

# SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

## WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #47

24 – 30 November 2015

### KEY FIGURES

**29,813**

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

**4,294**

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

**18,273**

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

**54%**

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

**9,598**

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

- There were two new arrivals recorded at the Berbera Port, Somaliland, for a total of 54 individuals, during this reporting period.

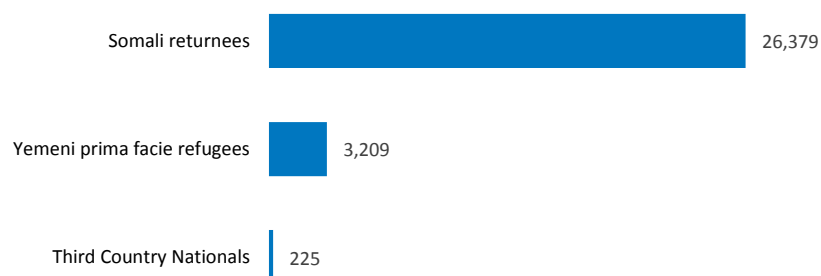
One boat carrying 28 individuals arrived in Berbera on 24 November.

A second boat carrying 26 individuals arrived on 28 November.

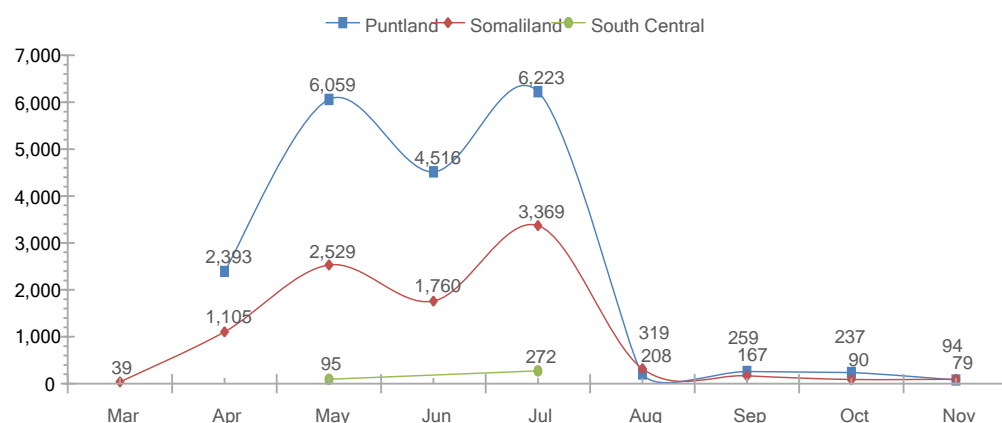
- There were no new arrivals recorded at Bossaso port during the reporting period.

#### Population of concern

A total of **29,813** people of concern



## ARRIVALS PER MONTH



Month	Total # of Arrivals
March	39
April	3,498
May	8,683
June	6,276
July	9,864
August	527
September	426
October	327
November	173
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,813</b>

## ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
England	3	1		4	0 %
Ethiopia	68	109		177	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Iraq	1			1	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	18,253	7,759	367	26,379	88 %
Sudan	3			3	0 %
Syria	1	11		12	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,627	1,582		3,209	11 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,974</b>	<b>9,472</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>29,813</b>	<b>100 %</b>
	<b>67.00 %</b>	<b>31.77 %</b>	<b>1.23 %</b>		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,352	4,455	23	12,830	43 %
Females	6,063	2,553	123	8,739	30 %
Males	5,416	2,464	112	7,992	27 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,831</b>	<b>9,472</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>29,561</b>	<b>100 %</b>
	<b>67.09 %</b>	<b>32.04 %</b>	<b>0.87 %</b>		

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	4,772	5,048	0	9,820	54 %
Hargeisa	339	1,779	0	2,118	11 %
Bossaso	681	251	0	932	5 %
Kismaayo	369	186	0	555	3 %
Baidoa	399	156	0	555	3 %
Afgooye	228	124	0	352	2 %
Other locations	2,008	1,871	62	3,941	22 %
<b>Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,415</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>18,273</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

#### Puntland

During the reporting period no new arrivals were recorded in Bossaso.

UNHCR Field Office Bossaso registered during the reporting period four Yemeni cases, comprising nine individuals. Since March 2015 FO Bossaso has registered 747 Yemeni cases (1,186 individuals) and 12 Somali returnee cases (25 individuals).

#### SOMALILAND

On 24 November 2015, Berbera received one vessel arriving from Dubab, Yemen. The vessel was carrying 28 individuals of Yemeni Nationality, 17 children and 11 adults (11 female and 17 males).

Another vessel arrived on 28 November, carrying 26 new arrivals, 12 children and 14 adults (11 female and 17 males). The nationality breakdown is 21 Yemenis and four Somalis, among them one Somali holding a UK Passport.

Since March 2015, 9,479 new arrivals (2,977 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1,582 Yemenis, 7,755 Somalis, 109 Ethiopians, and 21 people of other nationalities. The number of new arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland, remains relatively low.

### Achievements



#### Protection

#### PUNTLAND

- The Restoring Family Links (RFL) team of the Bossaso Branch of the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) assisted 21 returnees with free phone calls during the reporting period.

#### SOMALILAND

##### Berbera

- The 24 November arrivals on board the “Tawalak” departed from Dhubab port (region of Taiz) at 8:00 AM on 23th November 2015 and reached the Somaliland coast at 9:00 AM on the next day. Due to the general stability of the winds and enough space being available at the port, the vessel was able to dock soon afterwards at 9:30 AM on 24th November. The New Arrivals reported their journey was free of charge. The journey from the port of departure to the coastal area of Berbera lasted 22 hours. They also mentioned that they did not face any kind of abuse and had been given water and food (beans, bread and tea). The vessel was carrying 28 Yemeni individuals, 11 adults (six female and five male) and 17 children. Onward travel assistance was distributed to 28 individuals going to Hargeisa.
- The New Arrivals reported that they did not leave Yemen earlier because they had been living in peace in their village Dhubab. However, due to the recent outbreak of fighting in Taiz, they decided to leave the country. Some of the inhabitants of Dhubab left for Djibouti, while others went to Somaliland (Berbera). It has to be noted that the owner of the ship decided to come to Somaliland because he had relatives who are living in Somaliland.
- The 28 November arrivals on board the vessel “Nobel” departed from Aden port at 5:00 pm on 27th Nov 2015 and reached the Somaliland coast in the late morning of 28 November. The vessel was able to dock at Berbera port at 1:00 pm on the same day. This group reported that they had paid \$100 per person to travel on the boat. The journey from the port of departure to the coastal area of Berbera lasted 21 hours. The new arrivals reported that they did not face any kind of abuse during the crossing. The vessel was carrying 26 individuals; four Somalis, 21 Yemenis and one British passport holder of

Somali descent. Age breakdown: 14 adults (six female and eight male), four children under five (two girls and two boys) and eight minors over the age of five (four girls and four boys). Ten individuals (seven Yemenis, one British passport holder of Somali descent and two Somalis) required Onward Travel Assistance to Mogadishu.

- After their arrival in Berbera, both shiploads of new arrivals were welcomed as per the usual established procedures by several agencies, including Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Somaliland Red Crescent Society (SRCS), government agencies and the immigration office, which took care of the registration formalities. Later they were taken to the Reception Center, where DRC provided them with food and water. Some of the new arrivals departed from the reception center immediately after registration and were provided with water and food before their departure, while others remained.
- Regarding the 24 November arrival, an IOM medical team visited 14 individuals over the age of five and 13 children (six female and seven male) under the age of five. No referrals were required.
- Regarding the 28 November arrivals, the IOM medical team visited 18 individuals: three under the age of five (2 boys and one girl), and 15 over the age of five (11 male and 4 female). None required further treatment.

## Hargeisa

### Registration

- Between 23 - 29 November 2015, a total of 66 Yemeni refugees (40 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by the Ministry of Resettlements, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRR&R).
- Also during 23 - 29 November 2015, a total of nine Yemenis (seven cases) have been registered as asylum seekers in Hargeisa by MRR&R on account of the fact that they had arrived in Somaliland before 28 March 2015.
- A total of 2,362 Yemeni refugees (1,200 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa from 28 March 2015 until 29 November 2015.
- A total of 2,437 Yemeni Prima Facie refugees (1,225 cases) are registered with UNHCR SO Hargeisa as of 29 November.



## Shelter and NFIs

### SOMALILAND

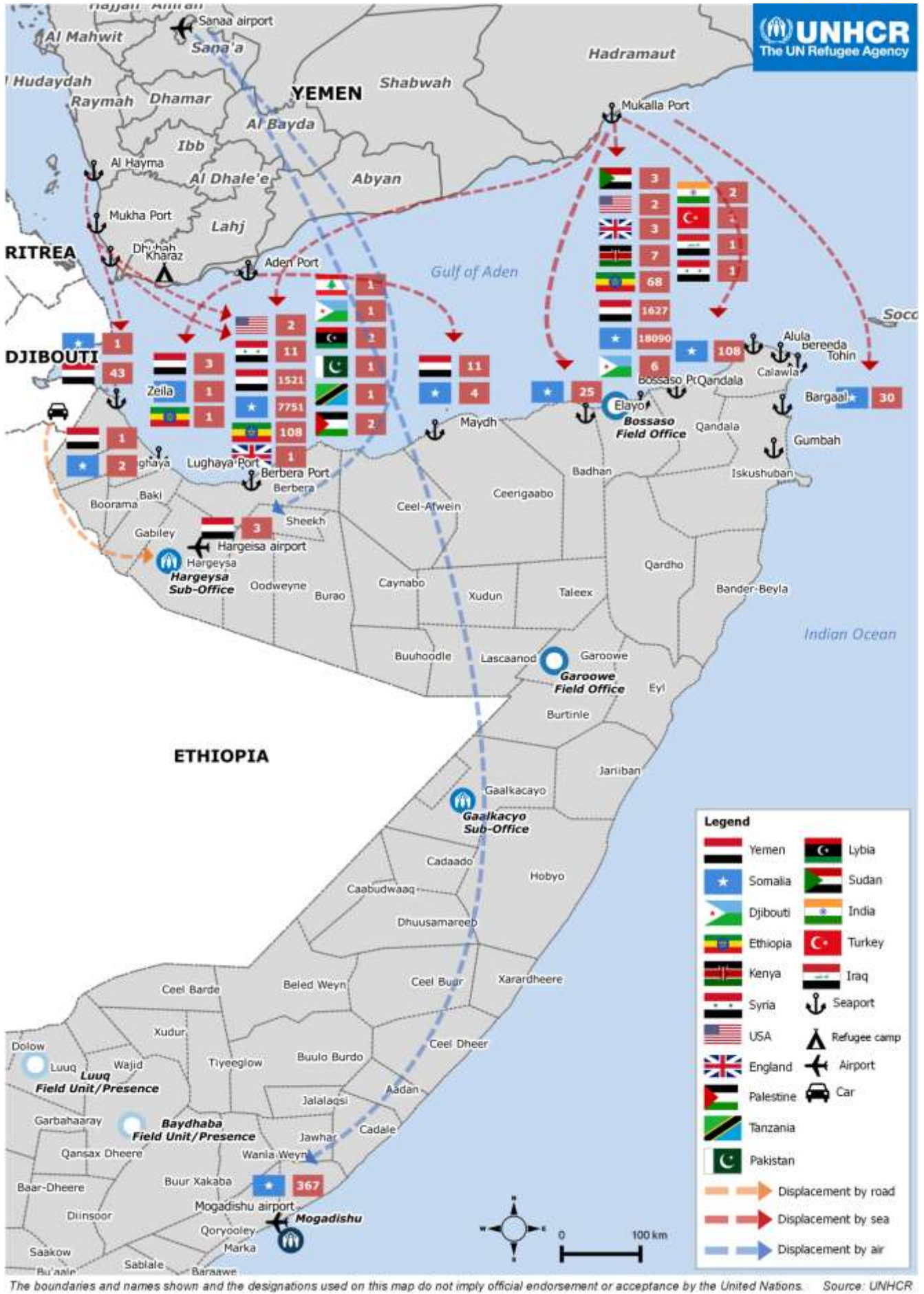
#### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR distributed in total 12 Emergency Assistance Packages (EAPs) among components of the groups of individuals who arrived on 24 November and 28 November. Since April 2015, 699 EAPs have been distributed to vulnerable new arrivals.

## 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 3.9 M (approximately 6% of total approved budget).

Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the situation: [European Union](#) | [Italy](#) | [Japan](#) | [Sweden](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [United States of America](#)



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