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UNHCR providing CRI kits to people affected by drought

HIGHLIGHTS

278,355

Drought-displaced
people recorded

40,555

People of concern affected
by drought assisted

14,040

People of concern provided
with cash assistance

2,872

People of concern supported
through community-based projects

People of concern

A total of **1.22 million** people of concern

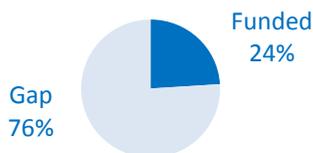
Category	Total PoC
Internally displaced people	1,106,751
Returnees	91,488
Asylum-seekers	12,976
Refugees	12,262
Total	1,223,477

Drought-displaced people

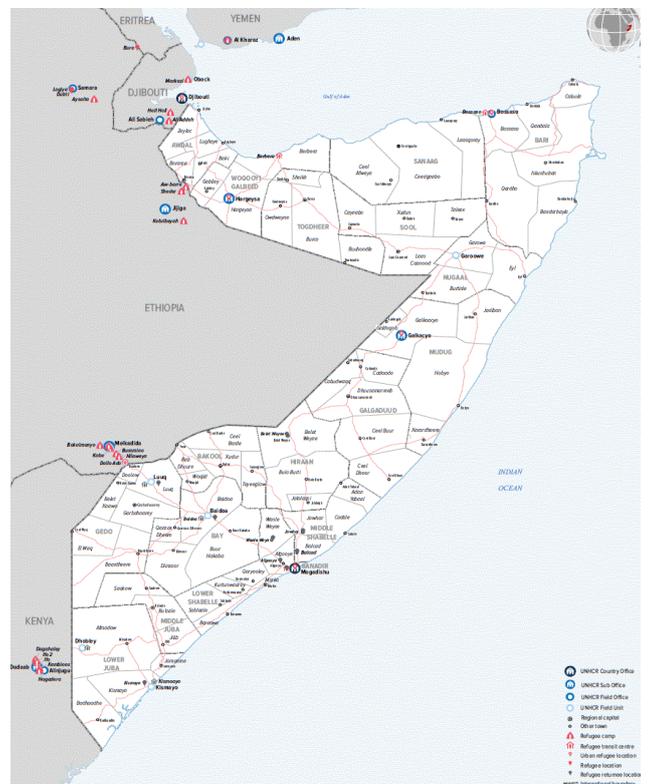
Region of arrival	Total
Banadir	72,473
Bay	69,750
Sool	38,331
Sanaag	23,594
Togdeer	12,192
Other	62,015
Total	278,355

Funding

USD **86.8 million** required



UNHCR presence



Staff

85 national staff
34 international staff

Offices

11 offices located in
1 Representation Office in Mogadishu
1 Support Office in Nairobi
3 Sub-offices in Galkayo, Hargeisa and Mogadishu
1 Field Office Bossaso
5 Field Units in Baidoa, Dhobley, Garowe, Kismayo and Luuq

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- **UN Secretary-General visit:** UN Secretary-General visited Somalia and urged for a massive scale up to avert famine. He visited Liibaan IDP settlement, home to 700 drought-displaced persons and Baidoa hospital.
- **IGAD Summit on Somali refugees:** The Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) held a Special Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, on sustainable and durable solutions for Somalia refugees and reintegration of returnees in Somalia.
- **KS-Relief:** The King Salman Center for Humanitarian Aid and Relief (KS-Relief) visited Somalia to assess the progress made against the planned project. UNHCR and its partners briefed the delegation on activities, achievements and challenges. UNHCR has also expressed its gratitude to the delegation for the financial support and commitment.
- **Refugee Protection Law:** UNHCR attended the launching ceremony of the Refugee Protection Law in Garoowe organized by the Puntland Ministry of Interior.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Drought response

- During March, UNHCR provided support to 40,555 persons affected by drought; 30,156 persons in Sanaag, Sool, Togdeer and Lower Juba region were provided with potable water; 6,535 persons in Bay, Bari and Nugal region were mobilized and received training on prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GBV); and 3,864 individuals comprised of 644 households in Bay region were provided with Core Relief Items (CRIs).



People affected by drought provided with safe water [*left*] and with CRIs [*right*].

Protection Cluster

- In March, the Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, reached 46,800 persons affected by drought (44 per cent children and 56 per cent adults) through protection and prevention activities.
- **Needs and gaps:** Protection concerns remain critical for the most vulnerable groups especially women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly. Security constraints remain a major protection concern thereby limiting protection partners' ability to ensure effective protection monitoring.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **New arrivals from Yemen:** During the month of March, a total of 53 new arrivals from Yemen reached Somalia (52 Yemenis and one Nigerian); 46 Yemenis and one Nigerian national arrived to port in Bossaso (Bari region); and six Yemeni refugees disembarked at the port in Berbera (Woqooyi Galbeed region).
- **Refugee status determination:** UNHCR conducted 181 refugee status determination (RSD) interviews, all with Ethiopian asylum-seekers.
- **Resettlement:** In March, 12 individuals departed to the resettlement countries; nine Ethiopians left to France and four Ethiopians to Sweden.

- **Registration:** UNHCR with partners registered a total of 501 new persons of concern; 247 Ethiopians, 146 Yemenis, 93 Somalis and 15 Syrians.
- **Legal assistance:** During the reporting period UNHCR partners, KAALO Aid and Development (KAALO) and Legal Clinic provided legal assistance to 155 refugees and asylum-seekers (137 Ethiopians, 17 Yemenis and one Eritrean).
- **GBV intervention:** UNHCR provided support to 243 survivors of gender-based violence; 180 survivors received medical and legal support. 63 survivors also received training on simple book keeping and cash assistance to promote income generation activities.

Returnees

- **Repatriation:** In March, 8,034 Somali refugees returned to Somalia; 7,536 from Kenya and 498 from Yemen. In 2017 to date, 22,023 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia (20,897 from Kenya, 1,124 from Yemen and two from Tunisia).



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Returnees arrived at the way station [left] and received information on the areas of return [right] in Kismayo.

Internally displaced persons

- **Drought displacements:** During the month of March, the UNHCR-led Protection & Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) monitored 278,355 persons who were displaced due to drought and drought-related reasons. Since November 2016 until 31 March 2017 more than 536,000 drought displacements have been recorded by PRMN.
- **Gap:** Lack of water and sanitation assistance in the newly-established settlements in Baidoa (Bay region) and Galkayo (Mudug region).
- **Production of dignity kits:** UNHCR partner, Galkayo Education Centre for Peace and Development (GECPD) completed production of 750 dignity kits for distribution to vulnerable girls and women of reproductive age among drought-affected persons. Dignity kits were produced by women who completed skills training under 2016 UNHCR Project for enhancement of women's tailoring skills and their income-generation capacity.

Mixed Migration

- **Awareness raising:** UNHCR in Hargeisa has begun Information Campaign on 'Telling the Real Story' to inform refugees, asylum-seekers and the host community about dangers of illegal migration from Somaliland to Europe.



Shelter and Core Relief Items

Shelter Cluster

- In March, Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR, supported 30,456 persons of concern across Somalia, namely, 23,058 persons with core relief items in Banadir, Bair, Bay, Hiraan and Lower Juba regions, 3,840 individuals with emergency shelters in Banadir region, 3,000 with permanent shelters in Lower Juba region and 558 people with the transitional shelters in Bay region.
- **Needs and gaps:** With more than half of a million displaced because of the drought, Shelter Cluster observed that most of the displaced were in need of emergency shelters and CRIs since they fled their home without their household

items. Humanitarian response has been limited with the restricted access in some parts of south and central Somalia, decrease of funding for shelter activities affecting the capacity of cluster partners, lack of pre-positioned CRI stock, poor roads and limited flight capacity, and limited CRI market information.

Returnees

- During March, 2,620 CRI kits were distributed to 1,968 Somali returnee households (comprising of 8,681 returnees) from Kenya and 211 CRI kits were provided to 211 Somali returnee households (comprising of 386 returnees) from Yemen.
- During March, UNHCR partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the construction of 74 shelters and 32 latrines in Kismayo. In 2017, NRC has constructed 287 shelters and 112 latrines in Kismayo and 30 shelters and 100 latrines in Baidoa.

Education

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Access to education:** UNHCR, through Action Africa Help-International (AAH-I), NRC and Save the Children International (SCI), assisted 2,284 refugee and asylum-seeker students (1,566 Ethiopians and 718 Yemenis) through provision of access to education, transportation and refreshments during the classes.
- **Improved educational infrastructure:** UNHCR partner AAH-I completed rehabilitation of six classrooms in a primary school in Mogadishu.
- **Needs and gaps:** In Hargeysa, the education program team conducted a rapid assessment on refugee children who have recently been enrolled in schools and identified that there are 191 new refugee children (141 in primary schools, 30 in secondary schools and 20 universities) who are not yet supported and require support especially for continuing their education. A bilateral discussion with a partner, NRC is in progress to meet the needs such as tuition fees, learning materials, uniform and transportation.

Returnees

- **Access to education:** In March, UNHCR with partners Mercy Corps (MC) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) registered a total of 1,035 students, 987 in primary education and 48 in secondary education; 705 in Mogadishu, 200 in Dhobley, 100 in Afmadow and 30 in Luuq.
- **Improved educational infrastructure:** In Baidoa, UNHCR partner African Volunteers for Relief and Development (AVORD) continue with rehabilitation of the Howlwadaag primary school, two classrooms and a perimeter wall.

Health

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Access to health care:** UNHCR provided access to health care to 3,026 persons of concern (1,698 Yemenis and 1,328 Ethiopians) through partners Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT), HANNANO Medical Center (HANNANO) and Hargeisa Group Hospital (HGH).

Cash Assistance

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to 1,579 Yemeni refugees; 696 in Puntland, 626 in Somaliland, and 257 in south central regions to provide their basic needs.

Returnees

- **Reinstallation Grants:** In March, UNHCR provided one-time reinstallation grants in the amount of US\$ 200 per person to 7,536 returnees from Kenya and 394 returnees from Yemen.
- **Subsistence Allowance:** UNHCR has also provided subsistence allowances in the amount of US\$ 200 per household to 4,900 returnees from Kenya and 200 returnees from Yemen.



Returnees receiving re-installation grants upon their arrival at the Home Way Station in Kismayo.

Internally displaced persons

- UNHCR partner, GECPD provided cash assistance in the amount of US\$ 100 to 25 IDPs living with disabilities, which prevent them from engaging in any income generating occupation.



Community Empowerment and Self Reliance

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- UNHCR through its partners provided **business support** to 189 persons of concern; 10 households (comprised of 96 individuals) established ten new small business as tailoring, perfume-making, catering, ice-cream making and snacks & cold drinks in Hargeysa and 20 households, comprising of 93 Yemeni refugees, were provided with a business grant to start their business in Mogadishu.

Returnees

- UNHCR with its partners reached a total of 549 persons of concern (374 returnees, 10 IDPs and 75 host communities) through various **cash for work** programmes; 200 individuals for rehabilitation of a hospital and 49 individuals in rehabilitation of a school in Baidoa, 200 beneficiaries for a scrub clearance in Luuq and 100 individuals for a road rehabilitation in Afmadow.



Beneficiaries receiving incentives for the rehabilitation of a school in Baidoa.



- UNHCR and partners enrolled 980 persons of concern (919 returnees, 37 IDPs, 17 refugees and asylum-seekers and seven host community) in **small-business enterprise**; 76 beneficiaries in Hargeysa received training on group savings, while 834 returnees in Garoowe, Gardo and Bossaso were identified for training on small business skills and management; and 70 beneficiaries in Luuq were registered for a small business enterprise project.
- UNHCR and partners enrolled 359 persons of concern (287 returnees, 36 IDP and 36 host community) in **vocational skills training**; 180 in Kismayo for fish preservation and fish drying techniques, construction, fabric dyeing, IT, baking, and tailoring; 139 in Hargeysa for carpentry and joinery, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dyeing, bar and liquid soap production and cooking; and 40 in Bossaso in tailoring and electricity.
- In Baidoa, a total of 450 beneficiaries (240 host communities, 110 returnees and 100 IDPs) received through UNHCR partner, AVORD agriculture production kits consisting of farming tools (two hoes, axe, rake, shovel, panga, kawawa and knife) as well as seeds (15 kg of sorghum, 5 kg of cowpeas and 15 kg of sesame), and one hectare of cultivated land per beneficiary.

Internally displaced people

- In Galkayo, UNHCR partner, DRC has selected and provided a training on **management** to 240 IDPs comprised of 40 households to develop a business plan.
- UNHCR with partners in Mugud region enrolled 105 persons of concern (99 IDPs and six host communities) for **vocational skills training**; 34 persons were trained in cooking, tailoring, beauty salon, electronics, mobile phone repair and tailoring, and 71 IDPs were enrolled in tailoring, garment making, carpentry and welding.



Graduation ceremony in carpentry [left] and products of IDP after the training [right].

- **Police post:** In March, UNHCR through partner Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation Somaliland (CCBR) finished construction of a police post in Aden Suleiman IDP settlement in Burao, Togdheer region.



Police Post in Aden Suleiman IDP settlement in Togdheer region constructed with UNHCR funding.

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