

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #50

08 – 31 December 2015

KEY FIGURES

30,180

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

4,390

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

18,595

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

53%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

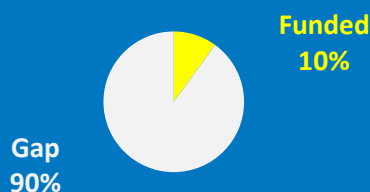
9,678

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 84 million

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

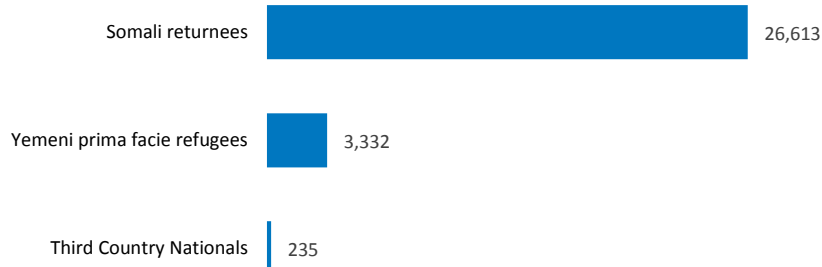


HIGHLIGHTS

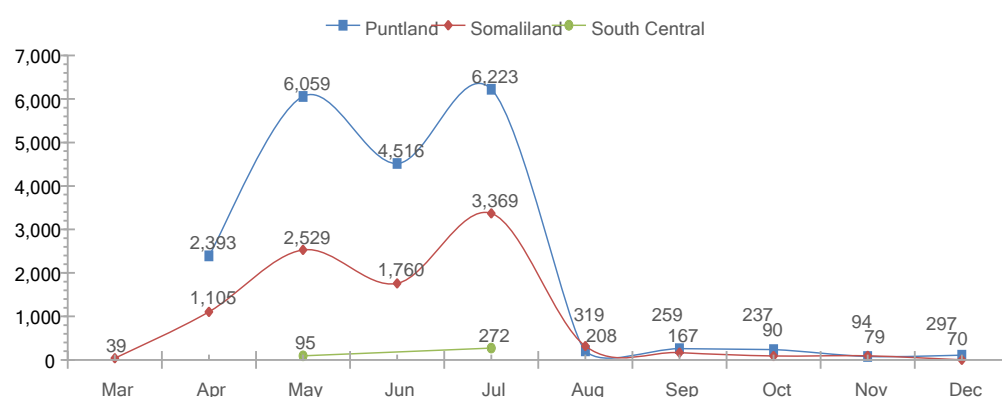
During this reporting period, there have been seven new boat arrivals recorded at the ports of Berbera, Somaliland, and Bossaso, Puntland, carrying a total of 256 individuals. Three vessels carrying a total of 188 individuals arrived in Bossaso respectively on the 10, 18 and 22 December, while four new boats arrivals, carrying a total of 68 individuals, were recorded in Berbera, one each on 12 and 23 December and two on 26 December.

Population of concern

A total of **30,180** 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
December	367
Total	30,180

ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	7	1		8	0 %
England	3	1		4	0 %
Ethiopia	75	110		185	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	18,476	7,770	367	26,613	88 %
Sudan	3			3	0 %
Syria	2	11		13	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,692	1,640		3,332	11 %
Total	20,271	9,542	367	30,180	100 %
	67.17 %	31.62 %	1.22 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,446	4,465	23	12,934	43 %
Females	6,153	2,573	123	8,849	30 %
Males	5,529	2,504	112	8,145	27 %
Total	20,128	9,542	258	29,928	100 %
	67.25 %	31.88 %	0.86 %		

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	4,876	5,061	0	9,937	53 %
Hargeisa	361	1,839	0	2,200	12 %
Bossaso	717	251	0	968	5 %
Baidoa	428	156	0	584	3 %
Kismaayo	377	186	0	563	3 %
Afgooye	241	124	0	365	2 %
Other locations	2,048	1,868	62	3,978	21 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	9,048	9,485	62	18,595	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

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During the reporting period there have been 4 boats which brought new arrivals to Bossaso. On 10 December 2015 two boats, the “Mukalla” and “Shamis 3”, brought 76 individuals, among them 8 Yemeni Refugees and 1 Ethiopian. On 18 December, the vessel “Shamis 4” brought 78 new arrivals, including 22 Yemenis and 4 Ethiopians. On 22 December the “Fathul Khayr” brought 32 individuals, including 10 Yemenis.

Also during the reporting period, the Puntland Ministry of Interior temporarily closed Reception/Transit Center 1 in Bossaso and announced that the new arrivals from Yemen will be received using Reception Center 2 which is a facility invested in by UNHCR at the beginning of the Yemen Influx in 2015.

The number of people arriving at the Port of Bossaso from Yemen, both Yemenis and Somali returnees, has significantly reduced since August 2015. Currently, the average of new arrivals ranges from 20 to 150 individuals per week. As reported by new arrivals, this decrease may be a consequence of the proximity of the conflict to Mokha and Mukalla, the two main ports of departure for people fleeing Yemen to Somalia. That said, the month of December compared to October and November has nonetheless recorded a higher number of boat arrivals at the Port of Bossaso. According to the Puntland Ministry of the Interior, a number of Somali Returnees that departed from the Port of Mukalla, in Yemen, had landed in Alula District, Bari Region.

It has also been reported that some Yemenis who have arrived in Somalia still intend to return to Yemen, and particularly Aden, which has been recovered by the coalition forces.

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During the reporting period, there were three arrivals from Yemen to the port of Berbera. On 12 December, a boat carrying 43 individuals, on 23 December a boat carrying 5 individuals and on 26 December a boat carrying 20 new arrivals.

Since March 2015, 9549 new arrivals (3028 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1,640 Yemenis, 7776 Somalis, 110 Ethiopians, and 22 people of other nationalities. The number of new arrivals in Berbera, Somaliland, remains relatively low.

Achievements



Protection

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- 321 Somali Returnees from Yemen who are currently staying in Gardo have received Reinstallation Grants through Danish Refugee Council (DRC), funded by UNHCR.
- 57 Somali Returnees from Yemen that were staying in Reception Center 1 in Bossaso also received Reinstallation Grants through DRC, funded by UNHCR. They were thus enabled to rent houses in Bossaso.
- 793 Yemeni Refugees based in Four locations in Puntland (Bossaso, Gardo, Garowe and Badhan) received subsistence allowance through DRC, funded by UNHCR. The Refugees are now able to rent safer shelters for their families and to access the basic services they need.
- NRC has provided cash assistance to 344 Yemeni Refugees (112 in Gardo) and 608 Somali Returnees in Bossaso.

- About 80 Somali Returnees from South/Central Somalia received Onward Transport Assistance (OTA) through IOM.

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Berbera

- **Arrival of 12 December.** The new arrivals were 43 individuals (32 households), among them 35 Yemenis, 7 Somalis and one Ethiopian. Most of the arrivals came from the cities of Taiz, Ibb and Aden. They reported that they had left some of their family members behind because of lack of means of transportation. Among these new arrivals, five had already come to Somaliland a first time and then had gone back to Yemen to bring their families along. They reported to have paid between 100 to 150 USD for their journey. The journey from the port of departure to the coastal area of Berbera lasted 23 hours and the vessel arrived at Berbera at 8:00 am of 12 December 2015. The new arrivals were provided with food (rice, beans, bread, tea) and water. No security incidents were reported during their travel.
- **Arrival of 23 December.** The new arrivals were 5 individual (3 families), 3 Yemenis, 2 Somalis. The new arrivals were 5 individuals from (4 households), three and two Somalis. They had departed from Ma'la port (Aden region) at 5:00 PM on 22th December 2015 and reached Somaliland coast line at 1:00 PM on 23th December. The new arrivals did not report any incident during their travel and they stated that they had paid 100 US dollars per adult, while children had traveled free of charge. They were provided with food (rice, beans, bread, tea) and water.
- **Arrivals of 26 December.** The total number of the new arrivals was 20 individuals. The first boat, the "Al Sacid" - carrying seven individuals (two families), six Yemenis, and one Somali - departed from Khakha port near Mokha at 7:00 AM on 25th December 2015 and docked at Berbera port at 1:00 PM on 26 December. Most of this group of new arrivals originate from Mokha, region of Taiz. They reported to have paid \$100 each for adults (children did not have to pay). No incident was reported and they were given water and food during their sea crossing. The second boat, the "Al-Mutaf" departed from Aden port at 10:30 AM on 25 December 2015 and docked at Berbera port at 9:30 AM on 26 December, carrying 12 Yemenis and one Somali. No cases of armed, physical violence or GBV were reported. The new arrivals described a dire situation in Yemen, with no food, water or shelter and hotels having become very expensive. For the crossing from Aden to Berbera, adults paid \$120, while the children travelled free of charge.
- Upon arrival of the boats from Yemen, several agencies including DRC, IOM, the Somali Red Crescent Society, government and Immigration Office representatives have been present at port to receive the new arrivals, welcome them and supply them with fresh water. The new arrivals were then transported by DRC to the Reception Center, where they were given cold water and breakfast.

Hargeisa

- A total of 349 individuals (192 cases), including 276 Yemenis, 30 Ethiopians, 23 Syrian, and 20 others have been registered by the Ministry of Resettlements, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRR&R) for the month of December 2015.
- MRR&R has extended prima facie refugee status to all Yemeni nationals who had arrived between December 2014 and 28 March 2015. MRR&R has also extended prima facie refugee status to Syrian, Afghan, and Palestinian nationals seeking asylum in Somaliland.
- From March 2015 until the end of December 2015, a total of 9,549 people (3,028 families) have travelled to Somaliland as a consequence of the hostilities in Yemen. This includes 7,766 Somali returnees, 1,640 Yemeni nationals, 110 Ethiopian nationals and 22 other people of other nationalities. As all Yemeni new arrivals are recognized as prima facie refugees, Yemeni nationals now represent 54% of the active refugee population in Somaliland.
- A total of 2,656 Yemeni refugees (1,338 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa since 28 March 2015.

Assistance to New Arrivals from Yemen:

- Blanket cash distributions under a Cash Based Intervention (CBI) program for all Yemenis recognized as prima facie refugees in Somaliland took place on 2-5 December 2015 and 26-27 December 2015, with the equivalent of two monthly payments made to 2,429 individuals (1,219 cases).
- Norwegian Refugee Council distributed unconditional cash assistance to 392 refugee and returnee families (291 refugees, 101 returnees) in Hargeisa through Dahabshil remittance services.



Hargeisa, Somalia, Cash Based Intervention (CBI) exercise. © UNHCR/Bakr Alhakri, December 2015



Health

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No medical cases were reported among the New Arrivals.

In terms of public health and safety, an assault case was reported involving a young Yemeni female. The victim was provided with legal and psycho-social support assistance by UNHCR partners – Legal Clinic, Comprehensive

Community Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBRs) and MRR&R. A UNHCR protection team coordinated support to the victim.

Food Security and Nutrition

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The Puntland Students Association, with the support of MoI and Al Minhaj Group, has continued providing the wet feeding programme for new arrivals.

Water and Sanitation

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Water has been regularly provided in the reception centers, where sanitation was covered with the support of NRC.

Shelter and NFIs

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UNHCR handed over 100 blankets to the management of the newly used Reception/Transit Center for the vulnerable new arrivals to use them.

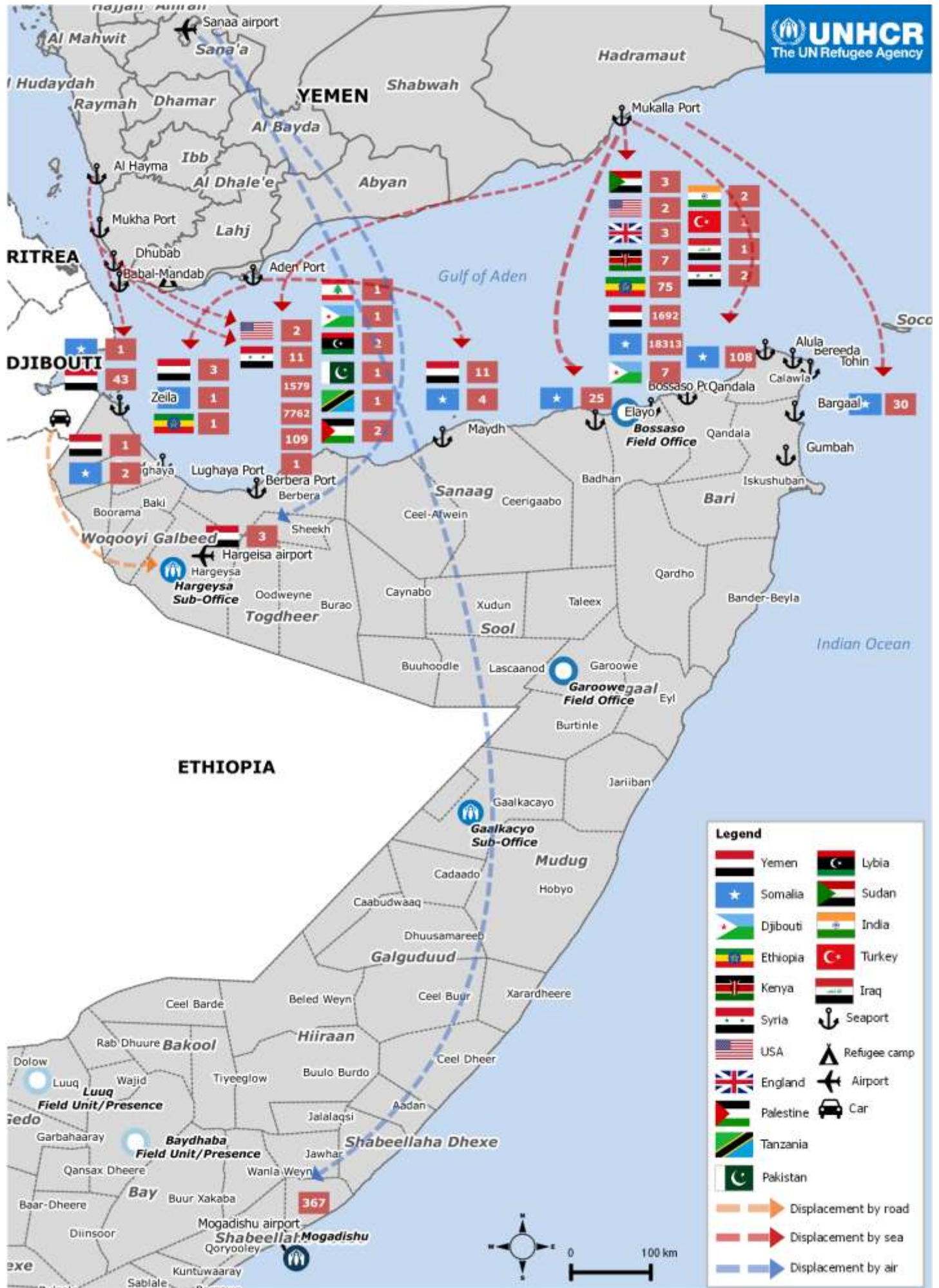
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Core Relief Items continue to be distributed to vulnerable new arrivals at the reception centers in Berbera. In total, 12 NFI kits were distributed in Berbera during December 2015. Since the beginning of the Yemeni crisis, 699 NFI kits have been distributed 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 8.2 M (approximately 10% of total approved budget).

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