Comprehensive Level 3 and BIMS Registration in Ethiopia





As of 31 May 2018, a total of 70,130 individuals (7.6% of the total refugee population) went through comprehensive level 3 (L3) registration exercise and 50,289 individuals got enrolled on Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) in Ethiopia. This comprehensive level 3 and BIMS exercise aims to provide support to the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), pledges made by Government of Ethiopia, improved protection, targeted assistance, and effective durable solutions for the forcibly displaced population.

UNHCR Representation Office in Ethiopia launched comprehensive level 3 registration and Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) exercise in July 2017 starting from Addis Ababa (L3 infographics attached). Thereafter, the exercise continued implementing in South Omo of Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' (SNNP) Region, Endabaguna refugee reception centre in Shire, Dolo Ado reception centre in Melkadida, and Nguenyviel refugee camp in Gambella. BIMS is a UNHCR corporate identity management system.

Comprehensive level 3 registration has been planned under one-stop-shop registration model where refugees have seamless access to services provided by UNHCR, Government (ARRA) and all relevant partners via one physical location. These agencies provide registration, protection, refugee vital events registration and other assistance. At the end of the registration, all refugee families receive proof of registration document and individuals aged 14 and above receive refugee / asylum seeker identity card.

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920,262 target population to complete L3 by 2018







ctures from left to right: (i) Refugee undergoing level 3 registration and BIMS enrolment at Refugee Reception Centre in Addis Ababa (ii) Refugee woman receiving proof of registration document after level 3 registration exercise in Nguenyyiel camp, Gambella (iii) Refugee receiving proof of registration and refugee ID card in Addis Ababa)

Comprehensive Level 3 and BIMS Enrolment exercises by regions in Ethiopia

Region / Location	Refugee Registration Type	Exercise Launch Date	Total Individuals	Total Households	Total Individuals enrolled on BIMS	Total HH receiving Proof of Registration	Total individuals receiving ID card
Addis Ababa	Refugee Reception Centre	Jul 2017	11,379	6,785	9,723	6,785	1,585
SNNP	South Omo Refugee Location	Aug 2017	2,787	1,240	2,052	1,240	-
Tigray	Endabaguna Refugee Reception Centre	Sep 2017	16,374	12,170	13,112	12,170	158
Melkadida	Dolo Ado Reception Centre & Camps	Sep 2017	2,237	312	1,723	312	-
Gambella	Nguenyyiel Camp / Registration Center	Mar 2018	37,353	7,640	23,679	7,640	12,451
	Total		70,130	28,147	50,289	28,147	14,194



