

HITSATS REFUGEE CAMP

2013

Camp opened in May 2013

1,333

Permanent shelters built

Community-based

Structures in place: Refugee Central Committee, Women Association, Youth Association, Association of Persons with disability

41 %

Of the population is under the age of 18 out of which 14% are female

9,767

refugees
Individually registered with ration cards

Education

Infrastructure available: 01 primary, 01 early, 01 secondary, 01 YEP and 01 vocational training centre

OVERVIEW

The **Hitsats refugee camp** was established to accommodate Eritrean refugees seeking international protection.



Refugee population in Hitsats camp

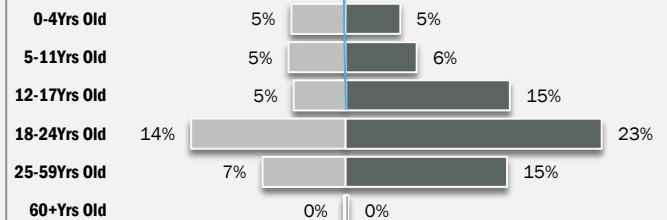
A total of **9,767** persons of concern in Hitsats Camp as of 31st January, 2018

Age

Female (36%, 3,523)

Male (64%, 6,244)

Children (41%, 3,978)



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- New Secondary school—the only one in the location—went operational in October 2017.
- IRC installed four solar pump boreholes which are also connected to a booster pump station for pumping system efficiency.
- In December 2017, UNHCR started issuing Proof of Registration (POR) to refugees in Hitsats.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR provides protection and services to refugees in **Hitsats** in collaboration with:

- **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)** - In representation of Ethiopia's government - Camp Management and security; Primary health care and nutrition; food and CRIs distribution; Protection and Community services; Shelter management; logistics; Environment protection; and Primary education
- **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** - WASH; Community Wellness Initiative(SGBV); Education(ECCD)
- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** - Resettlement and related logistics
- **World Food Program (WFP)** -Food supply, transportation and distribution
- **Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (DICAC)** – Education, Community-based psychosocial Support
- **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)** - Education; Shelter construction C; protection and community services for UASC, Food Security and Livelihood
- **National Resource Development and Environmental Protection (NRDEP)** – Environment protection
- **Medicines sans Frontiers (MSF-H)** – Health care(In patient services), Mental Health and psycho social support
- **ZOA**- Domestic energy(briquette production), Vocational training and livelihood
- **DRC**-Combating Secondary Movement through community discussions, Psychosocial support by music therapy, Library service and Informal education

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

Health

- One Permanent and one temporary structures are available for refugees and host communities wherein they receive outpatient and inpatient medical care, including:
 - Reproductive health & HIV services and related capacity building
 - Preventive and community-based health care and access to primary health care services
 - Vaccination
 - Maternity and child health services
 - Pre-departure medical screening/Medical escorts during RST and during relocation from boarder areas
 - Psychosocial counseling

Nutrition

- With support from UNHCR's partners, refugees have access to infrastructure and receive nutritional support, including:
 - Implementation and monitoring of therapeutic and Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) for persons with special needs
 - Treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition for 72 children

WASH

- Refugees have access to 7 liters of potable water per person per day from 4 boreholes of which one is not functional due to its high iron content
- 1,190 household sanitary facilities/latrines are available in the camp and are regularly maintained
- Environmental health and hygiene campaigns are implemented in the camp

Protection & Community Services

- UNHCR and its partners provide protection to refugees and promote durable solutions to their plight through:
 - Establishment and ensured functioning of community-based child protection structures, notably for UASC
 - Provision of prevention and response services for children at risk, and capacity development on child protection
 - Provision of psychosocial counseling and community-based psychosocial programming
 - Enabling and sustaining community participation in SGBV prevention and response through capacity development
 - Provision of specific services to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
 - Resettlement to third country of asylum and facilitated process of family reunification
 - Registration and monitoring

Shelter

- 1,333 permanent shelters available in the camp and are regularly maintained.

Core Relief Items

- Core Relief Items – Blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, soap, Jerri cans, plastic buckets and sanitary materials - are distributed to refugees.

Logistics & Site Planning

- Refugees are transported and relocated from border areas and within camps. In addition, the camp layout is conducted. The Hitsats refugee camp is comprised of 4 Zones divided in 15 blocks and 45 sectors.

Education

- 01 early childhood center, 01 primary school, where in school meals are provided, 01 secondary school and 01 vocational skill training for the youth delivered under NRC, are available.

Environment

- UNHCR and its partners seek to reduce the environmental impact in areas hosting refugees through:
 - Forest and environmental protection and capacity building on environmental protection. 56,000 trees have been planted to mitigate the impact of the refugees' presence in the area.
 - Provision of briquettes, energy saving stoves and demonstration of biogas pilot project. To date, 1,200 stoves have been distributed.

Food

- On a monthly basis, food is supplied, transported and distributed to all refugees as well as cash and vouchers. General food basket comprises Wheat grain, Pulse, CSB, vegetable oil, Sugar, Salt and Cash ETB 60.00.