



UNHCR assisting returnee to disembark at the Way Station

HIGHLIGHTS

1,754

NFIs distributed

2,543

Households provided with
cash assistance

5,400

Somali returnees
assisted

7,549

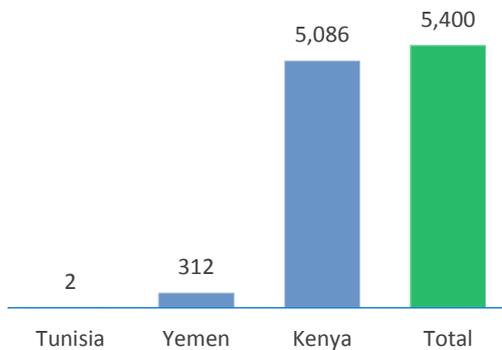
Children provided with
monthly education fees

Population of concern

A total of **1.2 million** people of concern

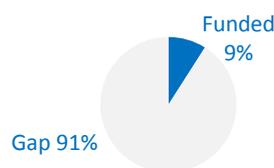
Category	Total PoC
Internally displaced people	1,106,751
Returnees	74,865
Asylum-seekers	12,770
Refugees	11,908
Total	1,206,294

Returnees in January 2017

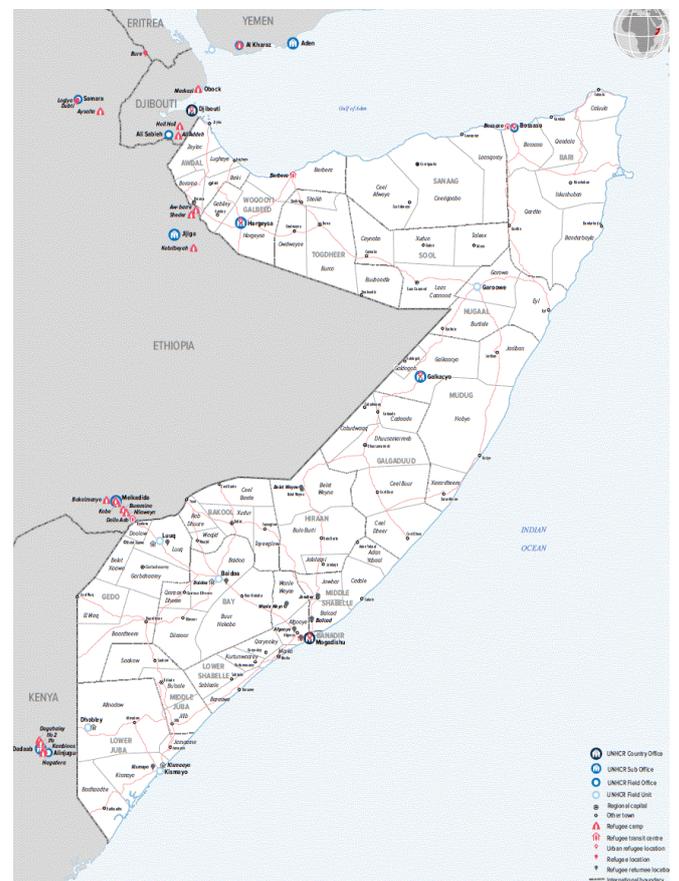


Funding

USD **86.8 million** required



UNHCR presence and refugee location



Staff

76 national staff
30 international staff

Offices

10 offices located in
1 Representation in Mogadishu
1 Support office in Nairobi
2 Sub-offices in Galkayo and Hargeisa
1 Field office Bossaso
5 Field units in Baidoa, Dhobley, Garowe, Kismayo and Luuq

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR accompanied several field visits of a delegation led by DSRSG/RC/HC/RR to Hargeysa, Garowe and Baidoa to discuss the drought situation in Somaliland, Puntland, south and central regions of Somalia. UNHCR remains committed to provide support to the people displaced by the drought.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Protection Cluster

- **Cluster Update:** During the month of January, the Protection Cluster led by UNHCR partners reached 62,866 (25 per cent children and 75 per cent adults) drought-affected persons through protection and prevention activities. Protection needs remain critical for the most vulnerable group especially women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly. Security constraints remain a major protection concern thereby limiting protection partners' ability to ensure effective protection monitoring.

Asylum-seekers and refugees

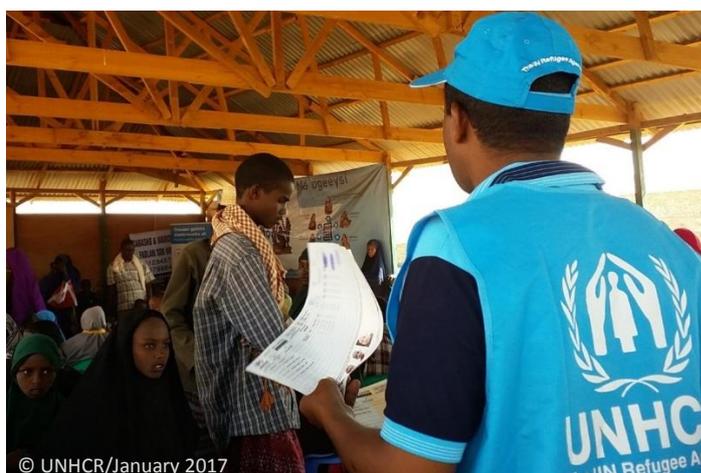
- **New arrivals and registration:** During January UNHCR with its partners registered a total of 180 refugees and asylum-seekers, 122 Yemenis, 54 Ethiopian and four Syrians. In addition 70 new born individuals (66 Ethiopians and four Yemenis) in Hargeisa (Somaliland) and Bossaso (Puntland) were registered by UNHCR and provided with documentation.
- **Legal assistance:** UNHCR has, through its partners KAALO Aid and Development (KAALO) and Legal Clinic (LC), provided legal assistance to 141 refugees and asylum-seekers (124 Ethiopians, 15 Yemenis and two Eritreans).
- **Refugee Status Determination:** Ten interviews with Ethiopian nationals were conducted in January (seven in Somaliland and three in Puntland).

Returnees

- **Returns:** In January, a total of 5,400 Somalis (5,086 from Kenya, 312 from Yemen and two from Tunisia) returned home with the UNHCR's and its partners' assistance.



Returnees arrived at the Way Station.



Returnees receiving information at the Way Station.

- **Arrivals from Yemen:** Four boats arrived in Bossaso carrying 385 persons; 312 Somalis and 73 Yemenis. Out of this total, 264 (213 Somalis and 51 Yemeni) went to the Bossaso Reception Center where they were biometrically registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners. The other arrivals, 99 Somalis and 22 Yemenis, joined their families in Puntland or chose to continue their journey to other destinations in the country.

- **Post-return monitoring:** Post-return assessment findings for returnees settled in south and central regions of Somalia showed that all interviewed households received return assistance; NFI kits, reinstallation grant and the first month food assistance. The key issues of concern relate to lack of access to education as well as concern regarding housing, land and property, and shelter. A number of households, for example, reported ending up in IDP settlements.

IDPs

- **Displacement: [Protection and Return Monitoring Network](#)** (PRMN) led by UNHCR recorded around 46,100 individuals who have been displaced due to the ongoing drought or reasons related to the drought.
- **Galkayo IDP protection needs assessment:** As of 31 January, Puntland authorities and cluster members estimate that around 8,000 persons have entered Galkayo. Rapid protection assessments indicated a high number of persons with specific needs and urgent need for food, water, shelter and other basic needs.

Education

Asylum-seekers and refugees

- UNHCR through Action Africa Help International (AAH-I), Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Relief International (RI) enabled access to education for a total of 2,007 refugee children; 1,194 in Puntland, 753 in Somaliland and 60 in South Central).

Returnees

- UNHCR through its partners, Mercy Corps (MC) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC), provided monthly education grants to 5,542 returnee children to access education in Kismayo and Luuq; 5,350 attended primary and 192 secondary education.

Health

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- UNHCR through its partners DRC, Galkayo Medical Foundation (GMF), Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT) and HANANO Medical Centre, supported access to health care for 1,279 refugees and asylum-seekers in Somalia; 711 in Somaliland, 535 in Puntland and 33 in South Central.

Shelter and NFIs

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **NFIs:** UNHCR provided 352 NFIs to asylum-seekers and refugees in Bossaso whose shelters were destroyed by rain and seven NFIs to seven households (46 Ethiopians) whose houses were destroyed by fire in Hargeysa.

Returnees

- **NFIs:** UNHCR, through partners American Refugee Council (ARC), DRC and MC, has distributed 1,104 NFIs to 806 returnee households consisting of 3,766 returnees at the Home Way Stations in Afmadow, Luuq and Kismayo (South Central).
- **Shelter:** UNHCR has, through partner NRC, completed 183 shelters; 30 shelters and 100 latrines in Baidoa and 153 shelters in Kismayo. So far a total of 353 shelters out of 605 were completed, 200 in Baidoa and 153 in Kismayo.

IDPs

- **NFIs:** UNHCR, through its partner DRC, distributed 291 NFIs to drought-affected communities in Nugal region (Puntland). DRC has also completed the installation of 47 solar lights at seven IDP settlements in Galkayo (Puntland) with 4,446 households comprised of 26,676 IDPs. UNHCR partner NRC constructed 12 de-slodgeable latrines in IDP settlement in Garowe (Puntland) to improve sanitation and hygiene conditions.

Livelihoods

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Cash grant:** One time cash grants in the amount of US\$ 1,000 were distributed through UNHCR's partner Action African Help-International (AAH-I) to 299 refugee households comprised of 1,785 individuals (259 Yemeni refugee households comprised of 1,546 individuals and 40 Ethiopian households comprised of 239 individuals) in Puntland to help them to start small businesses and support their livelihood.
- **Cash grant:** Based on vulnerability assessments UNHCR in Hargeisa provided cash grants to 500 asylum seekers and refugee households comprised of 2,205 individuals, based on five different levels of a family size (US\$ 80 for a family of one and US\$ 470 for a family of 13) to meet their basic needs.
- **Subsistence allowance:** A total of 782 refugee households comprised of 2,886 individuals (399 Yemeni households comprised of 909 Yemeni individuals and 383 Ethiopian households comprised of 1,977 Ethiopian individuals) received monthly subsistence from UNHCR in Somaliland.

Returnees

- **Re-installation grant:** One time re-installation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person were provided by UNHCR to 4,783 returnees comprising 962 households who have returned to Somalia from Kenya.

Capacity Building

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- UNHCR donated two Toyota vehicles to the Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Somaliland (MRRR) and Ministry of Interior for their work in Somaliland. This followed an assessment done jointly by the government and UNHCR that noted the two ministries lack sufficient transportation.

Returnees

- In Baidoa, UNHCR has through its partner DRC rehabilitated the Ministry of Resettlement and Diaspora Affairs (MORDA) facilities.

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