

SOMALIA

1-30 June 2019

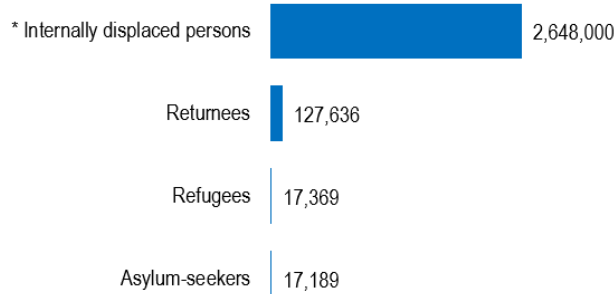
In the month of June, the operational context was impacted by **armed conflicts** compounded with the **natural hazards**.

As a result, 39,000 persons were **internally displaced** in June bringing the total number forced to flee their homes to 193,000 since the beginning of this year.

Continued armed conflicts and drought conditions could **worsen living conditions** of internally displaced persons and cause new displacements.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

A total of **2.8 million** persons of concern

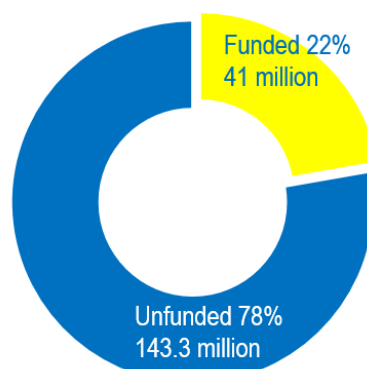


* Estimated internally displaced persons as of 31 July 2018
(Source: Information Management Working Group)

FUNDING (AS OF 15 AUGUST)

USD 183.3 million

requested for the Somalia situation



A refugee (right) and UNHCR colleague (left) during an art contest. © UNHCR

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On the occasion of World Refugee Day, marked on 20 June, UNHCR in Somalia raised awareness and expressed solidarity with the persons feeling war, persecution and conflict.

- See [UNHCR Somalia stands in solidarity with millions forced to flee](#)



UNHCR colleagues walking in a solidarity with the refugees on World Refugee Day. © UNHCR

Somalia is at the epicentre of a displacement crisis. More than 2.6 million persons were internally displaced due to the conflict, drought, floods and evictions. Despite its own internal challenges, Somalia is generously hosting over 34,500 refugees and asylum-seekers largely from Ethiopia and Yemen. Over 127,600 Somalis have returned home spontaneously or through the UNHCR supported Voluntary Repatriation Programme (VRP).

2,648,000

Internally displaced Somalis due to conflict, hazard or eviction

949,700

Somalis sought refuge worldwide

127,636

Somalis returned spontaneously or through UNHCR programme

34,558

refugees and asylum-seekers sought refuge in Somalia

The number of Somali refugees worldwide continued to decline gradually with 80 per cent remaining in neighbouring countries. At the end of 2018, there were 949,700 Somali refugees. Somalia is also the fifth largest refugee producing country in the world.

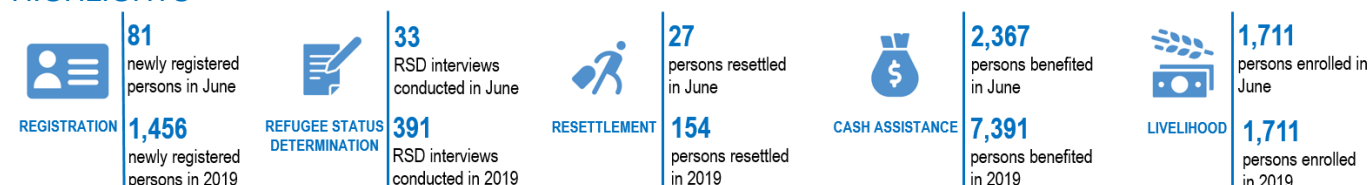
- See [Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2018](#)

Globally, the displacement crisis in recent years has been unprecedented. By the end of 2018, over 70 million persons were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violation. 25 people were forced to flee every minute in 2018.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

UNHCR provides protection assistance and support to refugees and asylum-seekers through access to territory, registration and documentation, education, health care, livelihood and self-reliance, cash-based interventions, provision of core relief items, legal support, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and response, peaceful coexistence and community-based protection.

HIGHLIGHTS



REGISTRATION

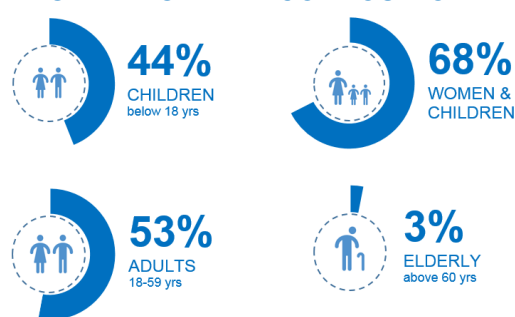
As of 30 June, Somalia hosted 34,558 refugees and asylum-seekers, most of whom, 20,892 (60 per cent) are from Ethiopia. The remaining caseload is from Yemen (13,076 or 38 per cent) and 590 (two per cent) from other countries. Majority, 89 per cent (30,747) live in north and central and 11 per cent (3,566) in southern Somalia.

- In June, UNHCR registered 81 refugees and asylum-seekers, from Ethiopia (43), Yemen (21) and 17 from other countries of origin. 1,456 have been registered in 2019.

REGISTERED REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

POC	BEFORE 2019	JUN 2019	2019	TOTAL
REFUGEES	16,741	37	628	17,369
ASYLUM-SEEKERS	16,361	44	828	17,189
TOTAL	33,102	81	1,456	34,558

AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION



TELLING THE REAL STORY

"How did I survive in Libya? It was nothing short of a miracle," said Khaled, a returnee from Libya.

On his way to Europe he spent days without food, water and was beaten by smugglers.

See more in a short video [Telling the Real Story](#).

Telling the Real Story aims to inform communities about the dangers of irregular movements to Europe and create awareness on the perils of such journeys.

In 2019, more than 660 persons lost their lives or went missing crossing the Mediterranean ([link](#)).



In Hargeysa, nearly 5,000 persons (12,375 in 2019) were sensitised about the dangers of irregular movements through activities such as focus group discussions, debate competition, community dialogue and book reading.

REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION

- In June, UNHCR conducted 33 Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews with asylum-seekers (391 in 2019) who sought international protection in Somalia. Most of asylum-seekers were from Ethiopia and fled their country between 2014 and 2017.

RESETTLEMENT

- 27 refugees (154 in 2019) departed for Sweden as part of UNHCR resettlement program in June. Resettlement is one of the main durable solutions that involves the relocation of vulnerable refugees from an asylum country to a third country.

CASH ASSISTANCE

- In June, 2,367 persons received monthly subsistence allowance (7,391 in 2019). UNHCR provides cash assistance to persons who cannot meet their basic needs, such as food and accommodation or have temporarily lost their employment based on vulnerability assessment.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- In June, 215 persons (1,401 in 2019) required legal assistance related to housing, RSD, physical violence and family affairs.

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- As of 30 June, 1,711 persons were enrolled in livelihood activities in four locations: Mogadishu (606), Hargeysa (555), Bossaso (440) and Berbera (110). Out of 1,711 persons, 1,374 were refugees and asylum-seekers representing eight (8) per cent of the active working refugees and asylum-seekers population (18-59 years).

FOSTERING COOPERATION



The UNHCR Representative a.i., Mr Takeshi Moriyama (second from the left), and the Head of Sub-Office in Hargeysa, Ms Sarah Khan (second from the right), met with the Vice President of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Saylici (in the middle) to strengthen the cooperation between the two Offices in providing protection and assistance to asylum-seekers, refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons ([link](#)).



The UNHCR Representative a.i., Mr Takeshi Moriyama (left), handed over a vehicle to the Governor of Sahil Region, Mr Prado Jeep (right), as part of UNHCR's support to the persons of concern arriving through the port city of Berbera. Donated vehicle will enable the Office of Governor to reach and provide assistance to the persons of concern in a timely manner.

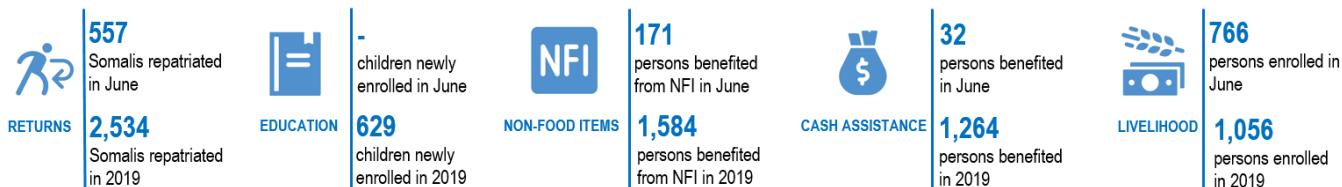
RETURNED REFUGEES

On 8 December 2014, UNHCR started assisting Somali refugees to return home through the Voluntary Repatriation Programme (VRP). Each Somali refugee household who makes an informed and voluntary decision to repatriate is provided with a return package to rebuild their life in Somalia.

RETURN ASSISTANCE

A return package consists of: a core relief items kit, an unconditional one-time **reinstallation grant** of US\$ 200 per person and an unconditional monthly **subsistence allowance** amounting to US\$ 200 per household for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for **food rations** for six months (provided by WFP), an **education grant** of up to US\$ 25 per school-going child per month for one school year, a conditional grant of up to US\$ 1,000 for **shelter** per household and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and **livelihood** projects based on a set of targeting criteria and availability of resources.

HIGHLIGHTS



GRADUATION



On 17 July in Mogadishu, 100 returnees, 50 internally displaced persons and 50 members of host community graduated from an entrepreneurship training. The beneficiaries gained knowledge on business, financial management, entrepreneurship skills, marketing, costing and pricing and business plan. After the graduation, beneficiaries received a certificate and a start-up kit to start their own business.

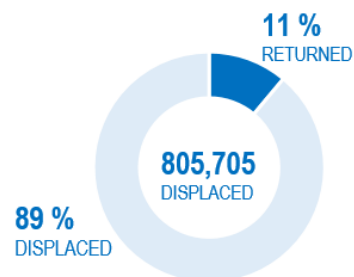
RETURN FIGURES

Since 2014, 90,024 Somali refugees have been repatriated through the VRP while 37,612 have spontaneously. Over 805,000 Somalis (89 per cent) are still displaced in the neighbouring countries. In June, UNHCR supported the return of 516 Somali refugees: from Kenya (382), Yemen (116) and Djibouti (18). During the same period, 216 Somalis returned spontaneously from Yemen.

RETURN TRENDS

REASON	CoA	BEFORE 2019	JUN 2019	2019	TOTAL
Assisted (VRP)	Kenya	82,840	382	1,387	84,227
	Yemen	3,405	116	1,009	4,414
	Other	1,245	18	138	1,383
	Sub total	87,490	557	2,534	90,024
Spontaneous	Yemen	34,467	216	1,145	37,612
TOTAL	12	123,957	732	3,679	127,636

DISPLACED AND RETURNED



CASH ASSISTANCE

- In June, 32 persons (1,264 in 2019) received [reinstallation grants](#) to meet their immediate needs upon arrival in Somalia.

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- UNHCR provided 171 persons (1,584 in 2019) with a conditional cash grant in June. The beneficiaries were assisted with US\$ 66 to purchase [basic and domestic items](#).

IMPROVED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Improvement of basic infrastructure in the areas of return is essential to increase absorption capacity and access to basic services. So far, UNHCR has improved seven public facilities in three locations: Dhobley (3), Qhardo (3) and Bossaso (1).

- In June, UNHCR started the construction of a maternity ward of a Mother-Child Hospital (MCH), a conference hall of a Community Centre and a meat market in Qhardo. UNHCR also rehabilitated offices of the Office of Governor in Bossaso.

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

Livelihood activities, such as vocational trainings and small-business programmes increase self-reliance of returned refugees by developing new skills, gaining knowledge and provision of start-up kits.

- In June, 766 persons (1,056 in 2019) were part of livelihood activities in seven locations: Mogadishu (300), Bossaso (246), Baidoa (60), Belet Xawa (49), Dollow (47), Luuq (44), Qhardo (20).

RETURNED AFTER 25 YEARS IN EXILE

Hawa (35), a mother of four, returned from Yemen after 25 year in exile. She was only seven when she left Mogadishu.

Hawa returned through the Assisted Spontaneous Returns programme and received the return package which she used to open a restaurant in Mogadishu.

"I have more control over my life and family," she said. "I would like to expand my business by introducing pastry and cakes. In five years' time I would like to be a great entrepreneur with five to 10 restaurants in Mogadishu."

Hawa has two school-going children who are currently receiving an education grant which is also part of the return package.



INTERNALLY DISPLACED SOMALIS

Years of complex conflicts, insecurity and drought have left around 2.6 million internally displaced. Most of them rely on humanitarian assistance which is provided through the clusters.

NEW DISPLACEMENTS

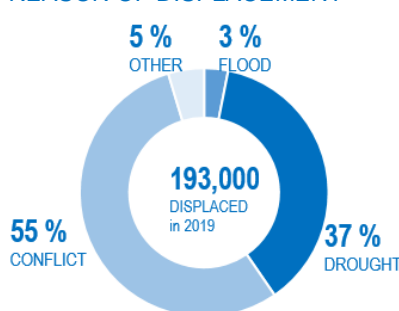
The **Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN)** is a UNHCR-led project implemented in partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council which reports on displacements and protection risks and incidents underlying such movements.

- In June, 39,000 persons were reported as newly displaced: 24,000 persons (62 per cent) because of conflict or insecurity, 12,000 (31 per cent) as a result of drought, 2,000 for other reasons (5 per cent) and 1,000 (2 per cent) caused by flood.
- In 2019, UNHCR has recorded a total of 193,000 displacements, 106,000 (55 per cent) driven by conflict, 72,000 (37 per cent) because of drought, 9,000 (five per cent) for other reasons and 6,000 as a result of flood (three per cent).

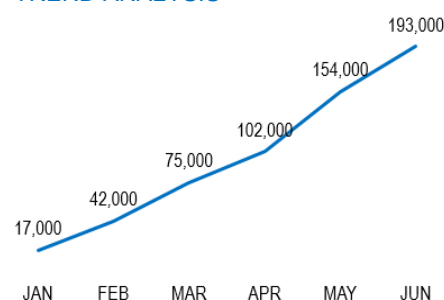
DISPLACEMENT TRENDS

REASON	2018	JUN	2019
CONFLICT	320,000	24,000	106,000
DROUGHT	256,000	12,000	72,000
FLOOD	281,000	1,000	6,000
OTHER	26,000	2,000	9,000
TOTAL	883,000	39,000	193,000

REASON OF DISPLACEMENT



TREND ANALYSIS



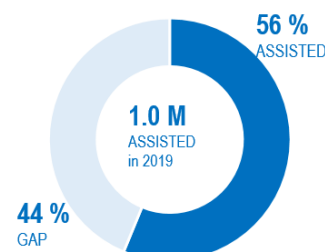
CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT CLUSTER

The CCCM Cluster, co-lead by UNHCR, oversees the living conditions and protection of IDPs in sites and settlements. In June, CCCM reached 71,592 IDPs totalling to over one million IDPs (56 per cent) of the targeted 1.8 million IDPs, established CCCM mechanisms in 82 totalling to 824 sites (42 per cent) out of targeted 1,926 sites and assessed over 2,000 IDP sites through DSA in 60 (67 per cent) out of targeted 89 districts ([link](#)).

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** The protection and improvement of the living conditions of IDPs were limited by restricted humanitarian access, lack of information at site level, lack of land tenure, forced evictions and low levels of community participation.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF IDP REACHED	# OF SITES WITH CCCM MECHANISMS	# OF DISTRICTS COVERED BY THE DSA
TARGET	1,800,000	1,926	89
BEFORE JUNE			
JUN	71,592	82	-
2019	165,565	127	21
TOTAL	1,012,092	824	60



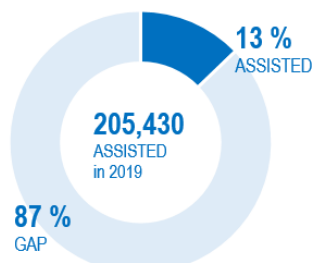
SHELTER AND NFIS CLUSTER

The Shelter and NFIs Cluster, led by UNHCR, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters. In June, 44,430 persons were supported as follows: 32,430 with NFIs, 11,400 from emergency shelter kits and 600 from transitional shelter. This brings the total reached in 2019 to 205,430 persons or 13 per cent of the total 1.6 million persons targeted.

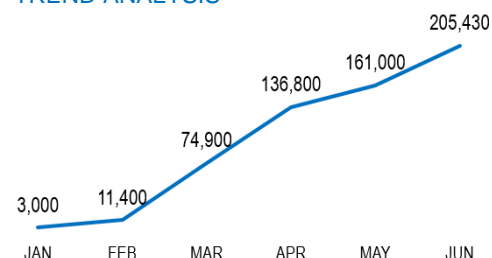
- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** There are limited shelter and NFIs stocks available that is not enough to respond to new displacements. The volume of displacements into informal IDP settlements exceeds the cluster's ability to sufficiently respond due to low funding.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF POC ASSISTED	PER CENT
TARGET	1,600,000	100
BEFORE JUN	161,000	10
JUN	44,430	3
TOTAL	205,430	13



TREND ANALYSIS



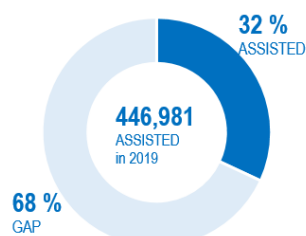
PROTECTION CLUSTER

The Protection Cluster covers a wide range of activities that are aimed at ensuring respect for the rights of all individuals in accordance with the relevant bodies of law. The cluster has four sub-clusters: Gender-based Violence (GBV), Child Protection, Housing Land and Property and Mine Action. In June, Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided support to a total of 81,811 persons bringing the total reached to 446,981 persons. This represents (32 per cent) out of the total 1.4 million people targeted.

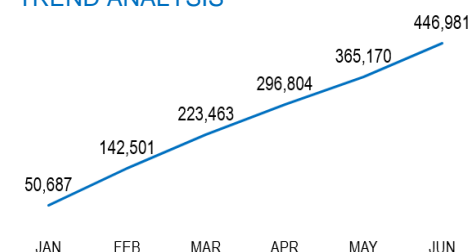
- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** Critical protection services remain unavailable or inaccessible in areas affected by displacement and other shocks. IDPs remain exposed to eviction risks.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

	# OF POC ASSISTED	PER CENT
TARGET	1,400,000	100
BEFORE JUN	365,170	26
JUN	81,811	6
TOTAL	446,981	32



TREND ANALYSIS



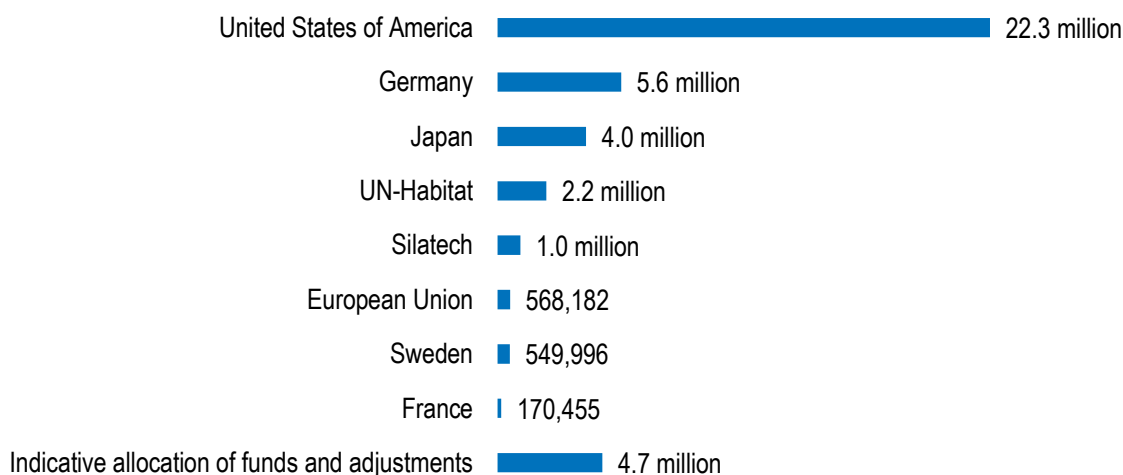
Implementing partner the Somali Women Development Centre (SWDC) raising awareness on SGBV prevention and response in an IDP site in Baidoa. © SWDC

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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