

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #39

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KEY FIGURES

29,310

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

3,687

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,815

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

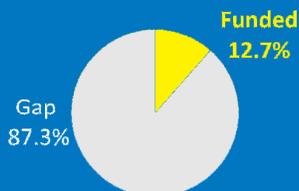
9,032

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

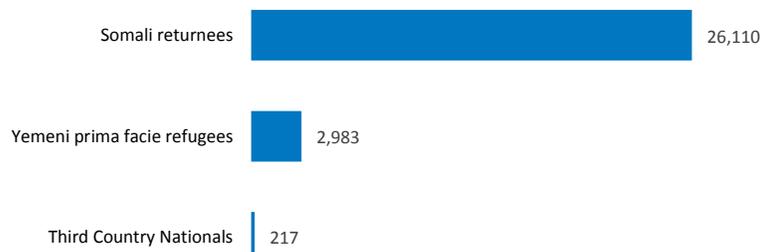
- During the reporting period, a total of two boats carrying 44 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (seven persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (37 persons). Out of them, 30 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso reception centres.
- On 23 September, two boats arrived in Bossaso: one named *Mukalla* carrying 32 individuals (25 Somalis, 6 Yemenis and 1 Ethiopian), and one named *Shemis 4* carrying five individuals of Somali nationality. On 22 September, a boat carrying seven new arrivals (all Somalis) arrived in Berbera.
- On 21 September afternoon, other two boats arrived in Bossaso and Berbera, carrying nine (8 Somalis and 1 Yemenis) and 41 (21 Yemenis, 19 Somalis, 1 Syrian) individuals respectively. These arrivals had not been reported in the previous update.
- During the reporting period, a total of 121 Somali returnees from Yemen (25 families) have reached Mogadishu, and settled in Hodan, Howlwadag and Karan districts. About 39 returnees reported that they had travelled from Berbera and Bossaso after receiving onward transportation assistance by UNHCR and partners, while others were supported by the local community.



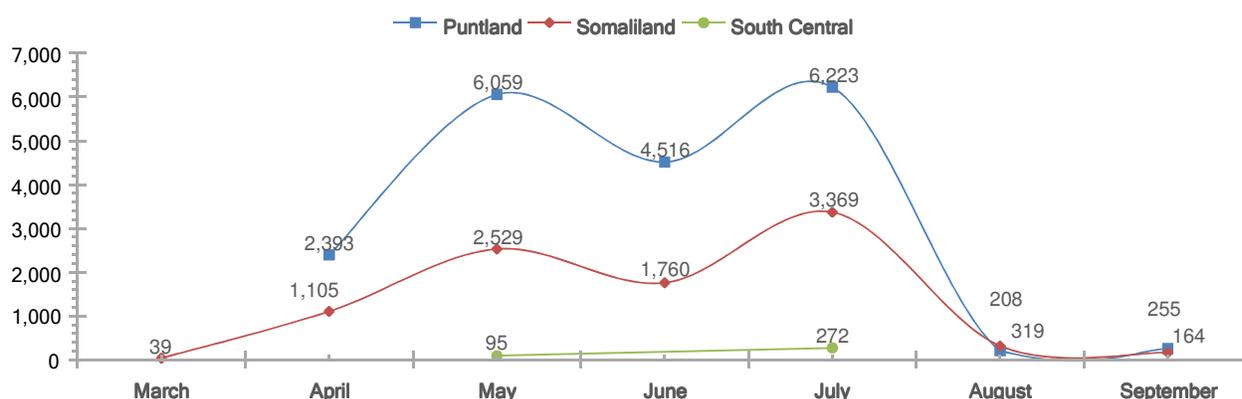
UNHCR rub halls installed at the second reception centre in Bossaso © UNHCR

Population of concern

A total of **29,310** 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	66	109		175	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	18,019	7,724	367	26,110	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		11		11	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,552	1,431		2,983	10 %
Total	19,658	9,285	367	29,310	100 %
	67.07 %	31.68 %	1.25 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,263	4,389	23	12,675	44 %
Females	5,950	2,505	123	8,578	30 %
Males	5,297	2,391	112	7,800	27 %
Total	19,510	9,285	258	29,053	100 %
	67.15 %	31.96 %	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	4,616	5,027	0	9,643	54 %
Hargeisa	329	1,667	0	1,996	11 %
Bossaso	652	247	0	889	5 %
Kismayo	345	186	0	531	3 %
Baidoa	375	156	0	531	3 %
Afgooye	227	124	0	351	2 %
Other locations	1,981	1,821	62	3,874	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,525	9,228	62	17,815	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The trend of arrivals from Yemen continues to be low, since August 2015. New arrivals continue to report that the reasons for the decrease include the proximity of the conflict to Mokha and Mukalla, the two main ports of departure for people fleeing Yemen to Somalia, the lack of cash resources among Somali and Yemenis, the rough weather conditions, and the progressive stabilization of the situation in Aden port, which has been recovered by the coalition forces. New arrivals also report that more people fleeing Northern Yemen are expected to arrive in Somalia in the next weeks.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- New arrivals were received at Bossaso port by the immigration authorities together with the members of the Puntland New Arrival Task Force, including UNHCR that provided protection information and IOM that provided transport to vulnerable arrivals from the port to Bossaso reception centre.
- At Bossaso reception centre, UNHCR and the Puntland Ministry of Interior (MOI) teams registered four Yemeni nationals who were then granted prima facie refugee status. The total number of registered Yemeni refugees since March is 1,730 individuals (637 families).
- Preparations for provision of subsistence allowance to Yemeni refugees, involving verification of beneficiary list and mobilization of beneficiaries through elders in Bossaso, Gardo and Bardan was completed by UNHCR's implementing partner DRC, and payment of substance allowances to all Yemeni refugees shall commence by the end of September.
- The 2nd reception centre in Bossaso, which has been renovated by DRC with funding from UNHCR and was inaugurated in late August 2015, was further completed with the installation of rub halls. The center is fitted with accommodation space, sanitary facilities and kitchen to ensure proper assistance is provided to new arrivals.
- During the reporting period, the Somalia Red Crescent Society (SRCS) volunteers provided first aid and psychosocial support to two Somali returnees at Bossaso reception centre. SRCS's Reunion and Family Link (RFL) team also assisted 38 returnees with free phone calls to their relatives.
- In Bossaso, UNICEF through partners continued to assess children for protection concerns at the port. Separated and unaccompanied children (two boys) were supported with reunification and follow up services. Additionally children (two boys) were supported with emergency medical support and nutrition support (two boys and three girls). UNICEF's partner Tadamun Social Society (TASS) provided material and psychosocial support, identification, documentation, tracing and reporting to one separated boy child of Somali nationality, aged 13 years.

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Achievements and Impact

- The boat that arrived in Berbera on 22 September carrying seven new arrivals (six families) departed from Mokha, Yemen, at 10:30 am on 20 September and reached Somaliland coast line at 11:30 pm on 21 September. Due to lack of space at Berbera port, the boat was able to dock only 19 hours later. The sea travel cost was 100 USD for adults and children travelled free of charge. New arrivals originated from Sana'a and reported increasingly difficult living conditions in Yemen and lack of basic services. All passengers were in good medical condition and were transferred to the Berbera reception centre and provided with further assistance.
- During the reporting period, 13 Yemeni prima facie refugees and one Ethiopian asylum seeker were registered by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR). A total of 1,957 Yemeni refugees have been registered by MRRR in Hargeisa since March 2015.
- UNICEF continued to support children and women with psychosocial support and vulnerability assessments on arrival at Berbera reception centre. During the reporting period, 41 arrivals were supported with psychosocial support and two children were referred to Hargeisa hospital for emergency medical support.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- Three individuals from one family who arrived in Bossaso on 14 September and requested to travel to Mogadishu were referred to the IOM-run transit facility in Mogadishu, as they did not have any family member in Mogadishu. They safely arrived in Mogadishu on 27 September and were accommodated at the facility up to three nights, while they receive support to find an alternative housing.

Education

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Achievements and Impact

- Two officers from the Yemeni Ministry of Education arrived in Somaliland in order to conduct the Yemeni national school examinations with about 70 Yemeni refugee children within the next two weeks.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- TASS, with support from UNICEF, provided emergency medical support to two children (boys, aged 11 and 9) at Bossaso reception centre and referred five malnourished children to Daryeel Hospital, in addition to transportation, porridge and baby milk.
- From the group that arrived in Bossaso on 23 September, IOM medical team attended to 32 patients, 20 over five years (14 females and six males) and 12 under five (eight females and four males). There were three cases of referrals and one case of pregnancy.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- WFP continued to provide food assistance at Bossaso reception centre with three cooked meals (cereals, pulses, oil, Corn Soy Blend and Plumpy Doz ready-to-use supplementary food) to all the new arrivals, through its implementing partner Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA), and a weekly total of 260 kg of food was distributed. As at 27 September, the centre had a total of 108 individuals. Registrations are on-going on the SCOPE platform where the registered households are issued with an e-transfer card to buy food items from WFP's contracted retailers to complement cooked meals. Five individuals receive their e-transfer cards during the reporting period.
- During Eid holiday the local community donated 21 goats to the returnees in Bossaso.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- Five SRCS's volunteers conducted hygiene and sanitation activities at Bossaso reception centre during the reporting period, and ensured good sanitation is maintained at the centre.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) continued provision of sanitation and hygiene awareness campaign through dissemination of hygiene messages to returnees at Bossaso reception centre. NRC also started construction of two twin latrines with hand washing facilities at Bossaso Port and three elevated water tanks with volume of 30 drums each at the 2nd reception centre. Upon completion, this shall ensure better sanitation and hygiene at entry port as well as reception centre.



Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, no shelter/Core Relief Item (CRI) kits were issued to Yemeni refugees in Bossaso, but distribution of CRI kits to new arrivals shall start again in the coming week.

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Achievements and Impact

- Nine CRI kits were distributed by UNHCR to new arrivals (Yemenis and Somali returnees) in Berbera. So far, 660 CRI kits were distributed through UNHCR's implementing partner DRC in Berbera.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Planning is underway to address the shelter needs of Yemeni new arrivals in Hargeisa through inclusion in livelihoods projects.



Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- There were no onward movements from Bossaso supported during the reporting period, as those who arrived were not assessed as vulnerable and were not in need of this type of assistance.

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Achievements and Impact

- From the group that arrived in Berbera on 21 September, following registration and vulnerability assessments, UNHCR through its implementing partner IOM provided onward transportation assistance to 19 individuals. Nine were assisted to travel to Mogadishu, seven to Kismayo, two to Marka and one to Hargeisa.

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 8.2 M (approximately 12.7 % of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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