

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #3

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KEY FIGURES

30,953

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

4,484

Yemeni arrivals registered in Somalia since 27 March (including Somalis with dual Somali-Yemeni citizenship)

19,238

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

53%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

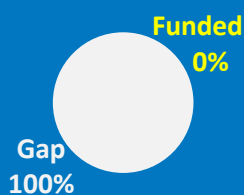
9,835

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 39.3 million

Requested for the **Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (Jan-Dec 2016)**

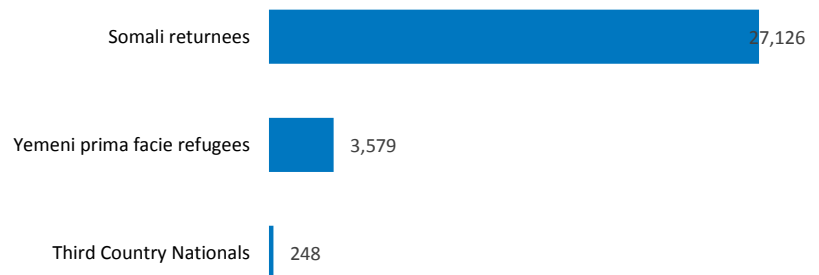


HIGHLIGHTS

During the reporting period, a total of 319 individuals arrived in Somalia in the ports of Berbera, Somaliland, (117 persons) and Bossaso, Puntland, (202 persons). A total of 279 new arrivals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in the Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centres.

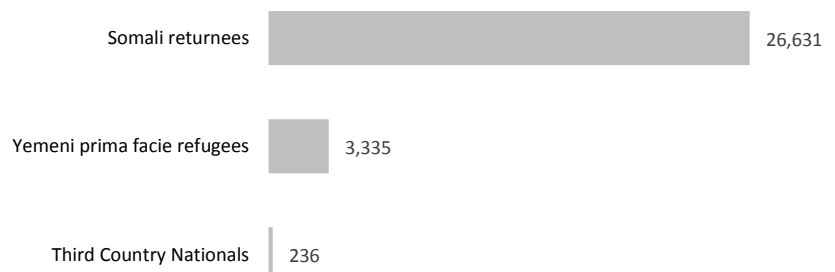
Population of concern

A total of **30,953** people of concern

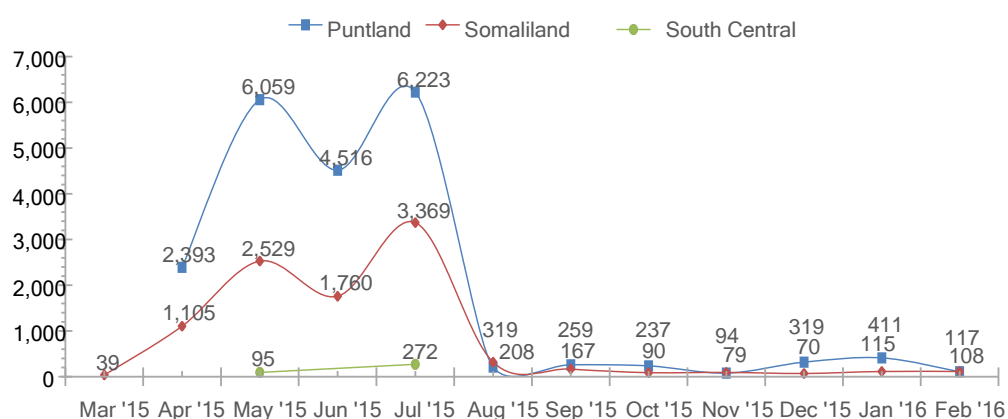


2015 Population of concern

A total of **30,202** people of concern in 2015



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



Month	Total # of Arrivals
Mar 2015	39
Apr 2015	3,498
May 2015	8,683
Jun 2015	6,276
Jul 2015	9,864
Aug 2015	527
Sep 2015	426
Oct 2015	327
Nov 2015	173
Dec 2015	389
Jan 2016	526
Feb 2016	225
Total	30,953

ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Bahrain	5			5	0 %
Djibouti	7	1		8	0 %
England	3	1		4	0 %
Ethiopia	79	114		193	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Iraq	1			1	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	18,925	7,834	367	27,126	88 %
Sudan	3			3	0 %
Syria	2	11		13	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,775	1,804		3,579	11 %
Total	20,812	9,774	367	30,953	100 %
	67.24 %	31.58 %	1.19 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,601	4,517	23	13,141	43 %
Females	6,294	2,612	123	9,029	29 %
Males	5,774	2,645	112	8,531	28 %
Total	20,669	9,774	258	30,701	100 %
	67.32 %	31.84 %	0.84 %		

Note: not all individuals that arrive are 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	5,054	5,091	0	10,145	53 %
Hargeisa	369	1,940	0	2,309	12 %
Bossaso	751	251	0	1002	5 %
Baidoa	462	156	0	618	3 %
Kismaayo	422	192	0	614	3 %
Afgooye	280	124	0	404	2 %
Other locations	2,121	1,963	62	4,126	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	9,459	9,717	62	19,238	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

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Arrivals from Yemen to Bossaso have decreased this reporting period compared to late last year and beginning of this year, with so far 202 new arrivals (165 Somalis and 37 Yemenis) on two different boats in the month of February. In addition, few of third country nationals are also among the arrivals from Yemen. Other Yemenis families are believed to have returned to Yemen, to try to settle in the relatively more stable areas of the country.

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The reporting period saw five boats dock in the port of Berbera carrying passengers fleeing the conflict in Yemen. On 2 February 2016, a boat carrying 11 individuals (six households), on 6 February a boat carrying 54 individuals (50 households), on 10 February two boats carrying in total 50 individuals (31 Households) and on 13 February one boat carrying two Yemeni refugees.

Since March 2015, 9,787 new arrivals (3206 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1813 Yemenis, 7821 Somalis, 110 Ethiopians, and 22 people of other nationalities. The number of new arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland, remains relatively low.

Achievements



Protection

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During the reporting period two boats transported new arrivals from Yemen. The first boat arrived on 4 February, carrying 108 new arrivals, the second on 9 February, carrying another 94. In both cases, arrivals were brought to the new reception Centre in Bossaso for biometric registration and onward transport assistance. UNHCR has completed vulnerability assessments for Yemenis in Bosaso, the assessment is aimed to understand vulnerabilities aspect for Yemen refugees in Puntland.

UNHCR completed registration of 94 individuals from the last boat arrival of 9 February. Among these new arrivals received at Reception Centre, 72 Somali returnees underwent bio-metric registration and 37 Yemeni refugees were registered in ProGress.

UNHCR has also organised a task force meeting with the Bossaso Port Authority as well as boat owners for better information sharing and coordination mechanisms on Yemen arrivals to Bossaso.



Bossaso DRC protection officer providing water and biscuits to baby girl with disabled grandfather (photo courtesy of Danish Refugee Council)

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Berbera

The new arrivals of 2 February were 11 Yemenis (six households) who had from Makala (Aden) port at 5:00 PM on 30 January and reached the Somaliland coast line at 9:30 PM on 1 February, after a 29 hour crossing. The vessel docked the next morning at 8:00 AM. The new arrivals reported that they left Yemen due to war raging in Aden. No cases of armed, physical violence or GBV were reported except the difficult situation in Yemen. The new arrivals reported that they paid 100 USD for their journey and did not face any kind of abuse during their travel.

The new arrivals of 6 February were 54 male Yemenis who had departed from Mukha port (Aden) at 11:00 PM on 3 February on a small fishing boat (“Amin”) and reached the Somaliland coast line at 10:00 am on 6 February 2016, after 60 hours at sea. Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has identified most of these new arrivals as fishermen and casual laborers near Aden. They reported that they had left their families behind and that they intended to explore the possibilities of making a living in Hargeisa. The new arrivals reported that they had paid 50 USD for their journey and that they did not face any kind of abuse during their travel.

The 10 February new arrivals were 50 individuals (31 households) who arrived on two different boats, one carrying seven Yemenis individuals (two households), the other carrying 43 people (29 households), 30 of them Somali nationals and 13 Yemenis. The first boat, a small fishing trawler called “Mutawakil”, had departed from Mukha port at 6:30 PM on

9 February and reached Somaliland at 7:30 PM on 10 February. The second had departed from Makala port at 5:30 PM on 9 February and reached the Somaliland coast line at 8:30 PM the next day. Both vessels were able to dock the same evening. The new arrivals reported no cases of armed, physical violence or GBV, that they had paid either 50 USD (those from Mukha) or 100 USD (those from Makala) for their journey (children were not charged) and that they did not face any kind of abuse during their travel.

When the boats made landing, several agencies, including DRC, IOM, and the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS), government agencies and the immigration office were at the port to receive the new arrivals. They were welcomed, given fresh water, and transported by DRC to the Reception Center, where they were given cold water and food. All new arrivals were in good physical and mental condition. Those that claimed to be financially vulnerable and needy of assistance to travel to Hargeisa were provided with Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA).

Hargeisa

Registration

Between 1 and 13 February 2016, a total of 30 Yemeni refugees (31 cases) and 12 Yemeni asylum seekers (nine cases who have been in Somaliland since before 28 March 2015) have been registered by the Ministry of Resettlements, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRR&R) in Hargeisa.

A total of 2,779 Yemeni refugees (1,453 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa between 28 March 2015 and 13 February 2016.

SOUTH CENTRAL

A total of 460 Yemeni refugees have been registered in Mogadishu through ProGress, 238 of them (51.74%) women.



Health

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Primary health care is provided to all refugee arrivals from Yemen through UNHCR's implementing partner Gruppo per la Relazioni Transculturali (GRT)

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No serious medical cases have been reported among the new arrivals



Food Security and Nutrition

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WFP has resumed its wet feeding program for the new arrivals at Reception Center 2 through their partner PSA (Puntland Youth and Student Association): three meals per day are provided for five (5) days starting from the day of arrival.



Shelter and NFIs

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On 1 February, five non-food item kits were distributed to the most vulnerable new arrivals. Since the beginning of the Yemeni crisis, 855 NFI kits have been distributed to vulnerable new arrivals.



Logistics

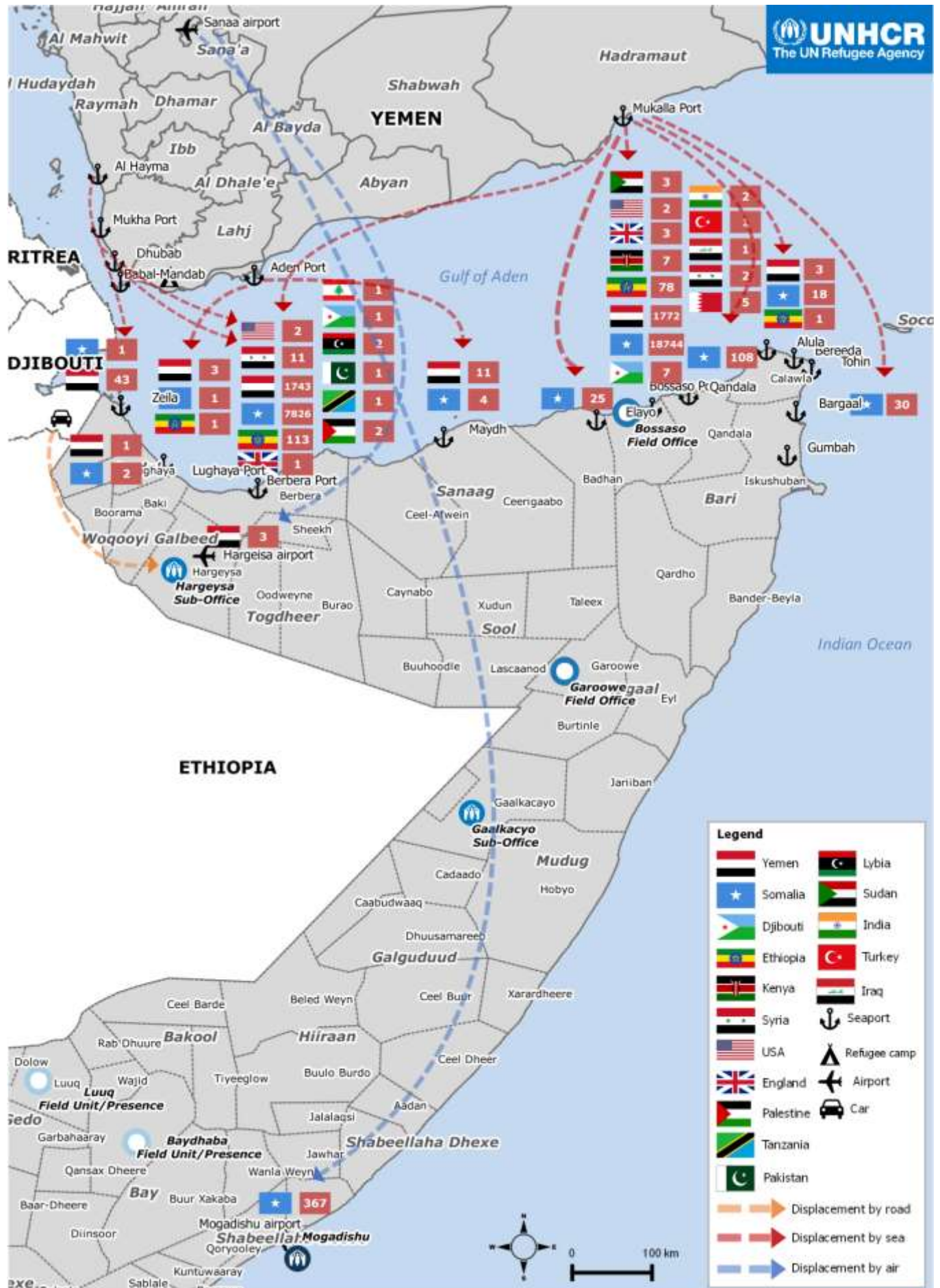
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58 Somali Returnees have been provided OTA in order to enable them to go back to their area of origin in other locations/States/Regions in Somalia.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – December 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 10% of total approved budget). The Plan for 2016 has yet to receive funding.

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