

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #43

20 – 26 October 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,505

Arrivals from Yemen since 27 March at the early onset of the crisis

3,899

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,998

Arrivals registered at Reception Centers in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu since 27 March

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

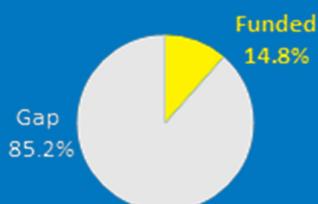
9,138

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

requested for the **Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-September 2015)**



HIGHLIGHTS

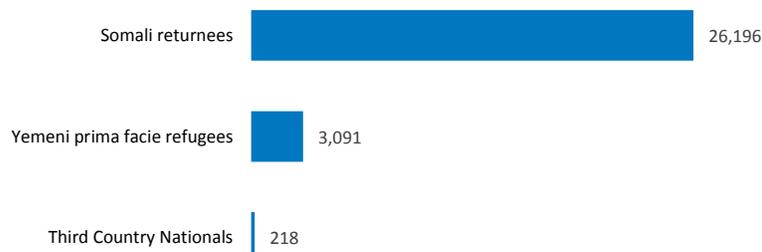
- During the reporting period, a total of two boats carrying 139 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (nine persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (130 persons). Out of them, 133 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.
- A boat arrived on the evening of 26 October at Bossaso Port from Mukalla carrying 130 individuals. 124 of the individuals went to the reception centre in Bossaso. More information will be shared in the next update, once registration is completed.
- The most recent arrival was a vessel named *Suhayla* that reached Berbera Port on 22 October 2015, carrying nine Yemenis (all males).
- A total of 42 Somali returnees from Yemen have reached South Central regions of Somalia through Berbera and Bossaso during the reporting period. 27 individuals (13 families) arrived in Mogadishu, nine individuals (four families) in Baidoa, and six individuals (one family) in Luuq, and were verified against the list of returnees who received onward transportation assistance in Berbera and Bossaso.



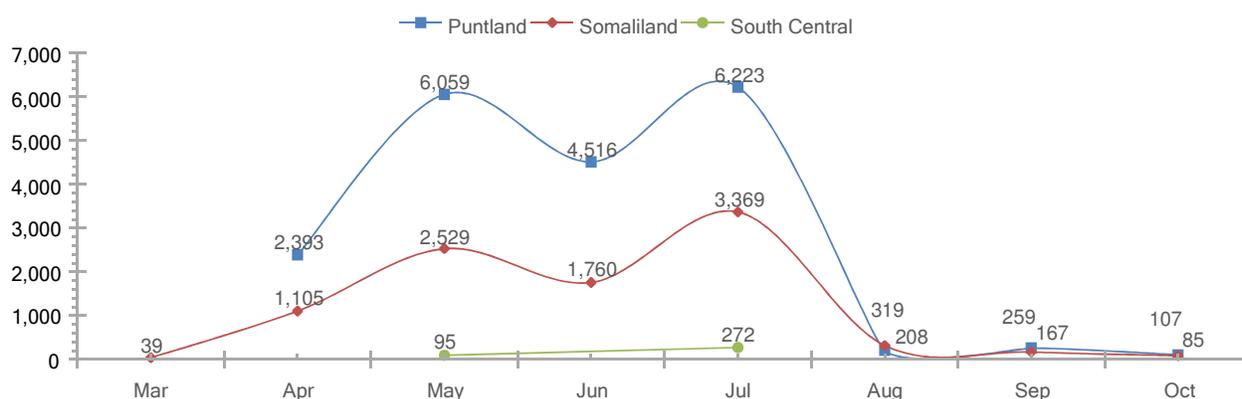
New arrival girls from Yemen refresh with popsicles after undertaking registration at Bossaso reception centre © UNHCR/S. B. Omar, October 2015

Population of concern

A total of **29,505** people of concern



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
Ethiopia	67	109		176	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	18,102	7,727	367	26,196	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		11		11	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,575	1,516		3,091	10 %
Total	19,765	9,373	367	29,505	100 %
	66.99 %	31.77 %	1.24 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,298	4,419	23	12,740	44 %
Females	5,983	2,530	123	8,636	30 %
Males	5,341	2,424	112	7,877	27 %
Total	19,622	9,373	258	29,253	100 %
	67.08 %	32.04 %	0.88 %		

Note: not all individuals that arrived remained to be registered. The figures shown here reflect those who have chosen to have their bio data collected

INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

Areas of Intended Return	First Point of Entry from Yemen			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	4,673	5,030	0	9,703	54 %
Hargeisa	331	1,731	0	2,062	11 %
Bossaso	659	247	0	906	5 %
Baidoa	395	156	0	551	3 %
Kismayo	350	186	0	536	3 %
Afgooye	227	124	0	351	2 %
Other locations	1,985	1,842	62	3,889	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,620	9,316	62	17,998	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR registered as prima facie refugees 62 Yemeni individuals, comprising 24 households. To date, a total of 1,843 Yemeni refugees comprising 704 households have been registered in Bossaso. UNHCR conducted a Yemeni refugee verification and biometric registration exercise, verifying 294 individuals of 113 households, in Gardo.
- In Bossaso, UNICEF through its partner Tadamon Social Society (TASS) identified two unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), both boys. UASC were offered psychosocial support, material support and reunified to their relatives.
- Save the Children International (SCI) provided a structured psychosocial support session for 29 children (16 boys and 13 girls) at Bossaso reception centre on 24 and 25 October 2015. SCI also provided psychosocial support and cash assistance to two families.
- The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) Restoring Family Links (RFL) team assisted 37 Somali returnees with free phone calls to contact their relatives.
- UNHCR's implementing partner, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), distributed subsistence allowance to 202 Yemeni households during the reporting period.



Yemeni refugees take a group picture with UNHCR registration staff after the biometric verification exercise conducted in Gardo, Puntland © UNHCR/S. B. Omar, October 2015

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Achievements and Impact

- The group of nine Yemeni refugees that arrived on 22 October 2015 in Berbera was transported to Berbera reception centre and departed from the centre immediately after registration to reach Hargeisa. They were referred to UNHCR for further assistance in Hargeisa.
- During the reporting period, a total of 20 Yemeni refugees (eight cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (MRRR). A total of 2,056 Yemeni refugees (1,046 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa from 28 March 2015 to 26 October 2015.
- UNHCR is conducting a registration training for MRRR staff which will continue until the end of the week at UNHCR office in Hargeisa.
- The weekly case management panel – comprising UNHCR, Action Africa Help International (AAH-I), Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation Somaliland (CCBRS), and Horn Youth Development Association (HYDA) – related to holistic assistance given to Yemeni refugees took place as every Sunday, on 25 October. 12 cases were approved for emergency financial assistance and three month subsistence allowance. The cases have also been referred to UNHCR's partner AAH-I for livelihoods projects.

- UNICEF followed up on the Yemeni refugees that had arrived at the port of Zeila the previous week and had moved to the town of Borama. UNICEF supported social workers attached to the Somaliland Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs met with the children and families at Borama (29 including adults and children) and assisted them with psychosocial support.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and DRC are planning to support 600 households of Somali returnees from Yemen, who are currently in Mogadishu. Assistance will comprise one-time unconditional cash transfer of USD 600 per family to be provided to returnees and also vulnerable receiving community members e.g. persons with special needs including pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities and elderly, and labor-poor households including single-headed households.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- TASS, with the support of UNICEF, provided emergency medical support for five children (all boys), at Bossaso reception centre.
- SCI supported eight persons with emergency medical referral services and provided ready to drink milk and biscuits at Bossaso reception centre on 24 and 25 October.

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Achievements and Impact

- All nine Yemenis who arrived on 22 October in Berbera arrival were visited by IOM medical team, and no further treatment was required.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- TASS, with the support of UNICEF, provided milk and porridge to seven small children who were malnourished (four girls and three boys).
- Dry food provided by the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society was distributed by DRC to 105 households at the second reception centre in Bossaso.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) distributed 0.68 metric tons of food during the reporting period. The food was provided in the form of three wet meals per day at Bossaso reception centre.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- NRC provided garbage collection and continued hygiene awareness campaign for new arrivals at Bossaso reception centre.
- SRCS provided five volunteers who engaged in hygiene and sanitation improvement two times during the reporting period.



Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- SCI distributed Core Relief Item (CRI) kits and hygiene kits to 35 families at Bossaso reception centre.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR Bossaso continues to work in partnership with eight government bodies, international organizations and NGOs, including the Refugee Affairs Department (RAD) under the Puntland Ministry of Interior (Moi), the Internally Displaced Persons Affairs Department (IAD) of the Moi, Gruppo per la Relazioni Transculturali (GRT), Puntland Elders Network (PEN), Kaalo Aid and Development (KAALO), International Office of Migration (IOM), Action Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). All partners coordinate response through the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force, co-led by UNHCR and IOM, which conducts weekly meetings.
- The IDP working group meeting took place on 26 October 2015 at Somaliland MRRR in Hargeisa, to discuss among other points the progress in the assistance provided to the Somali returnees from Yemen. UNHCR's partner Finn Church Aid (FCA) is currently finalizing the identification of the Somali returnees living in Hargeisa. So far, 270 Somali returnees have been identified and will be included under FCA assistance program.
- A bilateral meeting took place between the international NGO SPARK, specialized in higher education and entrepreneurship to empower the youth, and UNHCR, to discuss SPARK activities in Somaliland and to explore possible partnership to cover the gaps in terms of livelihoods support to new arrivals from Yemen in Hargeisa. The organization is present in 25 different countries and is operating in Somaliland since April 2014 through different projects, including incubators projects and migrant entrepreneurship program. A follow up meeting will be held in a few weeks to confirm the potential collaboration.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – September 2015) was released on 4 June and shared with donors, governments and partners. 11 UN agencies and NGOs participate in the inter-agency response. The Response Plan can be accessed at <http://goo.gl/pVH7da>. Total funding received to date is USD 9.5 M (approximately 14.8 % of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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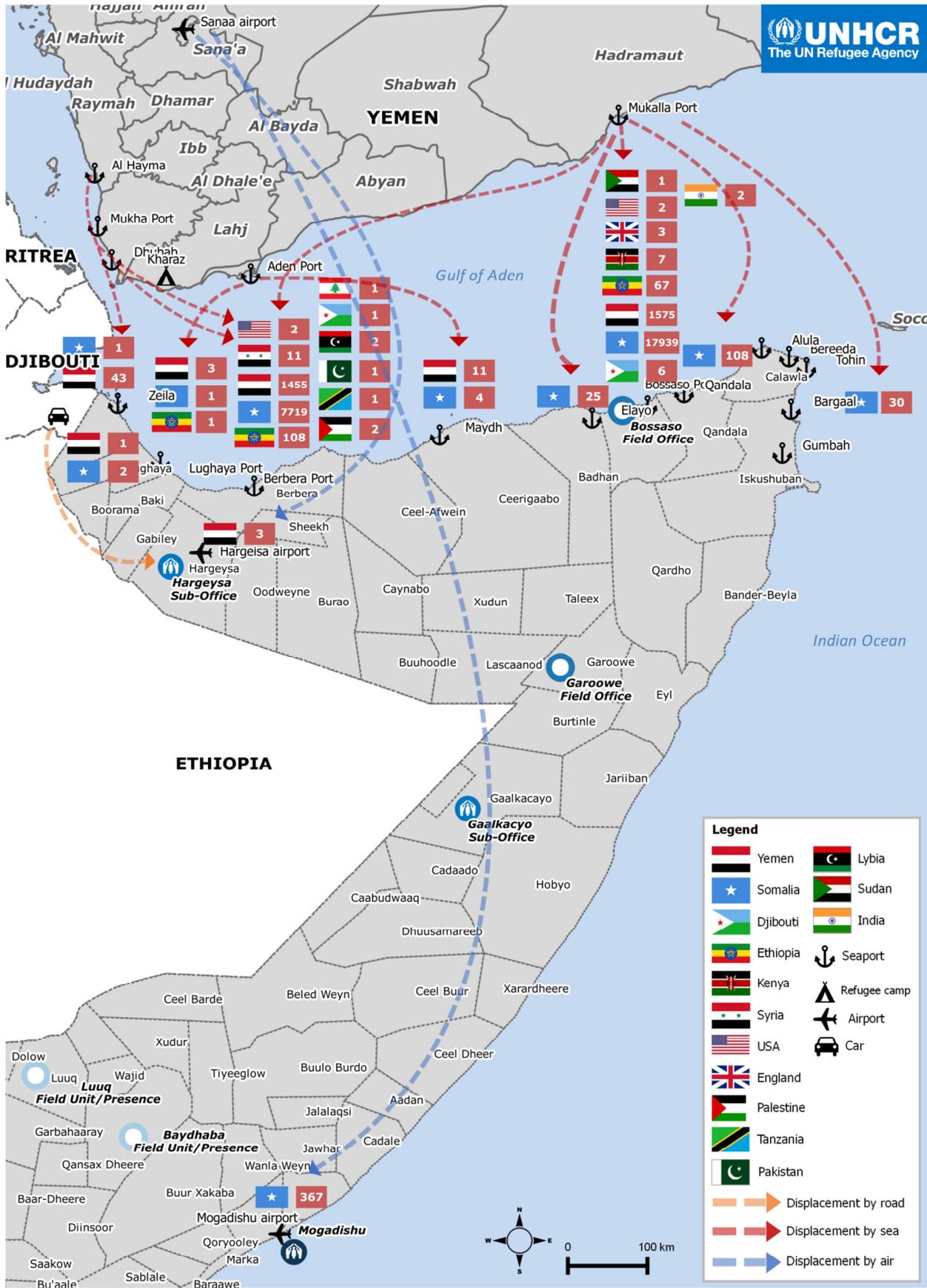
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