

Since 2017, the joint UNHCR-IOM-Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme helps Somali refugees who wish to return home from Yemen with documentation, transportation and financial support in Yemen to facilitate the journey, as well as return and reintegration assistance in Somalia. So far, since the beginning of the programme, in 2017, 5,087 Somalis have returned home with the help of UNHCR and IOM.

Highlights (5 - 9 Jan 2020)

- During the reporting period **38** refugees who approached the Return Help Desks (RHD) in Basateen, Kharaz and Mukalla received counselling on voluntary return information and the assisted spontaneous return programme led by UNHCR and IOM.
- A total of 15 Cases of 32 individuals signed Voluntary Repatriation Form - VRF (confirmation of intention to return) in Basateen, Mukalla and Kharaz.
- The next departure of refugees from Somalia through the assisted spontaneous return programme is tentatively scheduled for the end of January 2020. This will be the 40th departure organised since 2017.

Key indicators (24 April 2017 to 9 January 2020)

Counselled
8,131
(3,717 cases)

Confirmed ASR intention
7,049
(3,391 cases)

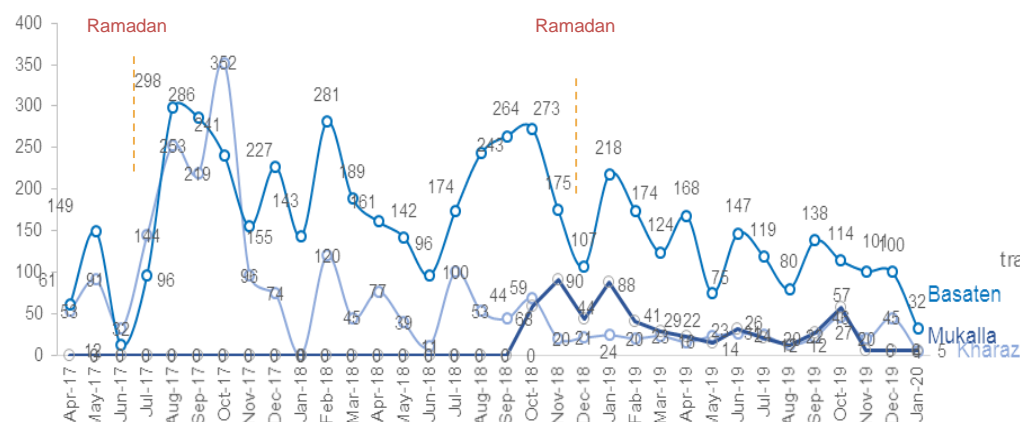
VRF signed
5,931
(2,745 cases)

Departures
5,087
(2,419 cases)

Pending protection solutions: **22** individuals **3** cases

No show for VRF signature: **1,096** individuals / **643** cases

Monthly trend of individuals approaching ASR-RHD for counseling



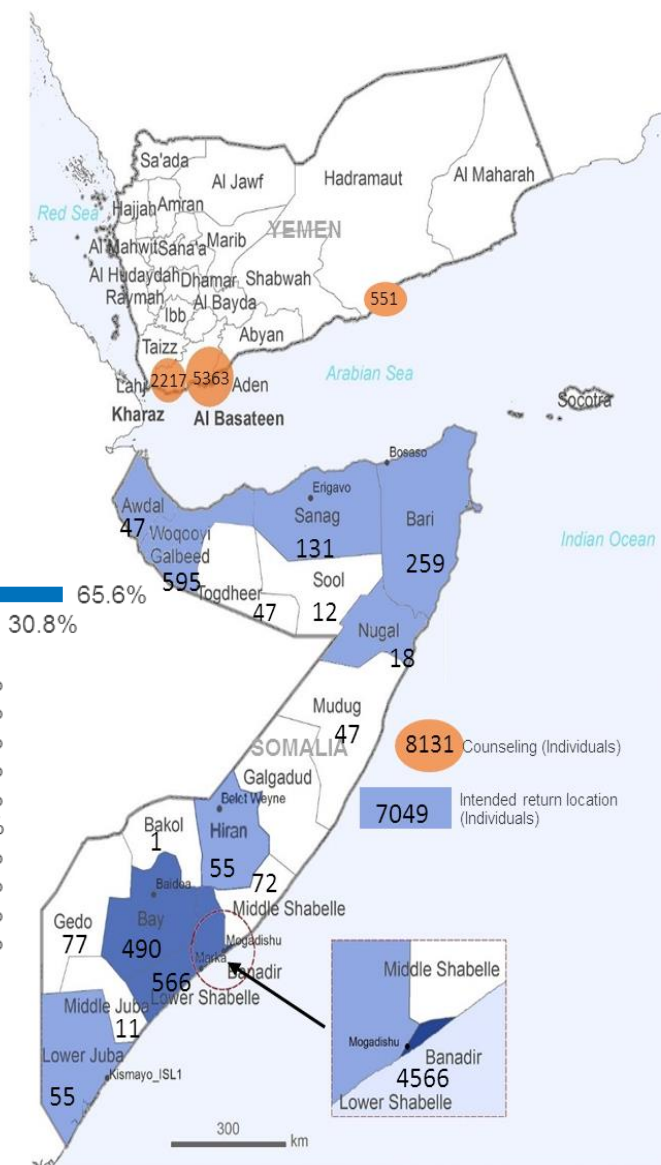
Challenges

- Boat rotation to Somalia has been temporarily suspended since mid-December 2019 and will resume after the maintenance of the vessel.

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Locations of asylum in Yemen and intended areas of return in Somalia.



Reasons for returning

