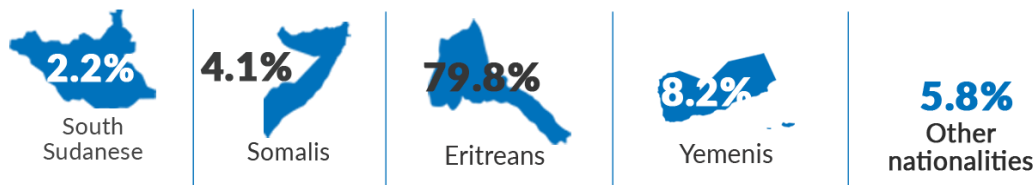


# Ethiopia

December 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS



- By the end of December 2018, there were a total of **22,885** refugees in the capital Addis Ababa, mainly from **Eritrea**, **Yemen**, **Somalia**, **South Sudan** and refugees of **other nationalities**, including those from the Great Lakes region. Of the total population, 868 are children, who either arrived alone (377 children) or were separated from their parents or relatives during flight (491 children).
- In line with the second objective of the Registration Multi-year Plan of Action (RMYPoA), which focuses on the improvement of the quality of refugees and asylum-seekers data in Ethiopia, UNHCR and ARRA continued conducting continuous registration exercise for refugees residing in Addis Ababa, including issuance of Proof of Registration and ID cards. Currently the registration unit continued updating the refugees' data using proGres V3 and proGres V4 simultaneously.
- UNHCR and ARRA conducted a comprehensive L-3 registration exercise in the Borana area, Oromia region, hosting thousands of Kenyan refugees. A total of 4,037 individuals were issued with proof of registration documents. In addition, ID cards were issued to all refugees above 14 years of age. Simultaneously, an intention survey for voluntary repatriation was conducted, with 91% of the population showing a willingness to go back to their country of origin.
- UNHCR facilitated the participation of refugees in the annual Diplomatic Bazaar which took place at United Nations Economic Forum for Africa (UNECA) on 8 December 2018. The event brings together embassies and country representations from around 50 countries every year before Christmas, selling a variety of goods including handicrafts and food from their respective countries and cultures. Urban refugees representing six countries joined the event per the tradition. The refugees took advantage of the forum to showcase their talent and cultural diversity which highlighted the fact that refugees have the ability to contribute with their knowledge and skills to the societies they live in.
- In the months of November/December 2018, urban refugees participated in the campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, (SGBV). With reference to this year's theme 'End GBV in the world of work', refugees delivered poems, speeches, drama and other programs as part of the awareness raising drive, and highlighted the issues of SGBV, persons with disabilities (PWD) and HIV/AIDS. They stressed the need to address SGBV in all situations that impact refugees.
- Coordination of protection programs targeting refugees in Addis Ababa is done through the monthly Urban and Kenya Borena Sub-Working Group meetings, that are held every 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the UNHCR office in Bole. The forum brings together the government refugee agency (ARRA), UNHCR and all the partners working with refugees in Addis Ababa in order to ensure coordinated response in service delivery and efficient use of resources in line with UNHCR protection priorities.
- UNHCR provides reception services at the Urban Refugee Reception Centre, located around what is popularly known as the **Hayahulet Mazoriya** in Addis Ababa. In addition to registration and documentation services, individual protection and resettlement counselling are available at the center from Monday to Thursday every week, between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm.

- In November 2018, a post-distribution monitoring (PDM) exercise was conducted in Addis Ababa to measure UNHCR's direct implementation of cash based intervention (CBI) to urban-based refugees. A total of 133 refugees representing all nationalities under the urban assistance programme participated in the survey. Key information including on the timeliness and accuracy of the programme, as well as implementation modalities, appropriateness, as well as actual outputs against planned figures and progress in achieving impact were gathered. A draft report including the gaps identified and recommendations for 2019 CBI programming were shared to the focal persons.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- In line with the 2014 UNHCR Alternatives to Camps Policy and in the context of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Approach, UNHCR continues to implement strategies that enhance refugee inclusion in national institutions while strengthening the protection environment and also offering refugees access to opportunities and solutions in coordination with both humanitarian and development actors.
- In Addis Ababa, interventions adopt a strong community based protection approach, and UNHCR is currently working with community structures to ensuring full participation and ownership by the refugees, with the inclusion of the host community whenever possible. The Refugee Outreach Volunteers (ROVs) are continually capacitated to conduct home visits and refer vulnerable cases to established service providers and to disseminate important protection information within their communities.
- UNHCR is working to strengthen alternatives to onward movements through promoting local solutions and opportunities for urban refugees, including through advocating for increased access to education, livelihoods and employment opportunities, and resettlement and legal migration opportunities.

## CHALLENGES



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