



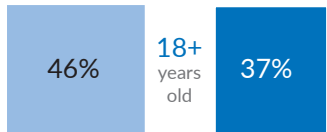
98,000

estimated newly arrived refugees in the Somali region

Population estimates provided by the authorities of Doolo zone, Somali Region.

Age/Sex Breakdown estimated based on pre-registration.

Female (54%) Male (46%)

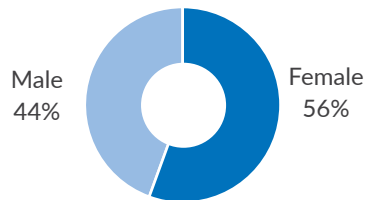


85,000*

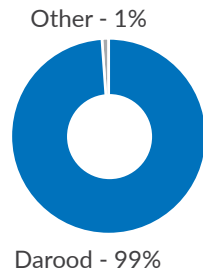
newly arrived refugees pre-registered in the Somali region

Pre-registration is ongoing by the government (RRS) and UNHCR. Pre-registration does not include biometric data collection.

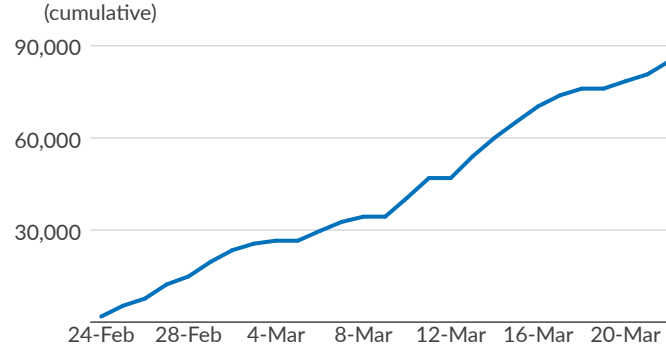
Gender of Head of Household (pre-registration)



Ethnicity / Clan (pre-registration)

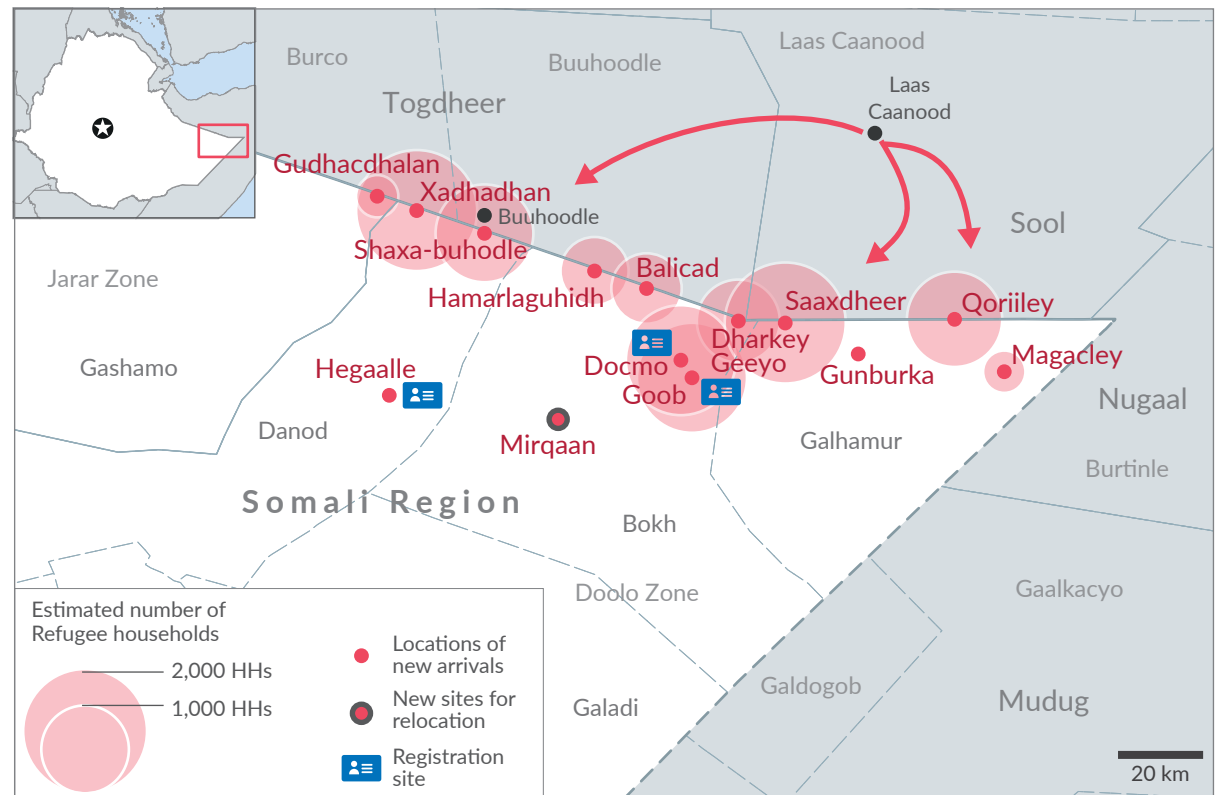


Number of people pre-registered (cumulative)



Government (RRS) and UNHCR emergency registration teams are pre-registering new arrivals in three sites currently.

Docmo and Goob in Bokh woreda. Hegaalle in Danod woreda.



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Timeline of key events



22 Mar

An Interagency Appeal was published requesting US\$116 million for the emergency response.



21-23 Mar

A Joint Senior Level Mission comprised of UNHCR, UNICEF and RRS, visited Goob, Hegaalle and the planned relocation site in Mirqaan.



14 Mar

Essential medication and supplies donated to Mirqaan health centre.



13-14 Mar

High-energy biscuits and date bars distributed in several locations.



1-4 Mar

RRS DG & UNHCR Rep. undertake mission to Doolo zone.



24 Feb

RRS and UNHCR begin the pre- registration of newly arrived families.



20 Feb

20 trucks carrying critical relief items for 9,000 families received in Bokh.



9-15 Feb

Multi-Sectoral Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA)



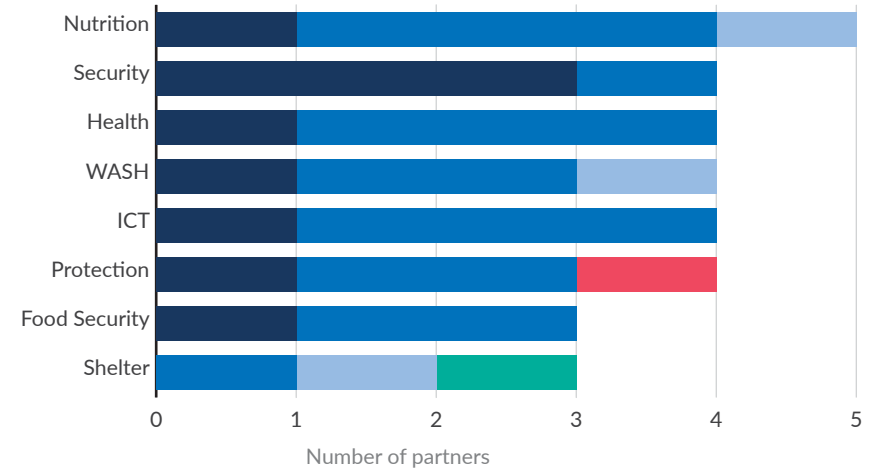
6 Feb

Refugees begin crossing the border into Doolo zone.



15 organizations responding in Doolo Zone

Government agencies	5 Partners
UN agencies	5 Partners
International NGOs	3 Partners
Local NGOs	1 Partner
Red Cross Movement	1 Partner

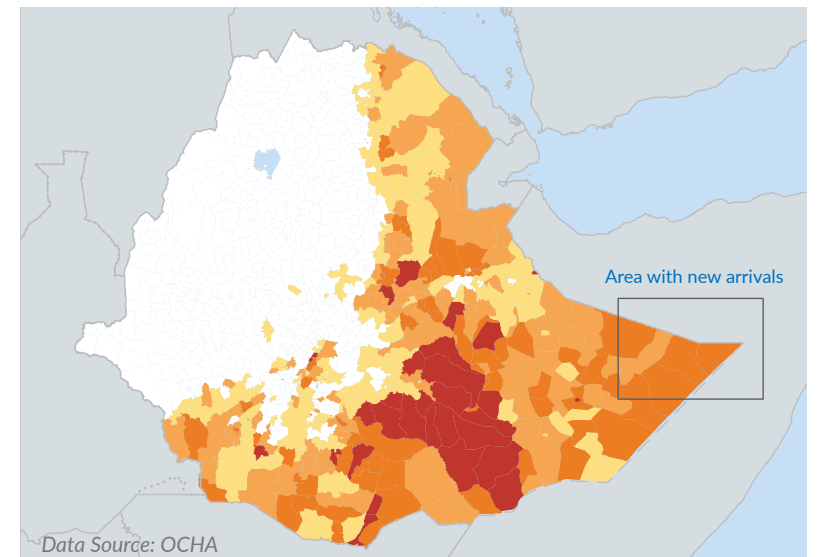


Drought

The area where refugees are settling is mostly identified as being **highly affected** by drought.

Drought Operational Prioritization

Priority 3: Low
Priority 2b: Moderate
Priority 2a: High
Priority 1: Severe



Challenges / Needs



Protection

From focus group discussions (FGDs), the need to enhance information sharing with refugees, including on registration, assistance, and next steps, such as relocation was noted.



Shelter

Refugees are living in overcrowded makeshift shelters with no privacy and are not protected from weather elements. Women and girls raised concerns about poor shelters in which they are living. Refugees staying in the 11 sites close to the border shared security concerns following the intensification of conflict on 18 March.



Food Security

General food distribution for refugees has not yet begun. Refugees are still dependent on host communities for food assistance.



Health

Access to health and nutrition services was already disadvantaged before the refugee influx, therefore refugees have very limited access. There is limited resource capacity available to augment the services.



WASH

WASH materials have not been prepositioned and this will make the immediate response difficult.



Nutrition

The coverage of the mobile health and nutrition teams is limited when compared to the needs of the refugee and host population. There is lack of treatment of moderate acute malnutrition.



ICT

Poor internet connectivity in Doolo Zone for refugees and partners.



Coordination & Operations

Long distances from/to Bokh, limited connectivity and lack of offices are hampering coordination and implementation of activities. There is scarcity of electricity and network connectivity.

Humanitarian Response

Nearly 85,000 individuals have been pre-registered since level 1 registration started on 24 February 2023. Among them, over 2,950 children were identified as being unaccompanied and referred to protection desk for further assessment. Key messages relating to fraud and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) were shared during the FGDs.

UNHCR received approval to start clearing the relocation site in Mirqaan. The coming relocation of refugees in Marqan requires preparation and site cleaning, water tracking, latrines, emergency shelters and food storage facilities. For Phase 1 of relocation, an initial number of 1500 shelters and 200 family tents will be provided.

WFP and the National Disaster Risk Management Commission of Ethiopia began relief food distribution in Doolo zone to mitigate the effects of drought for the host community. For Refugees, high energy biscuits and date bars continue to be distributed alongside registration activities, as well as emergency food assistance.

UNHCR donated the last batches of medicines and medical supplies to two health centre. Mobile health and nutrition teams are providing health and nutrition services for refugees and host communities in the three Woredas. Routine immunization, antenatal care and health education services are provided by the teams.

Prioritized response actions are identified and budgeted for the immediate, medium- and long-term responses. These include a borehole in Goob for water trucking, water system repair work at the Mirqaan health centre, and a controlled landfill site for Mirqaan.

Mobile health and nutrition teams carried out screening for malnutrition for children aged 6 to 59 months and pregnant and lactating women. The prevalence of malnutrition among refugees and host communities is high, with an average prevalence of global acute malnutrition of 40% over the past 6 months.

Emergency IT equipment is being shipped from an emergency stock pile. All equipment required for the establishment of the Security Operation Center (radio room) in Bokh is now available.

An interagency appeal requesting US\$116 million was published. Weekly inter-agency coordination meetings are taking place in Bokh and Jijiga.

Partners

RRS, UNHCR, ICRC, UNICEF

UNHCR, NRC, SEE

RRS, WFP, UNHCR

Regional Health Bureau, UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR

Regional Water Bureau, UNHCR, MSF, UNICEF

GOAL Ethiopia, Regional Health Bureau, UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR

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