



## ETHIOPIA FACTSHEET

February 2015

### HIGHLIGHTS

**676,064**

Total number of refugees

**196,144**

South Sudanese refugees  
since 15 Dec.2013

**57%**

South Sudanese new  
arrivals who are female

**67%**

South Sudanese new  
arrivals who are children

### Population of concern

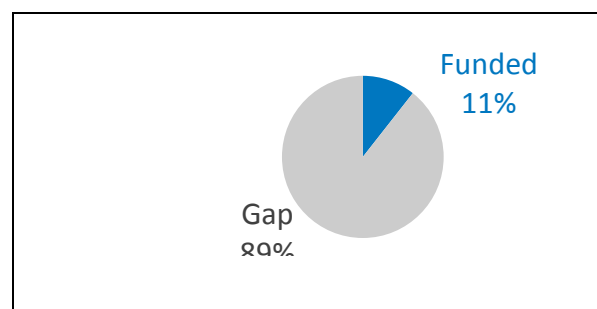
A total of **676,064** people of concern

#### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	260,465
Somalia	244,422
Eritrea	129,816
Sudan	36,102
Other nationalities	5,259
<b>Total</b>	<b>676,064</b>

### Funding

**USD 315 million** requested



- Funding level as of 9 March 2015

### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

306 national staff  
91 international staff  
139 individual contractors  
29 deployees  
8 IUNVs

Total: **573**

#### Offices:

26 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia**, the **UNHCR Representation to the AU and ECA** as well as 24 Sub and Field-Offices located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Semera) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Nyn-yang, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyoo, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR is fully engaged in the Humanitarian Country Team in Ethiopia, where the refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure that the needs of refugees are adequately presented and addressed. The Office is also building on well-established coordination forums such as the Refugee Task Force, donor and NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp levels.
- UNHCR's main Government counterpart and implementing partner in Ethiopia is the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and the Office works well with it in ensuring continued protection of the refugees.
- About 40 partners, including government agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations and UN agencies work closely with UNHCR to support the refugees in the country.
- An effective coordination environment was established in response to the Level 3 emergency with refugees arriving from South Sudan; a Regional Refugee Response Plan was developed with participation of all partners.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- The Government of Ethiopia generally maintains open borders for refugees seeking protection in the country. A party to both the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and its 1967 Protocol and the 1969 OAU Convention, the Government provides protection to refugees from over 18 countries, with the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan.
- Most asylum-seekers from neighbouring countries are granted refugee status on a prima facie basis, i.e., based on their region and/or country of origin. Individual refugee status determination is undertaken for all others through a government Eligibility Committee, on which UNHCR sits as an observer.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers are generally expected by the Government to reside in camps, although some are permitted to reside in urban areas for medical, security, or humanitarian reasons. The Government's "Out of Camp Policy" provides many Eritrean refugees the opportunity to live in Addis Ababa and other locations if they have the necessary means to support themselves. It is hoped that this programme can be improved and expanded. There are 5,900 registered refugees in Addis.
- Key protection concerns for the country operation include child protection, Education and sexual and gender-based violence. The situation of Eritrean unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in the north is of particular concern, given the large numbers and limited family-based care options, with additional resources devoted to these children in 2014 under the Child Protection Regional Initiative. Data-collection and case management tools are also being rolled out in the different operations, including the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) (in coordination with UNICEF) and the Education Management Information System (EMIS).
- UNHCR is also working closely with the government and key partners to address the issue of trafficking and smuggling of refugees. Livelihoods opportunities are considered a key component of these efforts, as are increased information campaigns and improved services. In addition to implementing UNHCR's Strategy and Regional Action Plan to address Smuggling and Trafficking from the East and Horn of Africa, UNHCR is also contributing to efforts by the Government of Ethiopia and the UN Country Team in this area.

### Education

- Forty-five percent of all refugees in Ethiopia (305,602) fall within the 3-18 age bracket, of whom 128,748 (55,318 females and 73,433 males) are enrolled in early childhood, primary and secondary levels of education. As at the end of the reporting month, Gross Enrollment Rate (GER) for the academic year 2014/15 stood at 51.2% for primary level, 14% for secondary level and 38.3% for Early Childhood Education (ECD). Compared to the previous academic years, there is a marked decrease in the GER for primary education this year mainly because of the large influx of refugee children from South Sudan but also due to a generally lower enrollment rate in the Dollo Ado camps.
- A total of 4,957 students are enrolled in TVET (3,217) and tertiary education (1,740) during the current academic year.

## Health

- UNHCR and ARRA are responding to a measles outbreak in three of the four refugee camps in Tigray region, home to more than 97,000 Eritrean refugees. Maiaini, Adiharush and Hitsats camps have reported 252, 52 and 25 measles cases, respectively.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, UNHCR and ARRA have already mobilized 30,000 doses of measles vaccine and related supplies to support the ongoing mass vaccination campaign in the three camps and neighboring host-community villages. Thanks to MSF-France & Holland 29,000 more doses of the vaccine are being deployed to bolster the campaign which targets the population group between 6 months and 29 years.
- Nutrition monitoring and case management are being carried out while surveillance measures have been strengthened.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR and health and nutrition partners are preparing to undertake the annual health and nutrition survey in Dollo Ado.

## Water and Sanitation

- Joint monitoring mission comprising of all WASH partners, ARRA, UNHCR & UNICEF was conducted in Gambella with an objective to review strategic and operational issues since the beginning of the emergency, consolidating gains made and charting out a way forward;
- Regional Support Hub (RSH) WASH advisors fielded a technical support mission to Dollo Ado, Assosa, Shire and Gambella. The outcomes of the mission were recommendations particularly on cost effectiveness of WASH service delivery, employing life cycle costing and adopting innovative approaches;
- Community participation in WASH service delivery is gaining ground in Gambella with a total of 6600 family showers constructed in the month of February, 50% of which were constructed using locally available grass straw without any UNHCR/Partners contribution except mobilization.
- Results on Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) surveys conducted in the month of December in 10 camps were released this month. They give comprehensive details on the WASH situation in the respective camps which will inform evidence based programming. 10 others had been finalized earlier in 2014.

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The Government of Ethiopia (ARRA) manages all refugee camps in Ethiopia. UNHCR and ARRA work together with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings generally happen both at the zonal and camp level. In addition, technical working groups also meet regularly on such issues as child protection, SGBV, education, WASH and Health.

## Access to Energy

- Distribution of solar lanterns has started in Kule refugee camp, with 2,542 households already reached as of 27 February.
- ARRA is distributing rocket stoves in Gambella camps, with 500 and 5,000 already distributed in Kule and Tierkidi, respectively.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR's self-reliance programme in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia, supported by donors, including the IKEA Foundation, complements the Government's development programme and includes refugees and host communities. This programme takes a developmental approach, with improving livelihoods being highlighted as one of the primary areas of focus whereby people can take a greater level of responsibility for their lives and livelihoods. Moreover, as the camps are situated in a drought-prone area, this approach aims to build refugees' resilience in anticipation of their imminent return to their places of origin in Somalia. A resulting increase in household income including the ownership of animals and agriculture activities has already been noted since 2013 and is expected to continue.
- Innovative approaches to refugee shelters, renewable energy and camp lay-out are also being piloted in Dollo Ado for eventual implementation in other operations. In addition to providing training on cooperative development and business management, business grant support has been made available by UNHCR to improve the livelihoods of refugees. UNHCR is also piloting an agricultural project focusing on improving the livelihoods of over 200, 000 Somali refugees in the Dollo Ado area.

- In the Jijiga area where there are three camps hosting nearly 40,000 Somali refugees, UNHCR engages refugees and host communities in self-reliance activities under its Development Assistance for Refugees (DAR) project. Refugees and members of the host communities around the camps have begun harvesting agricultural outputs for consumption and for the local market.

## Durable Solutions

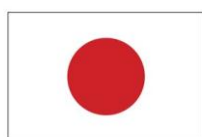
- Resettlement remains the only viable durable solution in the Ethiopia operation, as conflict continues in several countries of origin (Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, and Somalia) effectively precluding voluntary repatriation, while local integration remains elusive. Ethiopia's resettlement referral target for 2015 is 5,965 individuals.
- As of February 2015, a total of 134 cases (361 individuals) were referred to the Regional Support Hub in Nairobi for onward submission to resettlement countries with 74 cases (216 individuals) have been submitted to resettlement countries by RSH in Nairobi. Some 169 cases (533 individuals) departed Ethiopia to third countries through UNHCR-facilitated resettlement program

## Logistics

- The Board of Auditors visited UNHCR warehouses in Addis and Gambella and conducted physical verification and Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) testing. The findings revealed zero discrepancy in both Gambella and Addis Ababa inventory records. The monthly Bin card reconciliation report for February revealed zero discrepancy in inventory records.

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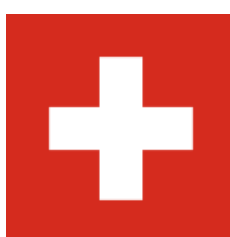
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# Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Ethiopia

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Population Update

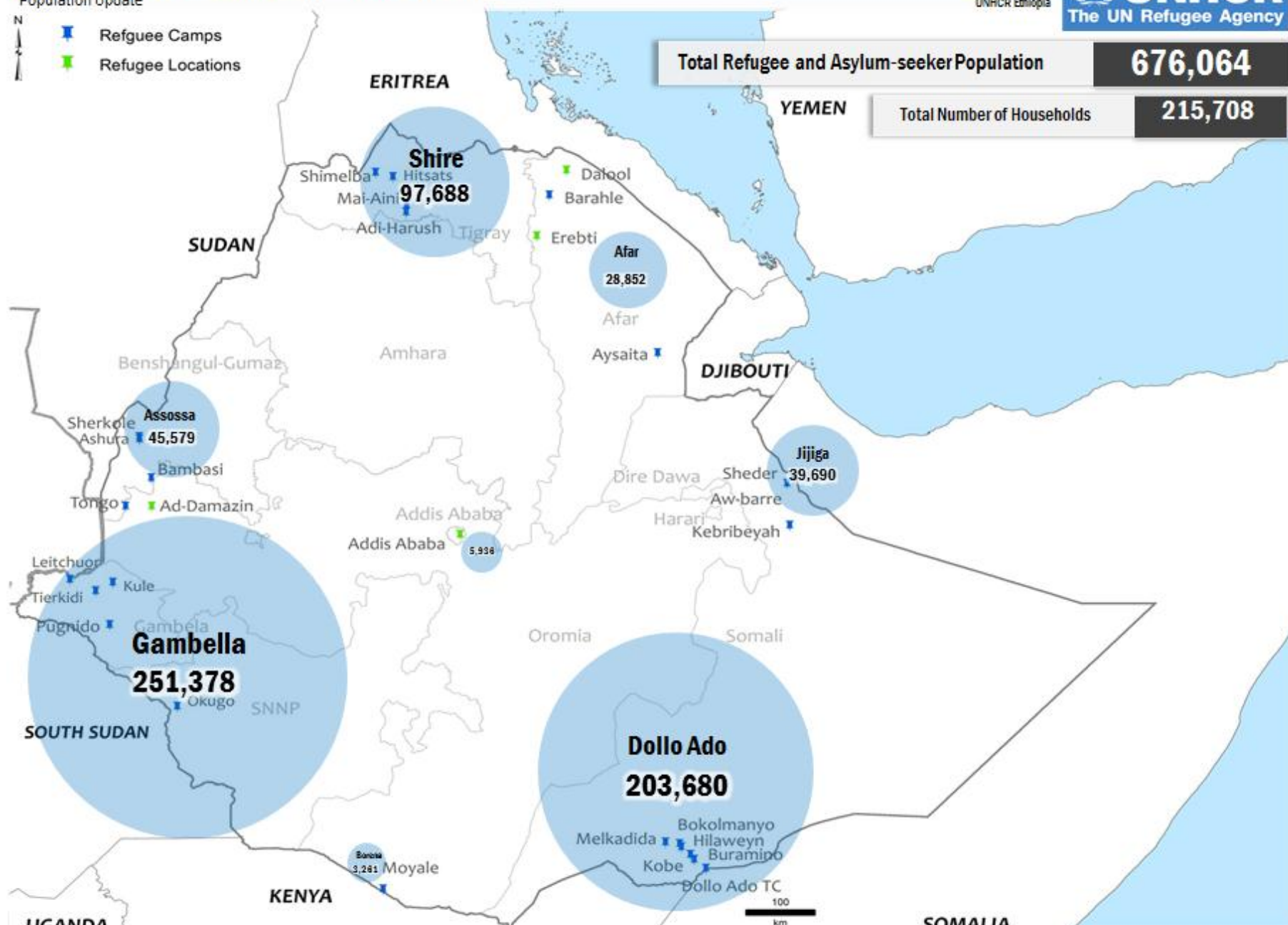
- Refugee Camps
- Refugee Locations

Total Refugee and Asylum-seeker Population

**676,064**

Total Number of Households

**215,708**



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100 km

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