DJIBOUTI

12 september 2024

POPULATION OF CONCERN

31 825

Refugee and Asylum seekers as of 31 August[1]

23 489

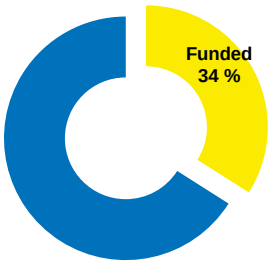
Refugees

8 336

Asylum seekers

FUNDING

22.2 M $ requested for Djibouti operation in 2024[2]



7.6 M $ received as 31 July 2023

[1] Statistics

[2] Djibouti-funding-update

OPERATIONALDEVELOPMENTS

Sixteen refugees have expressed desire to return to their countries of origin. Following the launch of voluntary repatriation campaign by UNHCR last week, sixteen refugees composed of Ethiopians and Somalis have expressed the desire to go back to their country of origin. UNHCR continue to raise awareness among refugees on voluntary repatriation to reach a maximum number of refugees and asylum seekers while coordinating with teams from countries of origin. During the reporting period UNHCR Djibouti team met with UNCHR Ethiopia and regional bureau teams for a better coordination. Both operations Djibouti and Ethiopia agreed to work on a road map.

Registration of new arrivals at Holl-Holl, in the Ali Sabieh region @UNHCR/Mohamed Abdallah

REFUGEE RESPONSE

UNHCR and ONARS continued the registration of new arrivals. During the reporting period, a total number of 41 households were registered in Holl-Holl. This brings the total number to 373 individuals registered in Holl-Holl and Djibouti-city since the registration exercise resumed in July 2024. It is planned that the activity will see about 2000 new arrivals registered.

UNHCR and UNFD organized a workshop on refugee protection for law enforcement officers from the Ali Sabieh region. On 4 September, UNHCR in collaboration with its partner in charge of gender-based violence prevention and response UNFD, organized a workshop on referral system for GBV cases", international protection and the Djibouti asylum law. The law enforcers are key in GBV case management as they are the ones who deal with GBV complaints.

UNHCR dedicated every Wednesday to the reception and follow-up of individual cases of refugees and asylum-seekers. With view to being closer to the displaced population, refugees and asylum-seekers are received, counseled, and referred to relevant services. During the week, 12 people were received and counseled at the UNHCR Representation's office in Djibouti-ville. The main concerns were requests for resettlement to a third country, assistance with basic needs, medical assistance, registration of newborns, and renewal of identity documents among others.

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