

Djibouti

April 2023

As part of the celebration of Eid el-Fitr, celebrated on Friday April 21, 2023, **UNHCR**, in collaboration with its partners WFP and ONARS, distributed **clothes** to **refugee children** in villages refugees from Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl.

In April, 211 households of 651 **new arrivals**, who would be registered at the end of the verification exercise of the cleaning of the database and the migration of proGres to the Cloud, were assisted with food with the “**Basket of Solidarity Ramadan**” as a symbol of solidarity of the blessed month.

The operation currently hosts **30,618 refugees** and **asylum seekers**, mainly from **Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen**.

KEY INDICATORS



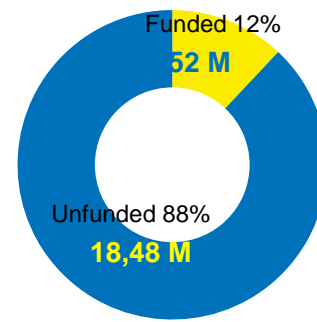
21,366 refugees

9,252 asylum seekers

POPULATION OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Somalia	13 314
Ethiopia	12 628
Yemen	3217
Eritra	1394
Other origins	65
Grand Total	30 618

FUNDING (27 April 2023) 21,0 M USD



The international charitable NGO "Helping Hands for Relief and Development" distributed 800 food baskets on the Markazi site for the two communities, Yemeni refugees, and Eritrean asylum seekers, as part of the food distribution on the blessed month of Ramadan.



Distribution of food in Markazi by the NGO HHRD @ONARS/Mohamed Mola

Achievement Update

Operating context

The Republic of Djibouti is one of the most stable countries in the region and continues to host refugees and asylum seekers from neighboring countries. UNHCR works in close coordination with the government, UN agencies and other actors in fulfilling its mandate to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to people under its mandate.

Recently, the number of asylum seekers contacting the UNHCR and its partner ONARS to be registered in order to benefit from humanitarian assistance, has increased. UNHCR and its implementing partners remain at the forefront of our response, ensuring that assistance reaches them, leaving no one behind.

UNHCR continues to build on its community-based approaches always aiming to strengthen them; remains actively engaged with refugees and consulting and communicating with them on decisions that will impact their lives; as well as to strengthen their ties with the host community. To ensure that refugees are included in the planning of UN development initiatives, UNHCR remains engaged and works closely with the UN Country Team in Djibouti.

Achievements



Registration

- In April 2023, exceptionally pending the official resumption of continuous registration, one (01) Sudanese asylum seeker was registered.

Protection Monitoring

- UNHCR facilitated the release of 36 (16 adult women and 20 children) people under its mandate, transported from Djibouti to the border with Ethiopia (Guelileh) as part of a roundup operation carried out by the Ministry of Interior. Having in their possession refugee documents, the persons concerned were escorted the same day in police vehicles to their localities of official residence (Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl). Advocacy and awareness raising reminders were made to the Police on the freedom of movement of refugees throughout the territory as recommended by the Law and the two implementing decrees relating to the status of refugees promulgated by the H.E. the President of the Republic of Djibouti. This Law and its Decrees have been the subject of several workshops in the country and in the region.

Protection Reception and Follow-up / Advice on Individual Cases

- The regular schedule of basic protection services such as reception, monitoring, referral of individual cases and referral to the competent services, which had to be adapted during the verification exercise on a case-by-case basis and according to emergencies are gradually resuming their course in the various refugee sites. Pending the official resumption of the resumption of regular activities, cases continued to be received, advised, and directed to the competent services by the Protection team of the UNHCR Country Representation in Djibouti city.

Inauguration of the new reception hall for refugees

The resumption of regular reception activities for individual cases was marked by the inauguration of the new reception room at the UNHCR Country Representation on April 26th, 2023. The refugees were greeted by the Representative, the Deputy Representative [Protection], the Protection Officer and the Senior Protection Assistant. This space is dedicated to the reception, monitoring, advice, and guidance of individual cases of refugees and asylum seekers who have greatly appreciated the efforts put in place by UNHCR.



Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- In terms of prevention, awareness sessions of the various aspects of the fight against GBV were made for 40 refugees (29 women and girls, and 19 men and boys) during the month of April 2023 on the Markazi site. Different themes were discussed such as: the referral system, respect between spouses, prevention against GBV and the nuisance that domestic problems have on children.
- In terms of response, UNHCR's implementing partner, recorded two new cases of GBV and followed up on 09 old cases of GBV, including 03 cases for the year 2022 and 06 cases for 2023. These cases are awaiting the restart of the 2023 mobile hearings in the Obock region.



CHILD PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY

- As part of support for people with specific needs, the list of financial assistance for the second quarter of 2023 has been updated in collaboration with UNHCR's implementing partner, CIAUD. The lists were forwarded to the UNHCR field office in Ali-Sabieh for validation to allow the partner to move forward with payments to the most vulnerable beneficiaries living in refugee villages.



EDUCATION



During the month of April 2023, as part of improving the quality of learning, UNHCR's partner for the education of people under its mandate, the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP), held training focused on pedagogy for 12 teachers from the kindergarten and primary school in the Markazi refugee camp.

Teacher Training in Markazi ©MENFOP/H. Issa



HEALTH

- The Senior Public Health Officer, based at UNHCR headquarters in Geneva, carried out a mission to the Republic of Djibouti from 12 to 26 April 2023. Accompanied by the Coordinator of the "Refugee Health" Project from the Ministry of Health and the Operations colleague Officer of the UNHCR Djibouti, the mission went to the refugee villages where it had meetings with community leaders, heads of health centers and medical staff. At the level of the capital, the mission had several meetings with the health partners of the United Nations system (WHO, WFP, UNICEF, etc.), donors, health officials at all levels in the countries including H.E. the Minister of Health. The objectives of the mission were to immerse of the reality on the ground, to report on the health care offered to people under the mandate of the UNHCR, as well as to note the challenges in terms of health care (primary, secondary, and tertiary).
- During the period under review, health centers in refugee sites provided health care to persons of concern to UNHCR, such as medical consultations, medical referrals to hospitals for specialist medical advice, food supplements in the fight against malnutrition, care for reproductive health and family planning, etc. In April 2023, the refugee population of the two refugee villages, Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl, benefited from 106 transfers, 161 new admissions to the nutrition program, 1565 consultations and 24 deliveries.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with IGAD, offered rapid COVID-19 tests (RDT SARS-COV-2-Ag) to refugee villages located in Ali-Sabieh region. These COVID-19 rapid test kits aim to support ongoing prevention efforts against the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable groups, including refugees and asylum seekers.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND AUTONOMY

- After the consultation workshops on the results of the study in five areas, namely, health/social, education, access to property, entrepreneurship, and banking in March 2023, UNHCR participated in April in the workshop to present the results of a participatory diagnostic study on the implementation of the National Refugee Law carried out by INSUCO.



SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

- During the period under review, a mission from the Resettlement Support Center, a partner entity of the United States Office of Population, Refugees and Migration, arrived in Djibouti. The objective of the mission was to recruit interpreters, to start interviews of resettlement cases aimed at family reunification in the United States of America and to make progress on the files of people pre-identified as possibly eligible for resettlement. The family reunification case processing mission will extend until the end of May 2023.

Financial Information

CONTRIBUTIONS ³ | USD

	Unearmarked	Softly earmarked	Earmarked	Tightly earmarked	Total
European Union	-	-	-	511,898	511,898
United States of America	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
Germany	-	243,843	-	-	243,843
IGAD	-	-	26,995	-	26,995
Sub-total	-	243,843	26,995	511,898	1,282,736
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	1,068,611	227,669	(32,164)	(30,030)	1,233,086
Total	1,068,611	471,512	498,831	480,686	2,515,822

Methodology: Unrestricted funds are allocated and reallocated several times throughout the year to enable UNHCR to fund priority activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds to accurately represent the resources available to the country. The earmarked contributions to Djibouti shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of lightly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different allocation levels. Adjustments relate to program support costs and carry-overs.

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Special thanks to the main donors of the other partially targeted funds in 2023:

United States of America 7.2 million **Canada** 3.9 million, **Finland** 3.1 million, **Private Donors Australia** 2.1 million

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Sweden 69 million | **Norway** 63.1 million | **Denmark** 35.6 million | **Netherlands** 34.1 million | **Germany** 23.1 million | **Switzerland** 18.9 million | **Belgium** 11.9 million | **Ireland** 11.9 million

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