

KEY FIGURES

As of 21 September

3,495

Asylum-seekers and Refugees arrived in Ethiopia after fleeing the conflict in Yemen

1,763

Asylum-seekers and Refugees registered since the outbreak of the conflict (March 26th)

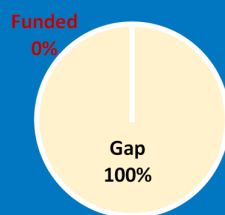
67% are children

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FUNDING

USD 570,000

requested for the period of
April to September 2015



PRIORITIES

- Ensure protection of refugees and provide assistance;
- Work with the government to ensure access to the territory and registration of all refugees;
- Identify specific needs and screen victims of human trafficking;
- Continue providing assistance under the Urban Programme and in refugee camps.

UNHCR ETHIOPIA

IMPACT OF THE YEMEN SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

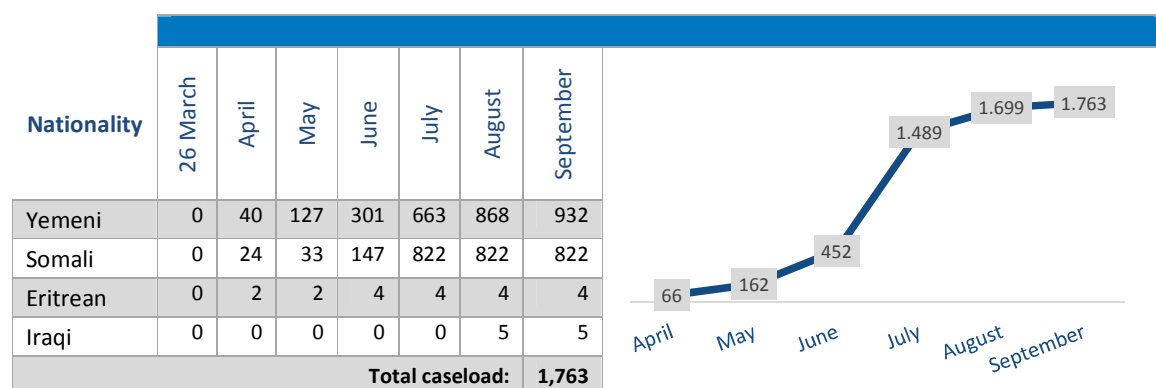
September 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 21 September, UNHCR and the Government Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA) registered 1,763 refugees and asylum-seekers, out of which 932 Yemeni nationals; 822 are Somali nationals; 4 are Eritrean nationals and 5 are Iraqi nationals – the latter three nationalities were previously registered as refugees in Yemen and arrived in Ethiopia after fleeing from the conflict.
- According to statistics from IOM, as of September 16th, IOM and the Government of Ethiopia assisted the return of 7,035 Ethiopian nationals. They were evacuated from Yemen, Djibouti and Saudi Arabia.
- Amongst the total new arrivals, 67% are children and 56% are female.

Population of concern

Total population of concern (PoC): 3,495 individuals (971 Yemenis; 2,515 Somalis; 4 Eritreans; 5 Iraqis).



Nationality of refugees arriving from Yemen	Age and Gender breakdown of Refugees arriving from Yemen in Ethiopia										
	0-4 years		5-11 years		12-17 years		18-59 years		60 years+		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Yemeni	55	39	72	98	65	75	212	285	14	17	932
Somali	101	88	170	158	83	179	10	33	0	0	822
Eritrean	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4
Iraqi	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	5
Total	156	127	242	258	148	255	224	321	15	17	1,763

All figures are provisional and still subject to change

Numbers of asylum-seekers and refugees from Yemen (only Yemeni nationals) registered in ProGres as of 21 September 2015											
	Prior to 2015	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Total
Households	56	1	4	9	27	44	100	165	116	25	552
Individuals	132	1	4	14	40	87	174	362	223	46	1,083

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Since the outbreak of the conflict in Yemen, Ethiopia has been receiving Yemeni asylum-seekers. Somalis and Eritreans previously registered as refugees in Yemen are also arriving in the Eastern and Northern regions of Ethiopia, after crossing the borders of Djibouti and Somalia. The country's open door policy, geographical proximity and close ties to Yemen, made Ethiopia a destination country for those fleeing the conflict and seeking international protection.
- So far, the Yemeni asylum-seekers had a fairly similar profile. Most of them were either born or had lived in Ethiopia for many years prior to returning to Yemen. Due to their close ties to Ethiopia, many were able to flee Yemen before the air space was closed, while others were already in Addis Ababa visiting relatives. Recent arrivals reported having reached Ethiopia by plane from Saudi Arabia or Sudan; or by sea towards Djibouti or Somalia and then by plane to Addis Ababa or by land to Jijiga.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Following UNHCR's advocacy and recommendation, the Government of Ethiopia decided to grant prima facie refugee status to Yemeni asylum-seekers. Apart from those 971 Yemeni nationals who arrived after the outbreak of the conflict, there were other 151 Yemeni asylum-seekers who registered their claims before March 2015 and are now benefiting from the Government's decision and being recognized as sur place refugees. The total number of Yemeni refugees assisted by UNHCR stands at 1,122 individuals, out of which 132 individuals (or 66 cases) were recognized as refugees by the Government as of July 2015. The Eritrean and Somali refugees have already been granted prima facie refugee status in Ethiopia, irrespective of their refugee status in Yemen.
- According to the Government's policy, Yemeni and Iraqi refugees have been assisted within UNHCR's urban programme in Addis Ababa, while Somalis and Eritrean refugees are under the camp operations. Due to increasing number of refugees from Yemen in Ethiopia, UNHCR will need to additional resources in its Sub-Office in Jijiga and in Addis Ababa to respond to the needs of those newly arriving Yemenis and other nationalities.

REFUGEES UNDER THE URBAN PROGRAMME (ADDIS ABABA)

- There are currently 1,083 Yemenis individuals (552 cases) being assisted by UNHCR under its Urban Programme in Addis Ababa, of which 914 individuals (476 cases) arrived after the outbreak of the conflict in March 26, 2015. Another 5 Iraqi asylum-seekers (2 cases) who were previously registered as refugees in Yemen, are also being assisted by UNHCR under its Urban Programme;
- Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, Yemeni nationals seeking international protection are registered by the Government Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA) and UNHCR. As of September 16th, following a decision from ARRA, Yemenis who hold valid passports will be immediately registered as refugees and no longer will have to go through nationality screening procedures. All registered Yemenis are provided with ID cards;
- Due to reservations made by the Government to the 1951 Refugee Convention, refugees are not allowed to work in Ethiopia. Under the Urban Programme, refugees are provided with a monthly stipend to cater for their housing, food and other basic needs including education and primary health care.
- To ensure refugees have access to education, health, livelihoods, food and assistance, UNHCR is supported by partners such as ARRA, the Development and Inter Church Aid Commission (DICAC), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and Opportunities for Industrialization Center – Ethiopia (OIC-E).
- In the Urban Programme, Yemeni refugees were already elected to work as members of the Refugee Central Committee and the Women's Refugee Association.

REFUGEES ASSISTED BY EXISTING CAMP OPERATIONS (JIJIGA, SHIRE, SAMARA AND DOLLO ADO)

- The main entry point of Yemeni asylum-seekers in Ethiopia is Addis Ababa International Airport. However, since June, 57 Yemeni asylum-seekers were reported to have arrived in Jijiga (Eastern region) after crossing the border into Ethiopia from Somalia.

- Around 2,500 Somalis previously registered as refugees in Yemen were also identified in a registration exercise in Jijiga. They arrived by boat through Djibouti or the Berbera port of Somalia and later travelled to Ethiopia by land in search of international protection. The majority of them is originally from South and Central areas of Somalia (Banadir, Kismayo, lower Shebelle, Hiran) and reported having family ties in Jijiga as the main reason for moving to Ethiopia.
- Given the sharp increase of new arrivals of Somalis coming from Yemen to Jijiga, Ethiopia, the Somali Regional Government's Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Bureau (DPPB) established a make-shift camp in Jijiga city. This is a temporary solution while ARRA is to implement its decision to transfer and register in Dollo Ado all new arrivals in Jijiga.
- Amongst Somali new arrivals, 822 individuals went through nationality screening and were granted prima facie refugee status in Jijiga. The others are currently awaiting ARRA's arrangements for registration and nationality screening.
- Out of the group of Yemenis that arrived in Jijiga, 18 individuals were registered and allowed to temporarily stay in refugee camps while waiting to be transferred to Addis Ababa, while the other 39 individuals remained in Jijiga. Transportation arrangements are pending the issuance of pass permits by ARRA.
- Somali refugees (15 individuals or 4 cases) were reported to have arrived in Dollo Ado (Southeastern region of Ethiopia) after fleeing the conflict in Yemen. Half of them hold refugee ID cards issued by Yemeni authorities. They claim to have left Yemen by boat and arrived in Somaliland (Berbera Port), where they were assisted in transit centers. Refugees claimed that the main reason for moving towards Ethiopia was the insecurity situation in Somalia.
- UNHCR is seeking clearance from ARRA regarding the registration and assistance policy for future new arrivals of Somalis from Yemen.
- 4 Eritrean refugees with family ties in Ethiopia are reported to have arrived in Samara (Afar region) and Shire (Tigray region) after leaving Yemen (Sana'a) by boat and crossing the border through Djibouti. Assistance is being provided in the refugee camps in these locations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- The Yemen Situation Supplementary appeal (April - September 2015) was released on 12 June 2015. The financial need for the Ethiopia Operation for the period from April to September 2015 is USD 570,000. This fund is part of the USD 4.2 m of the Regional and Global activities component of the appeal. The Ethiopia operation is yet to receive additional financial resources for the Yemen situation. The Yemen Situation Supplementary appeal can be accessed via <http://www.unhcr.org/557ae40e9.html>.
- A new appeal will be released in September covering the period from 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2016.
- UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR Programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.



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YEMEN SITUATION UPDATE

Population movement to Ethiopia

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UNHCR Ethiopia



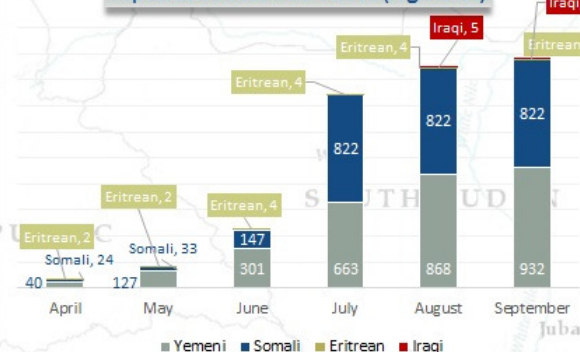
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Total of registered individuals **1,763**

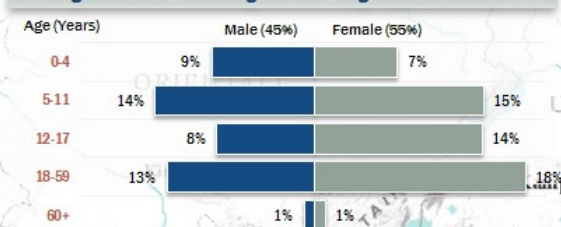
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Population Trends from Yemen (registered)

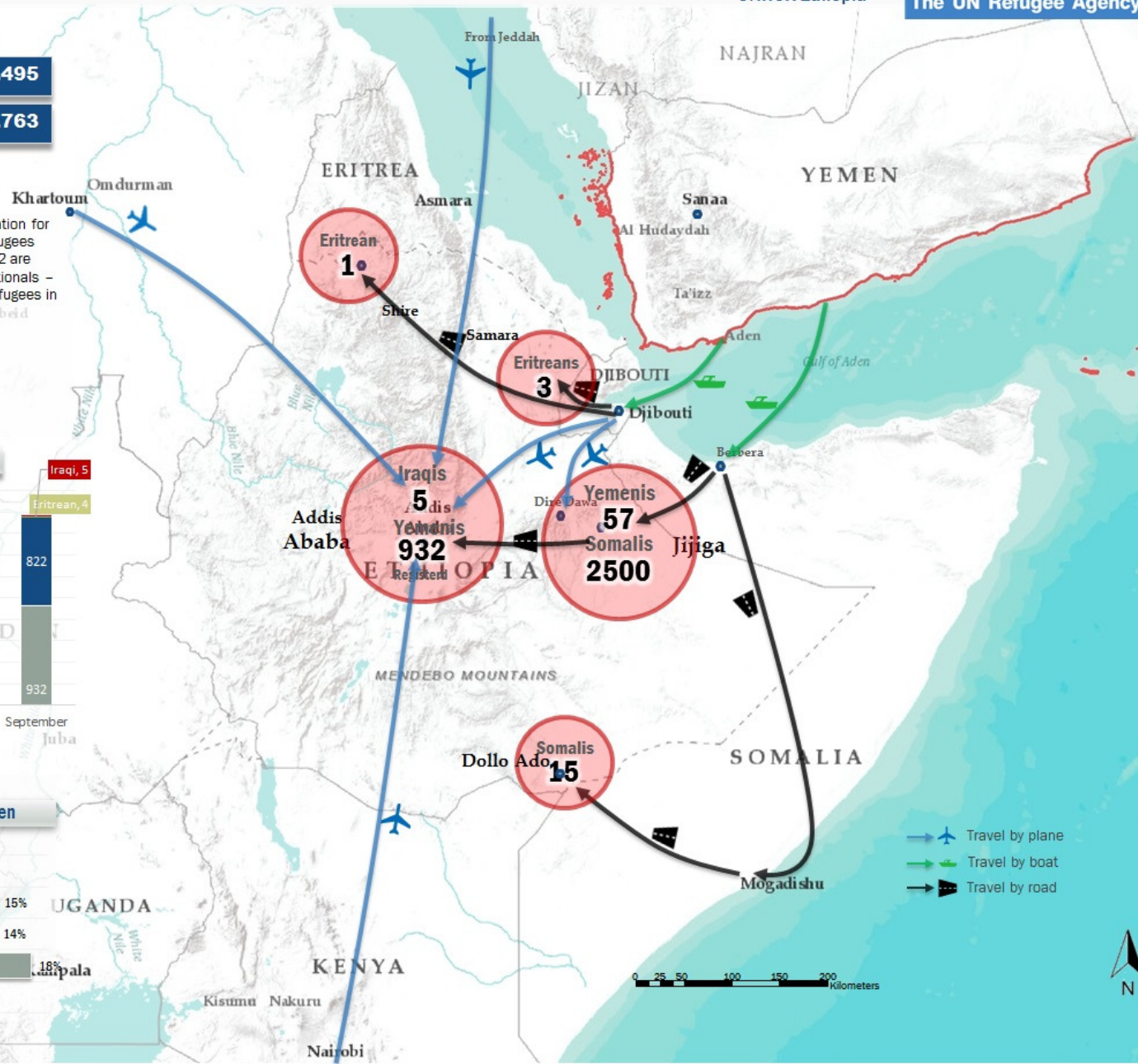


Age and Gender of registered refugees from Yemen



RATIC

Sources UNHCR



0 25 50 100 150 200 Kilometers

- Travel by plane
- Travel by boat
- Travel by road

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