# Djibouti

October 2023

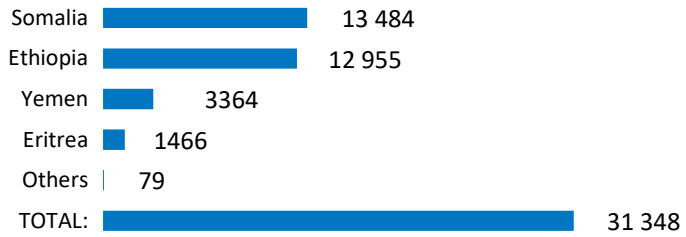
The Republic of Djibouti remains one of the most stable countries in the sub-region, and currently hosts 31,438 **refugees** and **asylum seekers** from neighboring countries. UNHCR works continuously in close coordination with the government, UN agencies and other actors to achieve its objectives, which include providing **protection** and **humanitarian assistance** to people under its mandate.

UNHCR and its implementing partners remain at the forefront of the response, ensuring that assistance reaches all beneficiaries and leaves no one behind. To ensure that refugees are **included** in the planning of **UN development initiatives**, UNHCR maintains its commitment and works closely with the UN country team in Djibouti.

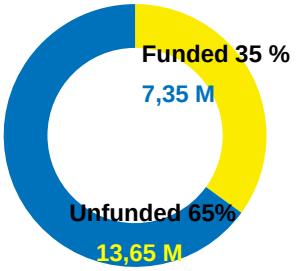
## KEY INDICATORS

22,435 refuges
8,913 asylum seekers

### CONCERNED POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN




## FUNDINGS (31 Oct. 2023) 21,0 M USD




The month of October 2023 was marked by:

- 10/29-02/11/2023: mission to Djibouti by EHAGL Deputy Regional Director Kristine Hambrouck. The mission aimed to gain a better understanding of the situation of refugees and asylum seekers living in the Republic of Djibouti, as well as social protection issues. Several meetings were held, including with government authorities (H.E. the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Said Nouh Hassan and H.E. the Minister of Health, Dr. Ahmed Robleh Abdulle), donors (the EU and the WB) and UNHCR partners such as the WFP. A visit to the refugee site at Markazi also took place, enabling exchanges with community representatives, UNHCR staff and partners. The mission also took part in the CRRF's regular coordination meeting on Wednesday November 1, 2023, organized jointly with ONARS.

- 12/10/2023: joint visit to the Markazi refugee site by the European Union (H.E. the EU Ambassador to Djibouti, Mme. Sylvie Tabasse), the French Embassy and the UNHCR Representative (Mr. Yohondamkoul Sakor). The visit took place within the framework of the bilateral agreement with the UNHCR (Appui aux Réfugiés et aux Communautés d'Accueil), financed to the tune of $5,500,000 by the EU. This 3-year project, which ended in March 2023, had 3 main components in favor of refugees: raising awareness of the legal framework among key players, improving access to education and strengthening livelihoods. The project aimed to make the integration of refugees into national programs such as social protection and education a reality.

- 17/10/2023: the refugee site at Markazi was also honored by the visit of the Japanese Embassy delegation composed of H.E. the Japanese Ambassador to Djibouti, H.E. Mr. Umio Otsuka, other members of his team, and the UNHCR Representative, Mr. Yohondamkoul Sakor.

# Achievemnts

## PROTECTION

### Registration

- As part of ongoing registration, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR], updated attestations and biometric corrections for 140 cases (114 in Holl-Holl, 26 in Ali-Addeh, 26 in Markazi, and 20 cases in Djibouti-ville. In addition, 554 attestations were renewed (238 in Djibouti-ville, 164 in Markazi, 152 in Holl-Holl).
- In October 2023, UNHCR, in conjunction with ONARS, registered 64 new arrivals.

### Protection Welcome and Follow-up / Advice on Individual Cases

- A total of 49 individual cases were received, given appropriate advice and referred to other relevant services. Grievances mainly concerned requests for resettlement in a third country, the addition of newborn babies, assistance with basic needs, medical assistance, and re-issue of documents.

### Gender-based violence (GBV)

- During the period under review, UNHCR's implementing partner in the response to gender-based violence, the Union Nationale des Femmes Djiboutiennes (UNFD) carried out the usual prevention and response activities in the various refugee sites. In terms of prevention, the partner organized awareness and information campaigns, and community activities for 305 people (153 in Holl-Holl and 152 in Ali-Addeh).
- In terms of response, UNFD received and dealt with 7 cases, including 4 in Holl-Holl and 3 in Ali-Addeh. These cases mainly concerned denial of resource sharing, physical and psychological violence.

### Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- During the period under review, the National Eligibility Commission [CNE] held ten (10) sessions and processed a total of 141 households from 511 individual cases, of which 72 households (275 individuals) were accepted, 29 households (48 individuals) rejected, 11 households (42 individuals) absent, and 29 households (146 individuals) adjourned.

### Sustainable solutions

- During the period under review, resettlement specialist Ms. Khadija Chembe joined the operation to continue updating resettlement cases previously submitted to the United States.
- In October 2023, the operation resubmitted 11 cases of 103 individuals previously presented in Canada whose travel had been cancelled due to the border closure caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## FOOD SECURITY

- The monthly distribution of food and cash was conducted in the various refugee sites and a total of 22,075 individuals were served in the refugee sites, including 13,897 in Ali-Addeh, 6,361 in Holl-Holl and 1,825 in Markazi.

## CASH ASSISTANCE FOR BASIC NEEDS

- As part of its support and assistance to the most vulnerable people, UNHCR's partner for the implementation of community mobilization, child protection and care for people with special needs, CIAUD Canada, has provided multi-sectoral assistance to 36 people with special needs in the refugee villages of Ali Addeh (20) and Holl-Holl (16). These people with special needs receive an amount of 10,000/month/individual. This assistance is distributed on a quarterly basis.

## EDUCATION

- During the 1st quarter break at the end of October 2023, HCR's partner in education, the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training [MENFOP] organized training courses on Fundamental Education for 23 high school teachers and 13 administrative staff.

## HEALTH

- During the period under review, UNHCR's health partner, the Ministry of Health, continued to ensure access to healthcare for people under UNHCR's mandate living in refugee sites and urban areas. A total of 108 health cases were referred for secondary-level care and management (including 68 cases transferred from Ali-Addeh to Ali-Sabieh, 34 from Holl-Holl to Ali-Sabieh and 6 to Djibouti-ville).

- In October 2023, at the request of its partner, the Ministry of Health, the UNHCR focal point trained 80 of its refugee village health center staff (Holl-Holl and Ali-Addeh) on the topics: Code of Conduct, PSEA and anti-fraud mechanisms. The aim of the training was to build the capacity of the partner's staff to effectively carry out their mission with people of concern to UNHCR.

## WATER AND SANITATION

- UNHCR's water and sanitation implementation partner (DHR) continues to supply drinking water to refugee sites.
- During the period under review, UNHCR's WASH focal point took part in a sectoral meeting with UNICEF and DHR. The aim of the meeting was to obtain UNICEF's support for the construction of family latrines in the refugee villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl. To this end, UNHCR will make an official request to UNICEF.

## LIVELIHOODS

- UNHCR took part in a follow-up meeting organized by the FAO as part of the "Greening the Humanitarian Response" project. Scheduled for launch in November 2023, the project will benefit 11,000 refugees and asylum seekers from two of the three refugee villages (Ali-Addeh and Markazi). To implement the project, an agreement has been signed with an international NGO, which will provide training and technical demonstrations to project beneficiaries.

## Funding Information

**UNHCR is grateful for the essential support provided by donors who have supported its operation in Djibouti, as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programs with unrestricted and largely restricted funds.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS** [3] | USD

| | Unearmarked | Softly earmarked | Earmarked | Tightly earmarked | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States of America | - | - | 3,500,000 | - | 3,500,000 |
| European Union | | | - | 511,898 | 511,898 |
| Germany | - | 412,356 | - | - | 412,356 |
| IGAD | - | - | 26,995 | - | 26,995 |
| **Subtotal** | **-** | **412,356** | **3,526,995** | **511,898** | **4,451,249** |
| Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments | 2,769,539 | 447,043 | (215,263) | (27,902) | 2,973,418 |
| **Total** | 2,769,539 | **859,399** | **3,311,732** | **483,996** | **7,424,667** |

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

**Special thanks to the main donors of the other funds partially targeted in 2023:** United States of America: 51 million | Italy: 8.8 million | Private donors from Australia: 8.6 million | Private donors from Germany: 4.5 million| Australia: 3.9 million | Canada 3.9 million | Private donors from the United States of America: 3.4 million| Finland: 3.1 million | Private donors from Great Britain: 2.8 million |

Isle of Man | Luxembourg | Private donors.

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Algeria | Australia | Bulgaria | Canada | Costa Rica | Estonia | Finland | Iceland | Luxembourg | Malta | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Peru | Philippines | Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Thailand | Turkey | Uruguay | Private donors.

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