

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #4

16 - 29 February 2016

KEY FIGURES

31,439

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

4,624

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

19,592

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

53%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

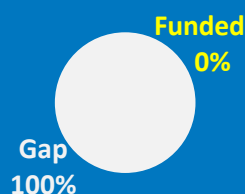
9,893

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 39.3 million

Requested for the Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-December 2015)

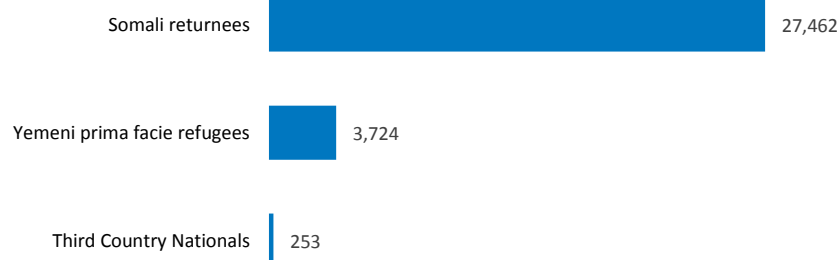


HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a total of 388 individuals arrived in Somalia through the ports of Berbera, Somaliland (62 persons), and Bossaso, Puntland (326 persons). Out of this total, 282 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in the Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centres.

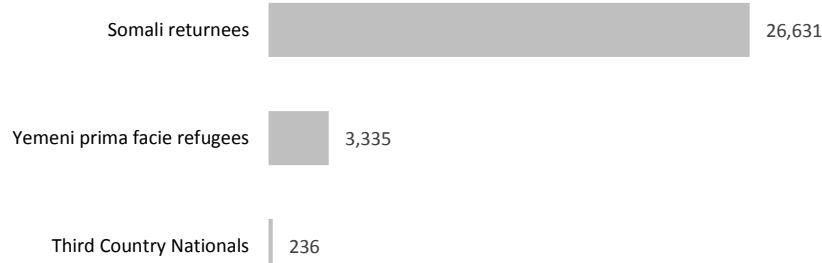
Population of concern

A total of **31,439** people of concern

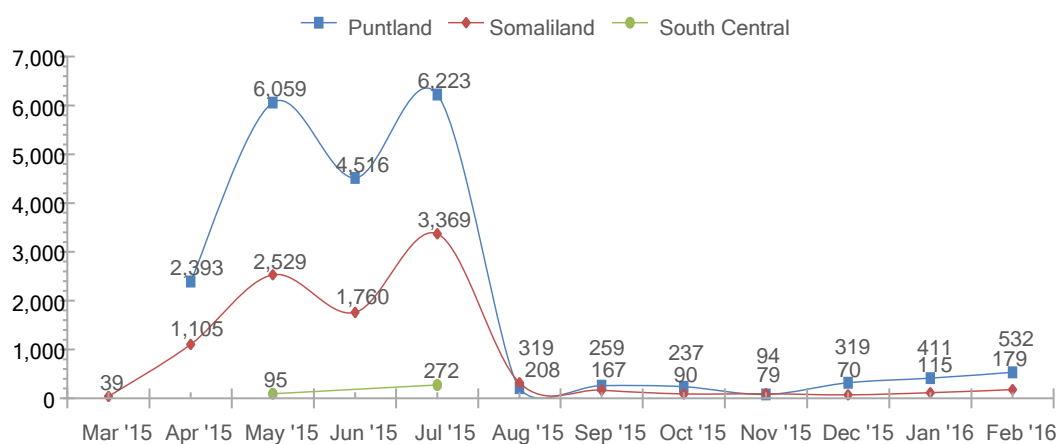


2015 Population of concern

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	711
Total	31,439

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	82	114		196	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	19,248	7,847	367	27,462	87 %
Sudan	3			3	0 %
Syria	4	11		15	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,871	1,853		3,724	12 %
Total	21,236	9,836	367	31,439	100 %
	67.55 %	31.29 %	1.17 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,781	4,538	23	13,342	43 %
Females	6,402	2,626	123	9,151	29 %
Males	5,910	2,672	112	8,694	28 %
Total	21,093	9,836	258	31,187	100 %
	67.63 %	31.54 %	0.83 %		

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	5,163	5,127	0	10,290	53 %
Hargeisa	375	1,963	0	2,338	12 %
Bossaso	821	251	0	1,072	5 %
Kismaayo	440	192	0	632	3 %
Baidoa	474	156	0	630	3 %
Afgooye	289	124	0	413	2 %
Other locations	2,189	1,966	62	4,217	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	9,751	9,779	62	19,592	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

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The number of persons arriving from Yemen to Bossaso seems to be increasing, with the largest number arriving on 24 February: 326 individuals, 220 of whom were welcomed and registered at Reception Centre 2 in Bossaso.

SOMALILAND

Since March 2015, 9,851 new arrivals (3,243 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1,860 Yemenis, 7,844 Somalis, 114 Ethiopians and 22 people of other nationalities. Currently, the number of new arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland, remains relatively low.

Achievements



Protection

PUNTLAND

During the reporting period, two boats brought new arrivals from Yemen to Bossaso. On 24 February, the “Shamis 3” docked at port carrying 326 individuals, including 245 Somali returnees, 78 Yemeni refugees, three Ethiopians and two Syrians. On 28 February, the “Shamis 4” brought another 18 individuals, breakdown as follows: five Somali Returnees and 13 Yemeni Nationals.

In the same period, 1,820 Somali returnees (426 households) that had received reinstallation grants from Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) underwent biometric registration with UNHCR.

At their point of entry, the new arrivals were assisted with refreshments provided by Danish Refugee Council, transport from the port to the Reception Centre provided by IOM, biometric registration for all arrivals (except those that did not wish to apply for asylum) by UNHCR, three meals a day for five days provided by WFP, onward transportation assistance for those Somali refugee returnees who wanted to return to their areas of origin and reinstallation grants for those wishing to remain in Bossaso or whose place of origin is Bossaso.

SOMALILAND

On 17 February, nine new arrivals (six Yemenis and three Somali returnees) on board a fishing vessel disembarked at the port of Berbera, Somaliland. On 19 February 21 individuals (13 Yemenis and eight Somalis) arrived on the ferry “Noba 2”. On 23 February, 29 new arrivals (28 Yemenis and one Somali) from 13 households reached the port of Berbera on the “Al Mubarak”. On 25 February, three new arrivals (two Yemenis and one Somali) from three households reached Berbera on board the “Bahri 2”.

Joint Government and UNHCR response to sea arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland

Migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and others departing Yemen continue to risk their lives to reach Somaliland. These journeys are being undertaken mostly on fishing vessels. The swift disembarkation of those who arrive at port in Berbera to a “place of safety” is a subject of concern for the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction of Somaliland, who on 14 February met the joint registration teams at the Reception Centre and confirmed the commitment of the Government of Somaliland to respond to sea arrivals adequately and in line with the relevant international standards.

The new arrivals did not report any case of armed, physical violence or GBV during their journey. The travel cost from Khukha to Berbera was \$50, and that Ma’la to Berbera was \$120, while minors travelled free of charge. Reception

services were provided by DRC, UNHCR and Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) teams. The entry formalities were duly conducted by the Government agencies and the Immigration office operating at the sea-port of entry. There were no undocumented foreigners among the newly disembarked group. All persons were in good health condition, and after provision of food and water they were accommodated in the reception center. Basic needs including water, food and emergency health care facilities have been made available for the new arrivals at the Centre. IOM and other partners proceeded with the vulnerability assessment for the provision of Onward Transportation Allowance (OTA). Most new arrivals reported that the ongoing war in Yemen forced them to leave their country and that transportation between towns and cities inside Yemen is very difficult, if not altogether impossible in some provinces.

Sustainable co-existence projects in Berbera

Promotion of sustainable peaceful co-existence between IDPs and host communities was supported with the opening of two local police stations at the Birmaaqo and the “Finland IDPs” settlements in Berbera. The construction project was supported by UNHCR and the handover ceremony held on 14 February was attended by the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction.



Handover ceremony of the local police stations promoting the peaceful coexistence between IDPs and the host community of Berbera, Saqhil region, ©UNHCR/W.TROJAN February 2016



The Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction monitored the conditions of registration of returnees and refugees from Yemen at the Berbera Reception Facility ©UNHCR/W.TROJAN February 2016

Hargeisa

Possible deportations of undocumented foreigners

In a number of operational meetings conducted during the reporting period with all key national authorities, the Government confirmed its determination to implement its directive against undocumented foreigners sojourning in Somaliland. UNHCR was advised that the official interpretation of the status of IDPs displaced from Central and Southern Somalia views such individuals as foreigners and that they are expected to regularize their legal status, or may face deportation from Somaliland.

Registration

Between 15 and 28 February 2016, a total of 51 Yemeni refugees (38 cases), five Yemeni (four cases) asylum seekers (people who have arrived in Somaliland before 28 March 2015) have been registered by MRR&R (Hargeisa).

A total of 2,830 Yemeni refugees (1,491 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa between 28 March 2015 and 28 February 2016.



Health

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Yemeni refugees continue to receive medical assistance through UNHCR Implementing partner Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT) during biometric registration, in case of medical emergency, and after registration in all other cases.



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The Puntland Students Association, contracted by WFP, provides cooked meals to all new arrivals that are welcomed in Reception Centre 2 in Bossaso.



Water and Sanitation

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Water, both drinking and for other uses, is provided at the Reception Centre in Bossaso. Sanitation is provided by UNHCR through the Ministry of the Interior, which has hired staff to improve sanitation at the Reception Centre.



Shelter and NFIs

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Since the beginning of the Yemeni crisis, 855 Non Food Item (NFI) kits have been distributed to vulnerable new arrivals.



Logistics

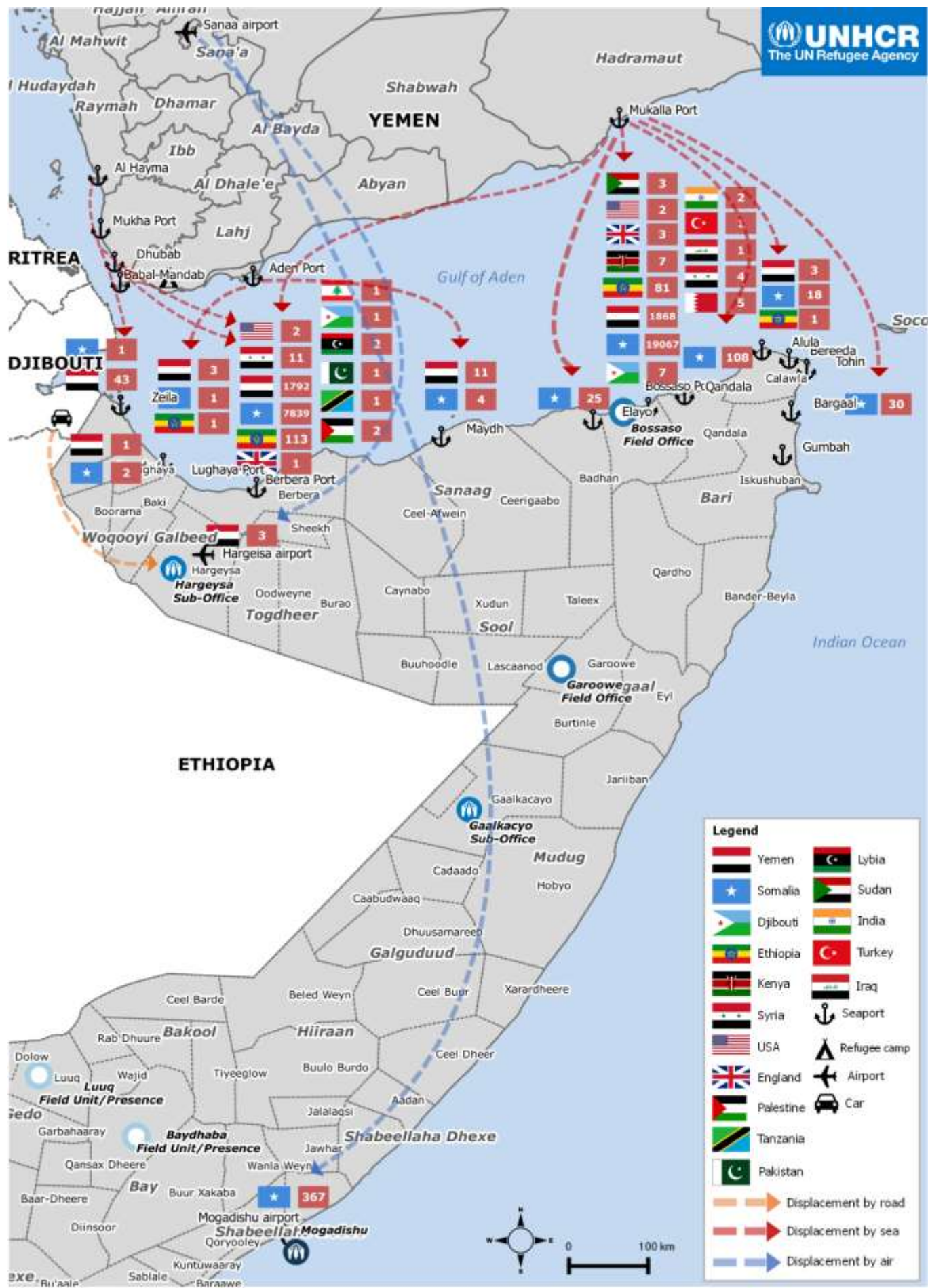
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On 15 February, 58 Somali returnees from South and Central Somalia were provided with Onward Transport Assistance (OTA) to enable them to reach their places of origin in a safe and dignified manner.

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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