# Djibouti

## June 2024

In line with the Solutions and CRRF (Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework), UNHCR's overarching goal is to integrate all refugees into national systems.

In early June 2024, a partnership agreement was signed between the **UNHCR** and the **ANPH** (Agence Nationale des Personnes Handicapées) to **include refugees living with disabilities in the national database of disabled people**.

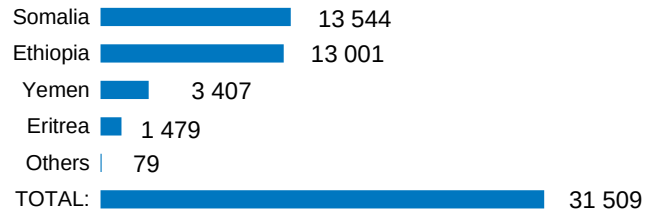
On June 9, 2024, the agreement resulted in the biometric **registration of 590 disabled refugees in the national database**. The aforementioned individuals will be issued a **Mobility-Inclusion Card**, which will entitle them to free access to basic services on the same basis as nationals.

### KEY INDICATORS (June, 30, 2024

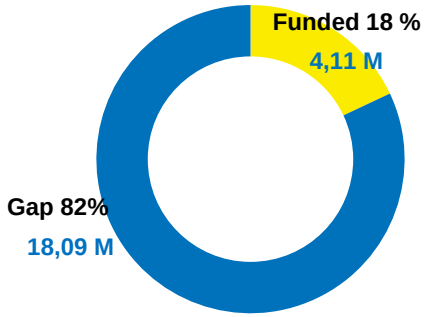
**31, 509** Refugees & Asylum seekers

- including **23,479** refugees and **8,030** asylum seekers
- **85**% live inside refugee villages

### POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN




### FUNDING STATUS (as of June 30, 2024)



UNHCR and its partners celebrated World Refugee Day this June 20, 2024 at the Palais du Peuple in Djibouti-ville. All stakeholders, including refugees and asylum seekers, were represented

## ACHIEVEMNTS

### PROTECTION

- Registration activities for new arrivals, as well as Refugee Status Determination (RSD) activities, which were put on hold in February 2024, have not yet been resumed. However, three Congolese households comprising 15 individuals have received protection interviews at the Ali-Addeh refugee village.

- To maintain close contact with the people under its mandate, the UNHCR in Djibouti-city dedicates every Wednesday to the weekly reception and follow-up of individual cases of refugees and asylum seekers. This allows the UNHCR to listen to and address their grievances. In collaboration with its partner organization, the International NGO CIAUD, which specializes in child protection, community mobilization, and care for individuals with special needs, the reception is held at the Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl sites. During reception hours, refugees and asylum seekers are received, provided with appropriate advice, and referred to the relevant services. In June 2024, 49 cases were received and counselled, including 14 in Djibouti-ville, 26 in Ali-Addeh and 9 in Holl-Holl. The grievances primarily pertained to requests for resettlement to a third country, assistance with basic needs, addition of newborn babies, medical assistance, resumption of BIMS, and renewal of identity documents.

#### Protection Monitoring

- UNHCR facilitated the release of six refugees and asylum seekers who had been arrested and taken by the national police to the Nagad detention center as part of an identity control operation. It should be noted that ongoing efforts are being made to raise awareness among the National Police regarding the freedom of movement of refugees throughout the country. The freedom of movement is enshrined in the law and its two implementing decrees relating to the status of refugees, which were promulgated by H.E. the President of the Republic of Djibouti. Since its enactment, this legislation and its implementing decrees have been the subject of numerous workshops held throughout the country and in the region.

#### Child Protection

- The Day of the African Child 2024 was commemorated at all three refugee sites. The theme for this year was "Education for all children in Africa: the time has come." To mark the occasion, UNHCR's child protection partner, the international NGO CIAUD, held a workshop for 89 adults, 42 of whom were women, on the theme "Constraints and challenges of access to education in refugee villages". Additionally, recreational and competitive activities focusing on children's rights were conducted for 115 refugee children between the ages of 8 and 14.

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- To familiarize children with their rights, 60 refugee children, including 27 girls, were provided with information regarding their rights in the villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl. Concurrently, 70 adults (including 59 women) from the refugee community in these same villages participated in a child protection awareness-raising session.

### Gender-Based Violence [GBV]

- A total of 192 individuals (90 in Ali Addeh, 71 in Holl-Holl, and 31 in Markazi) received sensitization to gender-based violence through the efforts of UNFD (Union Nationale des Femmes Djiboutiennes), a partner organization of UNHCR in the response to and prevention of gender-based violence.
- In terms of response, the partner received nine (9) new cases of GBV (including cases of denial of resources, psychological and sexual violence) in the various refugee sites (three cases in Ali-Addeh, three in Holl-Holl and three in Markazi). The cases were then referred to the appropriate authorities, including the arrondissements, cadis of the respective villages, the mobile court, the health center, and the police.
- In Markazi, 102 women and young girls benefited from ongoing learning activities offered by UNFD, including handbag-making, necklace-making, palmistry, handicrafts, and henna design.
- A virtual meeting was held to present the gender-based violence data collection tool developed on *Activity Info*. This tool will be reported on a quarterly basis with the objective of facilitating the collection, monitoring, and sharing of data, as well as ensuring the reliability and harmonization of said data.

## SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

- UNHCR provided ongoing support to the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), particularly in the coordination of activities related to pre-screening missions. These activities included refugee mobilization, fingerprint verification, interpreter selection, and other key processes.
- A delegation from the U.S. Embassy in Djibouti, accompanied by U.S. immigration officers, convened with Ali Addeh refugee representatives on June 26, 2024. The objective of the meeting was to gain insight into the lives of refugees and to address queries and challenges pertaining to refugee resettlement in the United States. As part of the solutions available in Djibouti, including resettlement with a quota of 100 families for the next two years, the mission also informed the refugees that other solutions are within their reach and should be considered. These include economic inclusion and self-sufficiency, which are offered by the UNHCR and its partners under the CRRF.

## FOOD SECURITY

- In the course of monthly food distributions in refugee villages, over 20,000 individuals were provided with food and cash assistance.
- The Sanabil-Kheir Association distributed 300 food baskets to members of the Eritrean and Yemeni communities at the Markazi site. This was a much-appreciated gesture by the beneficiairies .

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- On the occasion of the "Aïd El-Kébir" holiday, 60 refugee households benefited from a meat distribution in the refugee sites of Ali-Addeh and Markazi. This distribution is thanks to the Association des Jeunes du Chateau d'Eau d'Ali Sabieh [AJCD] and the Turkish NGO and AL RAHMA, respectively.

## EDUCATION

- On May 26 and 27, 2024, more than 206 pupils residing in the refugee villages of Ali Addeh and Holl-Holl participated in the 9th grade end-of-cycle examinations conducted on a nationwide basis. The results were released on June 20, 2024, and 171 students were admitted, representing an 83% pass rate.
- The end-of-cycle exams for grade 12 were held between June 2 and 8, 2024. A total of 90 refugee students participated in the exams. Of the students who took the tests, 75 passed with high marks, representing an 82% pass rate.
- In collaboration with UNHCR, the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP) conducted a youth profiling exercise in the refugee villages of Ali Addeh and Holl-Holl. The exercise involved 400 young refugees in Ali Addeh and 200 in Holl-Holl. The profiling exercise forms part of the Skills Development for Employment Project in Djibouti, which is financed by the World Bank. The $15 million subsidized project comprises two components. The first is a $10 million loan, and the second is $5 million in non-repayable funding for the host and refugee populations.

## LIVELIHOODS

- In line with the Regional Project "*Greening the Humanitarian Response in Displacement Settings*", the UNHCR is currently undertaking the selection of refugees in the villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl who will benefit from the donation of 2,500 fruit trees (mango trees). The list of successful candidates will be provided to the FAO.

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