

Highlights

- More than a quarter-million Somalis seek refuge in neighbouring countries so far this year.
- UNHCR deploys emergency staff and is airlifting aid for some 18,000 Somalis in Gode, Ethiopia.
- Nearly 27,000 recent Somali arrivals in Kenya relocate to new sites in the Dadaab camp complex.

Somali refugees in the region as at 01 Jan 2011 (by country of asylum)

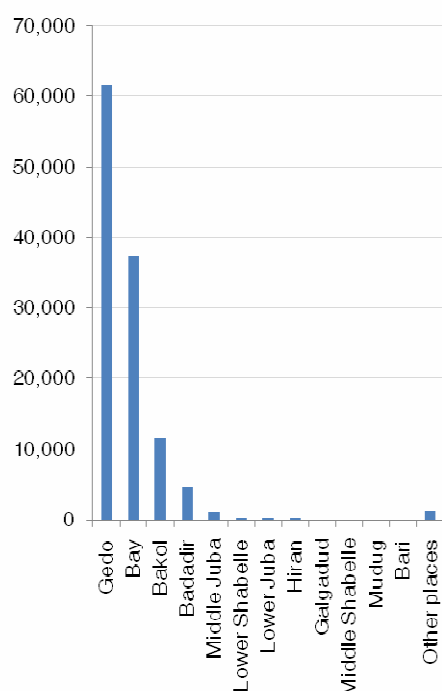
COUNTRY OF ASYLUM	TOTAL NUMBER
Kenya	351,773
Ethiopia	81,247
Djibouti	14,216
Yemen	180,341
Others	17,306
Total	644,883

New Somali arrivals by country of asylum January to 22 August 2011

Asylum country	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Kenya	9,958	10,176	11,334	10,636	9,214	32,383	41,334	27,719	152,734¹
Ethiopia	6,792	2,016	4,072	6,749	12,045	24,042	19,610	3,150 ²	78,476
Djibouti	384	293	359	246	398	425	833	725	3,663
Yemen	1,735	2,136	2,130	1,571	1,655	1,189	1,118	3,718 ³	15,252
Total	18,869	14,621	17,895	19,202	23,312	58,039	64,010	35,312	250,125

Movement tracking - Ethiopia

Areas of origin - Somali Refugees in Dollo Ado Ethiopia



UNHCR revised emergency financial requirements, including Somalia (in million USD)

Asylum country	Revised total budget (2011)	Emergency requirements included in total budget
Kenya	172.1	68.8
Ethiopia	128.1	62.7
Djibouti	25.5	4.8
Somalia	75.4	8.6
Total	401.2	144.9
Percentage funded vs. appeal as at 18 August – 68.9		

¹ Kenya has a registration backlog of 38,863

² This excludes an estimated 18,000 in Gode yet to be seen to

³ As of 16 August

Current situation

- The humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa, caused by a combination of insecurity, drought and hunger at famine levels in southern Somalia, is causing massive displacement within the country and refugee flows across borders into Kenya, Yemen, Ethiopia, and Djibouti. Nearly half of Somalia's 7.5 million people have been affected by drought, and a quarter of the population has sought refuge in neighboring countries since the beginning of the year. The United Nations has declared famine in five regions of southern Somalia, amid growing concern that the famine could quickly spread across the country and may affect other areas of the Horn of Africa if not addressed through rapid action.
- Currently, there are some 895,000 Somali refugees and asylum seekers in neighbouring countries, with Kenya, Yemen, Ethiopia and Djibouti hosting more than 90 percent of them (Kenya 507,000; Yemen 195,000; Ethiopia 160,000 Djibouti 18,000.) Some 1.5 million more Somalis are internally displaced, mostly in the south-central part of the country.
- The number of Somalis arriving in Kenya's Dadaab refugee camps since the beginning of this year has topped 146,000, bringing the total population of the sprawling complex to some 436,000. They continue to arrive at an average of 1,200 per day.
- The Dollo Ado complex of camps in Ethiopia now has a total of some 120,000 Somalis, with arrivals averaging between 200 and 300 a day.

Latest developments

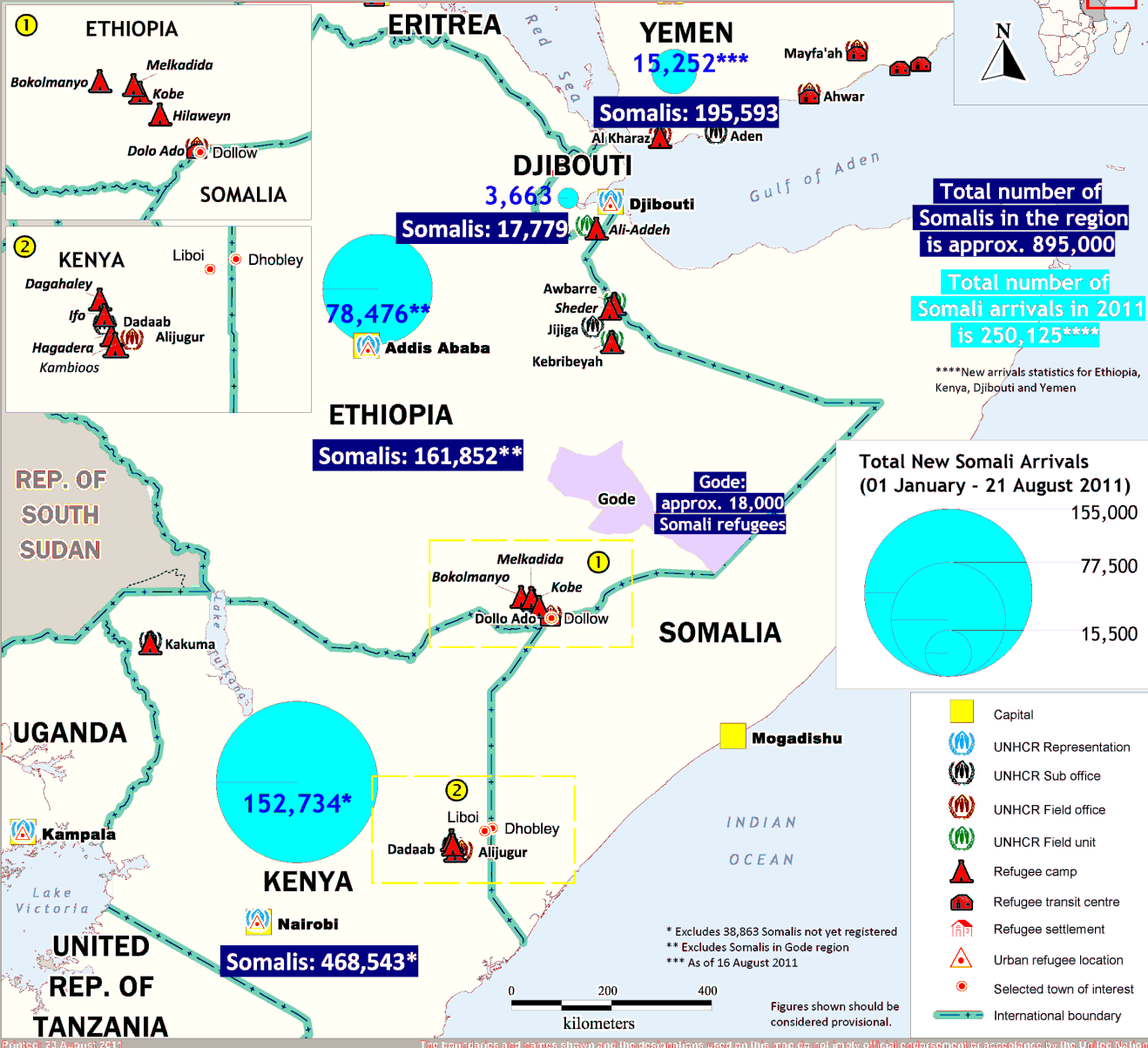
- In Ethiopia, UNHCR has deployed an emergency team to the Gode area, some 250kms north of the refugee camps at Dollo Ado, to respond to the arrival of an estimated 18,000 Somalis reported to be in extremely poor condition. In coordination with the Government of Ethiopia and other partners, UNHCR has deployed specialists in health, nutrition, protection, field coordination, registration and other fields. The team will profile and register the newly arrived refugees, identify their needs and deliver aid – including an initial supply of some 3,000 family tents. More are on the way. To meet the needs of this new group, UNHCR is airlifting aid for up to 20,000 people from its emergency stocks in Dubai, with the first flight expected to arrive in Ethiopia by the end of the month.
- UNHCR remains concerned about the persistently high mortality rate at the Kobe camp in southeast Ethiopia's Dollo Ado complex. Kobe, which just opened in June, was filled to its capacity of 25,000 people in about a month. A major cause of death there is suspected measles, compounded by the already fragile health of malnourished new arrivals. UNHCR and its partners are implementing measures to ensure that all new arrivals get food, water and medical attention.
- In Kenya, relocation of refugees from the outskirts of the three camps that make the Dadaab refugee complex (Ifo, Dagahaley and Hagadera) continues. Refugees are being transported by bus to the new sites. As of 22 August, 20,842 refugees had been moved to Ifo III; 4,866 to Ifo II; and 1,147 to Kambioos. The relocation exercise began with Ifo II on 25 July, Ifo III on 18 August and Kambioos on 19 August. UNHCR expects to transfer up to 180,000 refugees to these new sites by the end of November. Tents are being pitched daily to keep up with the growing needs.
- New arrivals in Dadaab are given an emergency aid package that includes a three-week food ration. The process includes a screening for malnourishment and other medical conditions. If serious, the patient is immediately sent to one of the health facilities in the camps for immediate intervention. Should a refugee not have completed the registration process in the anticipated three weeks, they receive an additional 21-day food ration. UNHCR is working with the Government of Kenya to remove the bottle-necks in the registration process.
- In Somalia, distributions of emergency assistance packages, which include shelter materials and other aid items, continue in Mogadishu and the south of the country. Despite these deliveries, there are still many needs in the makeshift settlements in southern and central Somalia that now accommodate many of the country's estimated 1.5 million internally displaced people.

Registered Somalis in the East and Horn of Africa region

As of 21 August 2011

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