

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #38

15 – 21 September 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,225

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

3,340

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,744

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

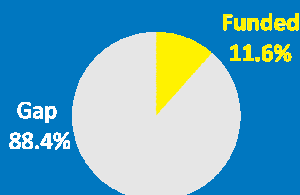
9,013

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)

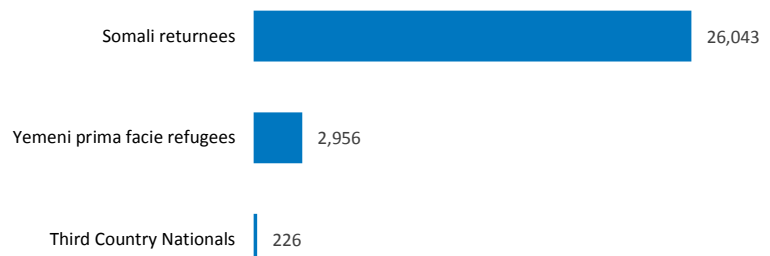


HIGHLIGHTS

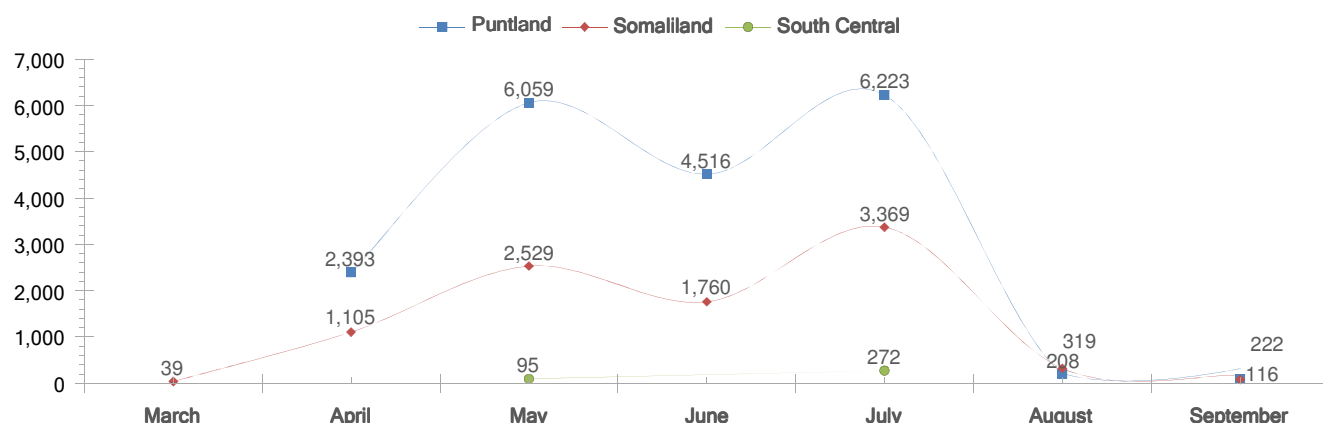
- During the reporting period, a total of seven boats carrying 146 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (31 persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (115 persons). Out of them, 120 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.
- The most recent arrival was on 21 September 2015, when one boat called *Mukhalla*, arrived in Bossaso, Puntland, with 9 individuals (8 Somalis and 1 Yemeni). The other arrivals in Bossaso were on 19 September 2015 on two boats called *Shamis 3* and *Mukhalla* with five and 28 individuals on board respectively (25 Somalis and eight Yemenis, 17 females and 16 males), on 17 September, two individuals (Yemeni males) on a boat called *Fathul Kheyr*, and on 16 September, 71 individuals (66 Somalis and five Yemenis, 35 females and 36 males) on a boat called *Shamis 4*.
- The latest arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland, include: on 17 September, a boat named *Asadaldiin* carrying 12 individuals (10 Yemenis and two Ethiopians) and on 15 September, a boat named *Hamza* carrying 16 individuals (all Yemenis).
- During the reporting period, a total of 21 Somali returnees from Yemen (4 families) have reached Hodan district in Mogadishu.

Population of concern

A total of **29,225** 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	65	109		174	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	17,989	7,698	367	26,054	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		10		10	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,546	1,410		2,956	10 %
Total	19,621	9,237	367	29,225	100 %
	67.14 %	31.61 %	1.26 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,189	4,364	23	12,576	44 %
Females	5,913	2,488	123	8,524	30 %
Males	5,269	2,350	112	7,731	27 %
Total	19,371	9,202	258	28,831	100 %
	67.19 %	31.92 %	0.89 %		

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	First Point of Entry from Yemen			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	4,541	4,996	0	9,537	55 %
Hargeisa	326	1,618	0	1,944	11 %
Bossaso	642	247	0	889	5 %
Kismayo	338	177	0	515	3 %
Baidoa	364	148	0	512	3 %
Afgooye	227	124	0	351	2 %
Other locations	1,926	1,757	62	3,745	21 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,364	9,067	62	17,493	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The number of boats arriving has reduced over the last few months as with the amount of individuals on each boat. A new arrival stated that fewer people are coming because those who have arrived in Somalia have informed them that conditions in Somalia are not pleasing, but she came because the situation in Sana'a is deteriorating. She stated that after Eid she expects many more people will come.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR registered 44 Yemeni individuals, comprising 24 households, as refugees into its registration system proGres. The total of Yemeni refugees registered by UNHCR in Bossaso is 1,710 individuals (630 families) since late March 2015. Verification is ongoing to remove from the database any case of double registration or double nationality, both in Puntland and Somaliland.
- During the reporting period, the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) assisted 47 Somali returnees with free phone calls for family restoring links (RFL).
- UNICEF, through its local partner Tadamun Social Society (TASS), continued to assess children for protection concerns at Bossaso Port. Two separated children (two boys) and one unaccompanied child (boy) were supported with psychosocial support and provided access to essential services. Eight additionally children (two girls) were supported with emergency medical support and nutrition support (four boys and two girls). TASS identified a disabled minor in need of a wheelchair and is procuring the wheelchair.

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Achievements and Impact

- The boat that arrived in Berbera carrying 16 individuals (all Yemenis) departed from Mokha, Yemen, at 9:30 am on 14 September and was able to dock in Berbera without delay at 4:00 pm on 15 September. All passengers were transferred to the Berbera Reception Center and provided with further assistance, and one new arrival with intellectual disability was identified and assisted by IOM. The sea travel cost was 100 USD for adults and children travelled free of charge. The new arrivals originated from Sana'a, Tais and Huda'da and reported increasingly difficult living conditions in Yemen and lack of basic services.
- The boat that arrived in Berbera carrying 12 individuals (10 Yemenis and two Ethiopians) departed from Mokha, Yemen, at 8:30 am on 15 September and reached Berbera at around noon on 16 September, but was prevented from docking because of a dispute between the Berbera Port Authority and the shipping company's management about docking charges. The boat was eventually able to dock and passengers allowed to disembark at around 5:30 pm on 17 September. As per the previous boat, the sea travel cost was 100 USD for adults only. Some passengers on each boat were identified as 'businessmen' by the Somaliland Immigration Authorities, and were asked to pay 50 USD for visa.
- Due to the low number of new arrivals in the past weeks, UNHCR is currently operating only one Reception Center in Berbera and completed the new registration room of 12.5m x 11.5m including the aluminum partition which is now ready to be used. Biometric registration equipment was received and is being installed.
- During the reporting period, 35 Yemeni refugees (8 families) were registered by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR). A total of 1,630 Yemeni refugees have been registered by MRRR in Hargeisa since 28 March 2015. Prima facie Refugee Certificates with MRRR and UNHCR logos have been printed and will be distributed this month.
- UNICEF continued to support children and women arriving from Yemen with psychosocial support and other protection services at Berbera Reception Centre.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- On 14 September 2015, UNHCR met with the Yemeni Refugee Committee and members of an ECHO delegation in Hargeisa. The Yemeni Refugee Committee reiterated their concerns that new arrivals were struggling in Somaliland and that more needs to be done to support them in terms of securing shelter, food assistance and language training. Planning is underway by UNHCR and partners to address the shelter and emergency needs of Yemeni new arrivals in Hargeisa.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- 11 individuals from four households who had arrived in Bossaso on 14 September and requested to travel to Mogadishu were referred to the IOM-manned reception facility in Mogadishu, as some did not have any family member in Mogadishu and others had medical conditions. They safely arrived in Mogadishu and were accommodated at the facility for three nights, until they were assisted to find an alternative housing.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, at Bossaso Reception Center, SRCS provided first aid to 10 individuals and psycho-social support to three additional individuals and IOM attended to 45 patients through the Puntland Ministry of Health. The new arrivals supported by IOM included 30 individuals above the age of five (10 males and 20 females) and 15 under five (10 females and five males).
- Save the Children International (SCI) provided psychosocial counseling to 39 children and six emergency medical referrals (two children and four adults) in Bossaso.
- TASS, with the support of UNICEF, provided emergency medical support to two children at the Port of Bossaso.

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Achievements and Impact

- From the arrivals of 15 and 17 September in Berbera, the IOM medical team attended to two females. There was no case of pregnancy or referral required.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- WFP continued to provide three meals a day (82 metric tons), through its implementing partner Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA), to all new arrivals at Bossaso Reception Center (100 persons during the reporting period). WFP registered 43 individuals, comprising 18 households, into their database SCOPE in order to provide them with food assistance through WFP retailers.
- TASS, through the support of UNICEF, provided six children with porridge for nutrition.
- SCI screened and diagnosed 16 children with acute malnutrition and the children were provided with *plumpy doz* at Bossaso Reception Center during the reporting period.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- SRCS provided five volunteers for hygiene and sanitation improvements at Bossaso Reception Center two times during the week.

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Achievements and Impact

- At Berbera Reception Center, UNHCR, through its partner NRC, completed the construction of six additional latrines, four showers, four hand wash basins, one water kiosk and two laundry basins.



Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed a Core Relief Item (CRI) kit to a Yemeni family and one other Yemeni family was assisted in finding a home to rent.

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Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR distributed 10 CRI kits to Yemeni refugees and Somali returnees upon their arrival in Berbera, and 65 registered Yemeni refugee families received CRI kits in Hargeisa through MRRR.



Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, following registration and vulnerability assessments UNHCR, through its implementing partner IOM, provided onward transportation assistance to 85 Somali returnees arrived in Bossaso on 14, 16 and 19 September 2015, to support them in reaching their areas of origin or choice. 60 of them travelled to Mogadishu, nine to Abudwak, three to Baidoa, five to Dinsoor, seven to Kismayo and one to Hargeisa.

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, following registration and vulnerability assessments UNHCR, through its implementing partner IOM, provided onward transport assistance to 11 Somali returnees arrived in Berbera on 15 September 2015. Four of them travelled to Mogadishu and 11 to Hargeisa.
- From the 17 September arrivals in Berbera, onward transport assistance was given to two Ethiopians who were assisted to travel to Hargeisa, where IOM offers further assistance to the onward transportation to Ethiopia.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR Bossaso continues working in close partnership with NGOs, Government and UN agencies, both through implementation agreements and at operational level, through the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force, which conducts weekly meetings to coordinate the response to the influx of arrivals from Yemen.
- On 16-18 September 2015, UNHCR Hargeisa hosted UNHCR Program and Protection colleagues from other offices in Somalia during a comprehensive operations meeting. The issue of assistance provided to new arrivals from Yemen was considered, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the delivery of assistance to new arrivals are being drafted.

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 7.5 M (approximately 11.6% of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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