE system at the Reception Center in Mogadishu.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- NRC's hygiene awareness and garbage collection campaigns at Bossaso Reception Centre that began in June have been extended and will be ongoing until further notice.
- Somali Red Crescent Society deploys five volunteers to work twice weekly at the Bossaso Reception Centre for improving hygiene and sanitation.

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Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Existing bathroom facilities at both Reception Centers in Berbera are insufficient to cope with large arrivals. Construction of additional sanitation facilities continues to mitigate this challenge.



Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- Through direct implementation, UNHCR has distributed 9 NFI kits during the reporting period to newly registered refugees (1 Ethiopian refugee and 8 Yemeni refugees).



Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, Tadamun Social Society (TASS) provided onward transportation assistance to 45 individuals who traveled from Bossaso to Mogadishu, Hargeisa and Garowe. Cumulatively, the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force has assisted approximately 4,348 individuals with onward transportation to return to their areas of origin.

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Achievements and Impact

- In partnership with UNHCR, IOM provided onward transport assistance to 1,298 arrivals from the 20 July arrivals and 116 individuals from 24 July arrivals. Provision of onward transportation assistance to the arrivals on 26 July is currently ongoing.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Available resources to provide onward transportation assistance are quickly running out due to the increasing proportion of the arrivals who are assessed to be vulnerable at Berbera Reception Center. Additional funds are required.

Working in partnership

- The Bossaso Protection Cluster met on 28 July at UNHCR Office to discuss about new arrivals from Yemen who have joined the IDP settlements. The initial assessment that was conducted in June and preliminary findings from the second assessment that was conducted on 13 July were presented. As a number of vulnerable returnees have been identified and verified through the assessments, agencies that have resources to support new arrivals who wish to remain in Bossaso will provide support.
- UNHCR Somaliland continued to work closely with Somaliland New Arrivals Task Force members through daily follow up and communication with partners. Hargeisa Task Force continued to meet twice a month and weekly Reception Center coordination meetings are conducted. Currently, the Somaliland Task Force includes 28 partners.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – September 2015) was released on 4 June and shared with donors, governments and partners. 11 UN agencies and NGOs participate in the inter-agency response. The Response Plan can be accessed at <http://goo.gl/pVH7da>

Total funding received to date is USD 3.5 M (approximately 5% of total approved budget).

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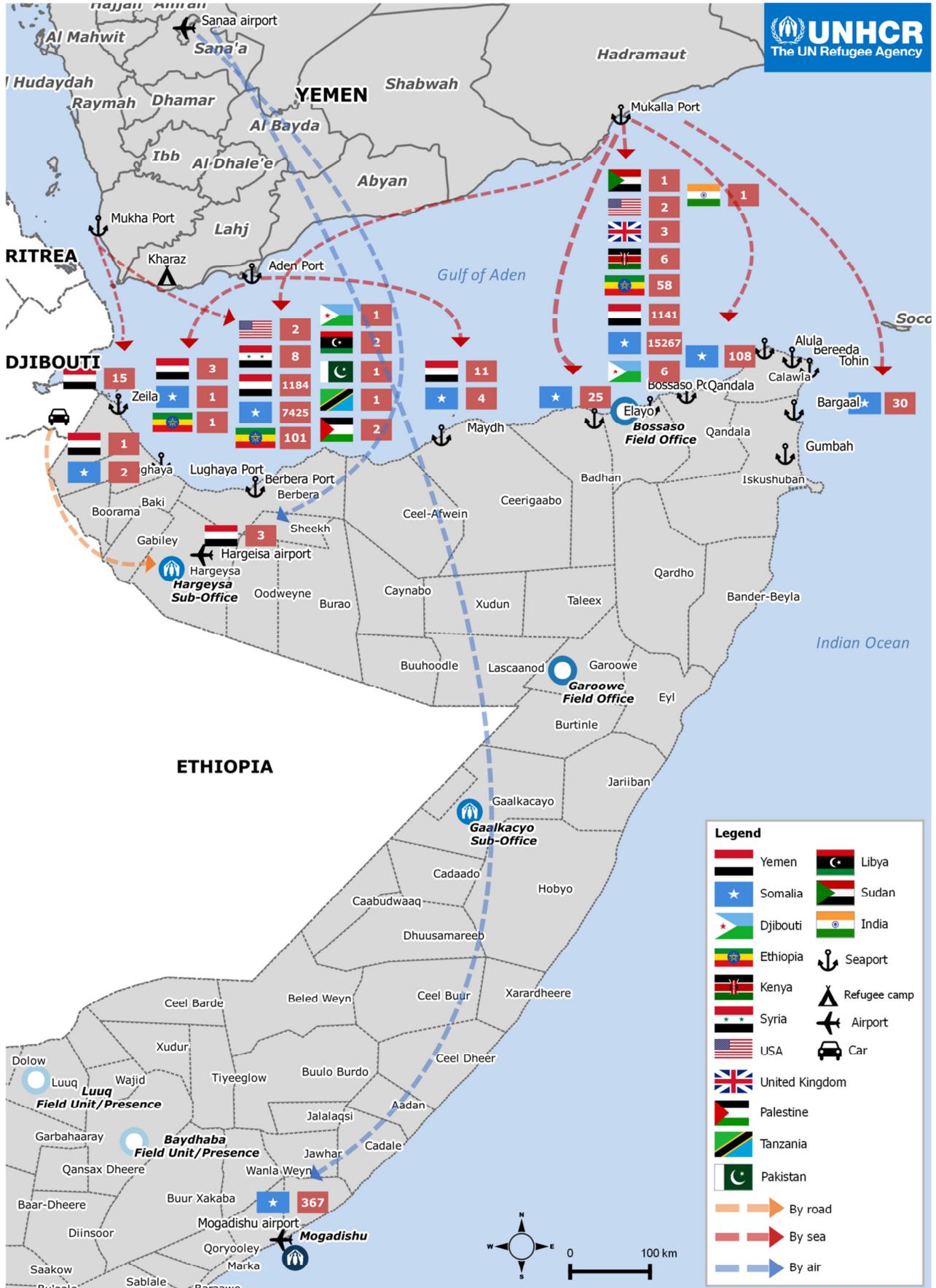
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