



## **DJIBOUTI**

## **FACTSHEET**

September 2014

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

1,870

Identity cards delivered since January

1,008

Persons receiving supplementary feeding

82

Individual cases treated at reception in September

2,829

Children enrolled in primary education

# **Population of concern**

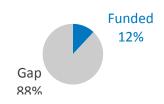
A total of 24,425 people of concern

### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	19,807
Ethiopia	3,300
Eritrea	1,249
Other	69
Total	24,425

# **Funding**

USD 26.96 million requested



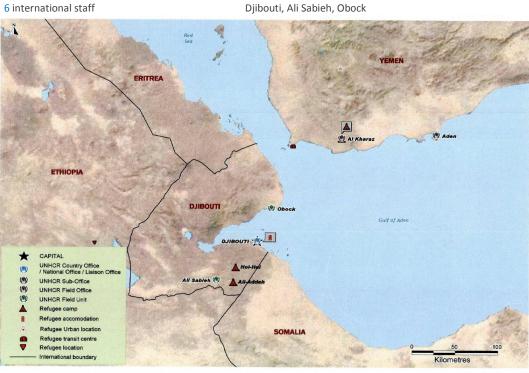
### **UNHCR Presence**

#### Staff:

25 national staff

#### Offices:

2 offices and 1 field unit, located in: Diibouti, Ali Sabieh, Obock



## **WORKING WITH PARTNERS**

UNHCR maintains close cooperation with national and internal NGOs to ensure optimal coordination. The implementing partners are CARE Canada; the Lutheran World Federation; the association for the protection and the fulfillment of the family (APEF); and the National Union of Djiboutian Women (UNFD); as well as two government agencies: the refugee authority (ONARS) and the Ministry of Environment (MHUEAT). Additionally there is an intense and comprehensive cooperation with other operational partners and UN agencies, within various mechanisms, such as the UN Country Team and different UN sectorial working groups.

## **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

#### Protection

UNHCR aims to provide all PoCs with the necessary documentation, an essential basis for further protection. To achieve this, UNHCR screens and registers newly arriving asylum seekers; and is engaged in the verification and regularization of refugees, but also provides documentation for refugees who have been in Djibouti for more than 20 years. These processes involve capacity-building of local authorities as well as coordination with partners. To support voluntary, safe, and well-informed durable solutions, UNHCR provides improved information sharing on safe areas of return; support to resettlement and programs aimed at economic self-reliance for refugees. As a prevention and response to SGBV cases UNHCR established a track mechanism to prevent, identify and support girls and women at risk. In November 2014, a large verification exercise is planned to update the current database of persons of concern with a view on the elaboration of durable solutions.

#### Health

UNHCR and its partners provide primary health care to refugees in Djibouti according to national guidelines through close
collaboration with the Ministry of Health, particularly in the areas of immunization, tuberculosis, malaria and the training of
health workers. A referral system is in place for the evacuation of emergency cases and patients requiring specialized care.

### Education

Education on primary and secondary level is offered in the camps as a priority. UNHCR continues to advocate for an integration of the curriculum in the national program. Access to secondary education for refugee children in Djibouti remains a major problem. Improving access for persons of concern to certified education as well as vocational training is a priority for the operation, as it contributes to reducing the exposure of children and youth to exploitation, violence, and abuse.

### Food Security and Nutrition

 In January 2014 the global malnutrition rate was 12.2%. UNHCR works with CARE to address this problem by among other deworming campaigns, providing vitamin A and iron supplements as well as intensifying the nutritional promotion efforts. A nutrition survey will take place in November 2014 to assess the development.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

As a country with limited natural resources and a high unemployment rate, work opportunities are limited. UNHCR supports
 PoCs to start their own businesses by providing microcredit. Additionally UNHCR provides skills training, such as tailoring and handicraft to ensure self-reliance. UNHCR is drafting a five-year strategy in which livelihood will take an increasingly central role.

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