

# Ethiopia

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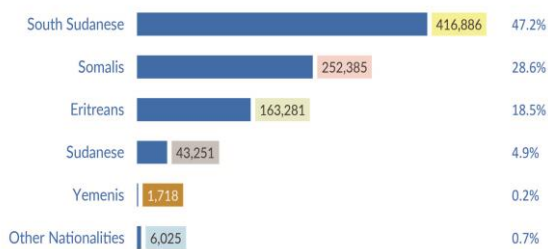
Ethiopia is host to the second largest refugee population in Africa, sheltering **883,546** registered refugees and asylum seekers as of 30 September 2017.

Since January 2017, **100,034** refugees arrived in Ethiopia, mainly from South Sudan (over 73,000), Eritrea (over 18,000) and Somalia (over 6,500).

Ethiopia is a pilot country for the **CRRF** and works closely with Government and partners to improve the lives of refugees and host communities.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

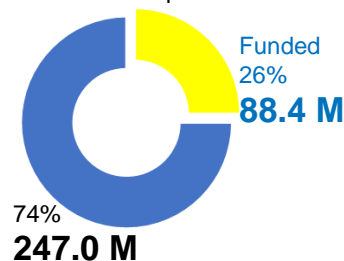
### Countries of Origin



## FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

**USD 335.4 M**

requested for Ethiopia



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

**360** national staff, **96** international staff

**176** individual contractors

**23** deployees & IUNVs

### Offices:

**1** Branch Office in (Addis Ababa), **2** Field Offices-Sherkole and Mekelle, **5** Sub-Offices-Melkadida, Gambella, Shire, Assosa and Jijiga



UNHCR High Profile Supporter Betty G interacting with South Sudanese refugees in Gure-Shembola camp. UNHCR/Diana Diaz

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR's main Government counterpart to ensure protection of refugees in Ethiopia is the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA). In addition, UNHCR works in close coordination with some 40 partners, and is fully engaged in the Humanitarian Country Team in Ethiopia, where refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure that the needs of refugees are adequately presented and addressed. UNHCR is also building on well-established coordination fora such as the Refugee Task Force, donor, NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp level. As part of the CRRF, UNHCR is furthering partnerships with line ministries, regional and local authorities, as well as traditional and non-traditional donors.

## Main Activities

### Protection

- Following the coming into force of the “**Vital Events Registration and National Identity Card Proclamation**” (Amendment Proclamation 1049/2017) early last month, the government refugee agency, together with UNHCR and partners, is working to launch the civil registration (the recording of all vital events including births, deaths and marriages) of refugees in Addis Ababa at the end of October 2017. The government will then continue to roll-out the services in the different refugee camps.

### Education

- Schools in all the refugee camps have reopened for the 2017/18 academic year with late registration underway. Data are being compiled to determine the impact of the ‘back-to-school’ campaign conducted over the past couple of months on enhancing the school enrolment rate. In particular, secondary school enrolment rate is expected to increase with three new secondary (in Jewi, Kobe and Hitsats camps) schools opening their doors to students this year.

## Health

- To date in 2017, 607,346 persons benefited from consultations in health centres across all refugee camps, 10% of whom were from the host communities. The health facility utilization rate stands at 1.2 consultations per refugee per year and is within the standard of more than 1 consultations per year. The mortality rate in children under five is 0.2/1000/month and remains within the expected range in all camps. 98% of all deliveries were conducted with the help of skilled birth attendants. In response to the increase in suspected Acute Watery Diarrhea cases in Tigray and Somali regions, UNHCR and partners have stepped up preparedness measures in the refugee camps, including through active participation in government-led coordination fora.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- To date in 2017, 5,712 severely and 12,936 moderately malnourished children under five years of age have received health and nutrition treatment in 24 refugee camps. Results of the annual nutrition survey conducted in Barahle and Aysaita refugee camps in Afar region revealed a weighted average global acute malnutrition (GAM) prevalence of 20.1% and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) prevalence of 3.5% in children aged 6 – 59 months, which is above the WHO emergency threshold of 15% and 2% for GAM and SAM respectively. Efforts to curb the high prevalence, which include; capacity building to nutrition service providers to ensure case finding and proper management, constant supply of nutrition items, blanket supplementary feeding, improved enrollment of SAM and MAM and proper feeding practice of infant and young children have been put in place.

## Water and Sanitation

- 11.9 million litres of water have been treated, pumped and supplied daily to all camps, at an average of 19 litres of potable water per person, per day. 12 of the 26 camps received above 20 litres of water per person per day. Crude access to sanitation services stands at 1 latrine for 19 persons, far below the standard of one family to one latrine. Hygiene promotion activities have continued, furthering environmental and personal hygiene practises and minimizing public health risks.

## Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR has finalized the national shelter strategy and the roll-out is being done by establishing guidelines or similar technical papers in the field.

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- UNHCR and ARRA work in close coordination with partners to ensure efficient and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings and technical working groups take place both at the zone and camp levels.

## Access to Energy

- Distribution of solar lanterns and installation of street lights have been prioritized as a key protection tool, promoting education and improving the social life of refugees. As such, 1,500 solar lanterns have been distributed among refugees in Barahle and Aysaita camps in the Afar Region as well as in Gure-Shembola camp in the Benishangul-Gumuz Region. Six solar street lights were installed in Pamdong-the new reception centre in Gambella. During the just ended rainy season, 1.07 million multipurpose tree seedlings were raised and planted across all refugee impacted areas and host communities.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- In In Barhale camp, all 15 self-help groups comprising of 178 members were able to save a total of 16,260 birr (Ethiopia's currency), registering an increase from previous month. Under the livelihoods resilience improvement plan, 84 goats were distributed to targeted beneficiaries in the same camp as a means of income-generating activity, with priority given to unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) and other groups with specific needs.

## Durable Solutions

- Providing resettlement opportunities is a priority, as conditions for voluntary repatriation are not favourable for most refugees, and limited options for local integration. To date, 1,538 individuals were referred to the UNHCR Regional Service Centre for submission to resettlement countries. 1,586 have been submitted already. So far, 1,586 persons departed for resettlement countries, 78.36% of them to the USA. 500 refugees will move to Italy under an innovative "Humanitarian Corridor" project which UNHCR has undertaken with two faith-based organizations, *Caritas Italiana* and *Sant'Egidio Community*.

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