

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #45

3 – 9 November 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,640

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

4,209

Yemeni refugees registered by government and UNHCR in Somalia since 27 March

18,127

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

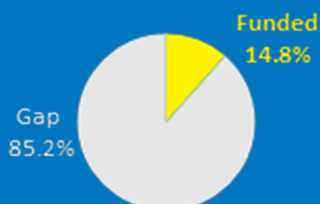
9,138

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

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



HIGHLIGHTS

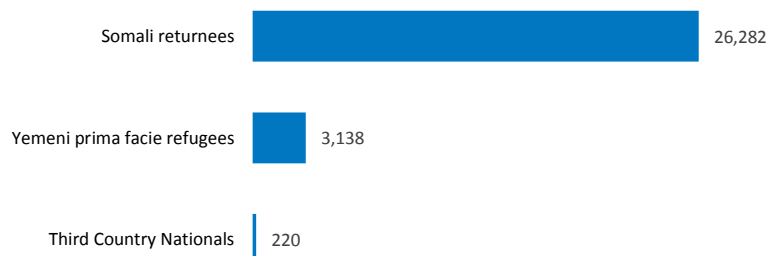
- During the reporting period, no new arrivals were recorded in Somalia.
- Between 1 and 3 November, Yemen was hit by a rare tropical cyclone, the most powerful storm Yemen has seen in decades. Somalia coastline was also affected, particularly Puntland.



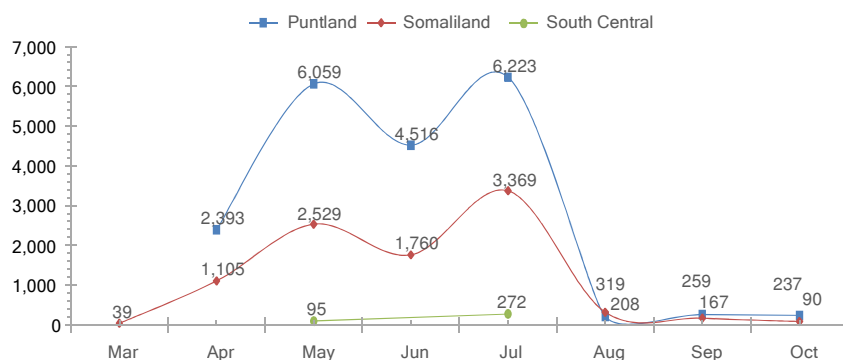
Yemeni refugee family proudly standing in front of their restaurant in Hargeisa, Somaliland, opened thanks to the livelihood support provided by UNHCR and AAH-I partner © UNHCR/M. Aertker, October 2015

Population of concern

A total of **29,640** people of concern arrived in Somalia



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
Total	29,640

ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
Ethiopia	68	109		177	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	18,188	7,727	367	26,282	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		11		11	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,617	1,521		3,138	11 %
Total	19,895	9,378	367	29,640	100 %
	67.12 %	31.64 %	1.24 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,336	4,423	23	12,782	43 %
Females	6,018	2,531	123	8,672	30 %
Males	5,398	2,424	112	7,934	27 %
Total	19,752	9,378	258	29,388	100 %
	67.21 %	31.91 %	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	4,740	5,030	0	9,770	54 %
Hargeisa	337	1,736	0	2,073	11 %
Bossaso	674	247	0	921	5 %
Baidoa	399	156	0	555	3 %
Kismayo	361	186	0	547	3 %
Afgooye	228	124	0	352	2 %
Other locations	2,005	1,842	62	3,909	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,744	9,321	62	18,127	100 %

Note: these are the arrivals registered at the reception centres in Bossaso, Berbera and Mogadishu which amounts to about 60% of the total number of arrivals at the ports of entry

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

Between 1 and 3 November, Yemen was hit by a rare tropical cyclone, the most powerful storm Yemen has seen in decades. Cyclone Chapala has brought hurricane-force winds, torrential rain and huge waves to the southern Yemen coastline (OCHA Yemen Flash Update – November 4). This extreme weather condition might explain that no new arrivals travelled to Somalia during the reporting period. Together with partners of the UNHCR-funded Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN), the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF) and the Puntland and Somaliland New Arrivals Task Forces, UNHCR rose awareness about the dangers of crossing into Yemen, following the cyclone announcement.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR registered 28 Yemeni individuals as refugees (18 families). A total of 1,918 Yemeni refugees (756 cases) were registered by UNHCR Bossaso since the beginning of the Yemen situation in late March 2015. UNHCR and the government are conducting verification exercise to remove cases of dual nationality (Somali-Yemenis), and reconcile the numbers of Yemeni arrivals at the ports and the number of Yemeni registered refugees, which is currently higher.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC), through UNHCR funding, has distributed subsistence allowance to Yemeni refugees in Bossaso, Gardo, Garowe and Badan districts of Puntland.
- DRC is also undergoing registration/verification of Somali returnees from Yemen in Gardo, and registered so far 2,386 returnees (344 families) who joined 11 IDP settlements. UNHCR, in conjunction with the DRC, is capturing biometrics for the above mentioned 344 families at Bossaso second reception centre. Those verified will be given a reinstallation cash grant by DRC, through UNHCR funding.
- The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) provided Restoring Family Links (RFL) free phone calls for 33 Somali returnees.
- Tadamun Social Society (TASS), with the support of UNICEF, provided one separated and one unaccompanied child (two boys) with psychosocial support, material support and reunited them with their families through Identification, Documentation, Tracing and Reunification (IDTR) support.
- TASS, with the support of UNICEF, and through the coordination of Save the Children International (SCI), assisted a mother and six children in integrating into an IDP settlement in Bossaso through coordination with the settlement leaders and transportation assistance.

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 158 Yemeni refugees (64 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR). A total of 2,291 Yemeni prima facie refugees (1,135 cases) are registered with UNHCR Hargeisa as of 8 November 2015, including 62 Yemeni refugees (23 cases) that have moved from Bossaso to Hargeisa and have been entered in UNHCR's ProGres registration database (as case transferal). UNHCR and the government are conducting verification exercise to remove cases of dual nationality (Somali-Yemenis), and reconcile the numbers of Yemeni arrivals at the ports and the number of Yemeni registered refugees, which is currently higher.
- During the reporting period, 19 Yemeni asylum seekers (12 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by MRRR. These Yemenis arrived to Somaliland before 28 March 2015. Discussions are currently ongoing between UNHCR and MRRR to change their status to "prima facie refugees" as the ones arrived after the outbreak of the conflict in Yemen.
- On 5 and 7 November, UNHCR Hargeisa organized a blanket cash distribution for the Yemeni refugees who did not collect their first subsistence allowance installment on 15 October. A total of 111 individuals (62 cases) collected their first installment accordingly.
- Over the month of October, UNHCR's partner Action Africa Help International (AAH-I) assisted Yemeni refugees through business training (131 individuals) and with guidance on business market opportunities (153 individuals).



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- TASS, with the support of UNICEF, provided emergency medical support to five children during the reporting period.

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Achievements and Impact

- Since April 2015, a total of 441 Yemeni refugee cases (48% of all refugees/asylum seekers receiving health services in Somaliland) were supported by UNHCR's partner HYDA for medical services such as consultations, referrals, medication and small surgeries.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- The World Food Programme (WFP) provided hot meals three times a day in the first reception centre in Bossaso.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- SRCS provided five volunteers two times during the reporting period to engage in hygiene and sanitation improvement at Bossaso first reception centre.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR Hargeisa met with the Somaliland Minister of MRRR on 9 November 2015, in order to discuss the registration/verification strategy, introduce the MOU on assets at Berbera reception centre for revision, cash-based assistance distribution to new arrivals as well as cases of dual nationality (Somali and Yemenis) erroneously registered in the ProGres database. The Minister has agreed to sign the verification strategy for the exercise to be carried out in February 2016. He will respond to UNHCR on the "persons of concern" certificates to be issued to Somali refugee returnees residing in Somaliland in the following week.
- It was agreed with the Somaliland New Arrivals Task Force members/MMTF members, that the New Arrival Task Force will be merged into the MMTF as of 1 December 2015.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total funding received to date by UN agencies and NGOs in Somalia for the response to the Yemen situation is USD 9.5 M (approximately 14.8 % of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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](#) | [Central Emergency Response Fund \(CERF\)](#)

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