

Somalia

1-31 October 2017



A UNHCR staff at the Port in Berbera upon arrivals of Yemeni refugees to assess the situation and assist new arrivals with the initial help. © UNHCR/Berbera, October 2017

Highlights

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| Number of new arrivals | 927 new arrivals from Yemen |
| New enrolments | 515 students enrolled in school |
| Subsistence allowance | 1,703 households (5,477 persons) received subsistence allowance |
| Access to health | 1,348 persons provided with health care assistance |
| Community-based projects | 656 beneficiaries of community-based projects |

Update on achievements

New arrivals

Since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen in March 2015, 33,929 Somalis (33,511 spontaneous and 418 assisted), 5,755 Yemenis and 360 third country nationals. A total of 40,044 persons have been identified by UNHCR as arriving into Somalia.

- In October, there were 927 new arrivals (775 Somalis (490 spontaneous and 285 assisted returnees), 135 Yemenis and 17 third country nationals) from Yemen arrived Somalia by sea.

New arrivals trends

| Nationality | 1-31 October 2017 | 1 January - 31 October 2017 | 2015 - 2017 |
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| Somalis (S) ¹ | 490 | 4,036 | 33,511 |
| Somalis (A) ² | 285 | 418 | 418 |
| Yemenis | 135 | 783 | 5,755 |
| Third country nationals | 17 | 47 | 360 |
| Total | 927 | 5,284 | 40,044 |



A UNHCR staff providing hot meal and water to Somali returnees at the Reception Centre at the Port in Berbera. © UNHCR/ Berbera, October 2017

Core relief items

- In October, UNHCR provided 121 kits of core relief items to 105 households (276 Somalis) on arrival.

¹ Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen.

² Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to be voluntary repatriated to Somalia under the UNHCR-led Assisted Spontaneous Return programme (ASR).

Education

- In October, 515 Yemeni refugees were newly enrolled in school, 476 in primary and 39 in secondary education.

Cash assistance

- UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to 1,567 Yemeni refugee households (4,802 persons) and one time emergency cash assistance to 39 Yemeni refugee households (192 persons).
- In October, UNHCR has also distributed subsistence allowance in amount of US \$200 per household per month to 97 Somali returnee households (483 persons) from Yemen who returned through the ASR programme.
- In October, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant of US \$200 per person to 272 Somali returnees (98 households) from Yemen.

Health

- In October, UNHCR provided access to health care services to 1,348 Yemeni refugees, 1,266 in primary and 82 referrals to secondary and tertiary health care services.



A UNHCR staff taking care of wellbeing of the Somali refugee returnees while waiting for further assistance by UNHCR at the Reception Centre in Berbera. © UNHCR/Berbera, October 2017

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

In October, 656 persons (493 returnees, 138 refugees and 25 members of host community) were engaged in livelihood projects.

- Out of 656 persons, 479 were engaged in small-business program and 177 in technical and vocational training.

Rehabilitation of Public Infrastructure

- In Galkacyo, UNHCR started the construction of two schools and two community centres aimed to promote peaceful coexistence between returnees and host community. The activity will also enhanced absorption capacities of the communal facilities to accommodate additional needs of returnees.

Technical and vocational training

- In Hargeysa, 138 beneficiaries (113 returnees and 25 members of host community) continued with vocational skills training: 25 in electricity, 25 in painting/decoration, 15 in plumbing, 54 in cooking and 19 in tailoring.
- In Bossaso, 39 Yemeni refugees continued with trainings in beauty salon, computers, electrics and tailoring.

Small-business enterprise

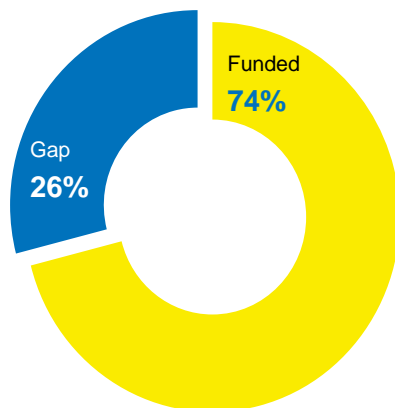
- In the October, UNHCR continued with small-business programmes for 380 returnees (188 in Garoowe, 155 in Bossaso and 37 in Hargeysa), to educate them to establish and run their businesses.
- In October, 99 Yemeni refugees completed with small-business programme (72 in Bossaso and 27 in Garoowe).

Funding

FUNDING (as of 27 October)

USD 7.8 M

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