

# Somalia

1-30 June 2022


Halfway into the year, the operational environment for Somalia continued to be fluid. Despite the new government's emphasis on political and social reconciliation, political and security situation remained tense.

The prevailing drought conditions continued to affect and displace civilians. The rate of internal displacement due to drought increased by 230% in June. UNHCR has been working with the Federal and State authorities

and partners, to deliver protection, emergency life-saving assistance, and durable solutions to the internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, asylum seekers, and refugee-returnees.

## KEY INDICATORS

 **2.97** million IDPs

 **15,120** registered refugees  
**18,170** registered asylum-seekers

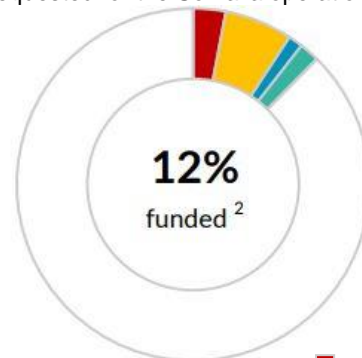
 **135,353** refugee returnees

## FUNDING (AS OF 28 JUNE)

**USD 157.5 M**

requested for the Somalia operation

Funded 12%  
**19.48 M**



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)



Youths performing a dance routine during the handover of 200 shelters with land title deeds in Jeehdin local integration site in Galkayo, Puntland. © UNHCR/Yogesh Gyawali

# Update on Achievements

## Operational Context

In June, the operational context in Somalia remained challenging and characterized by risk of famine, insecurity, and shifting political dynamics.

The drought has deteriorated in Somalia following the failure of four consecutive rainy seasons, affecting more than 7 million individuals. Eight areas are facing risk of famine, if widespread crop and livestock production fail, prices of commodities continue to rise, and humanitarian assistance fails to reach the most vulnerable people. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) has confirmed more than 213,000 people face catastrophic level of food insecurity (Phase 5).<sup>1</sup> In response, humanitarian partners have launched the Drought Response and Famine Prevention Plan (May to December 2022) to scale up life-saving and life-sustaining assistance to prevent famine.

On the political front in June, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud was publicly inaugurated in the company of heads of states and high-level representatives from neighbouring and friendly countries. The House of the People (HoP) members endorsed the appointment of Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre. Since taking the office, both the new president and prime minister have been holding parleys with national and international stakeholders to prioritize security, political stability, improved relationship with the Federal Member States (FMS), drought, and economic recovery/prosperity as the government's top agenda.

The overall security situation in the country remained unpredictable. Al-Shabab continued its usual modus operandi with armed attacks against African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), Somali security forces, government authorities, and the general population at large.

According to the UNHCR-led [Protection and Return Monitoring Network \(PRMN\)](#), some 808,000 individuals have been displaced internally within Somalia in 2022. In June alone, 115,000 new internal displacements were recorded, among which 113,000 were triggered by drought and 1,000 by conflict. The displaced families face multiple protection risks and have identified livelihood support, food, basic need items, water, shelter, and health as priority needs.

Somalia also hosts some 33,290 refugees and asylum-seekers, among which 70 percent are women and children. The majority of refugees and asylum-seekers (68 percent) are from Ethiopia, followed by Yemen (28 percent) and Syria (3 percent). Most refugees and asylum-seekers reside in urban or peri-urban settings across Woqooyi Galbeed and Bari regions, in the northern part of the country. Furthermore, 135,353 former refugees have returned to Somalia from their country of asylum, mostly from Kenya followed by Yemen.

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<sup>1</sup> [Somalia: Drought response and famine prevention - Situation Report No. 8 \(As of 30 June 2022\) - Somalia | ReliefWeb](#)

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV)

- UNHCR through partner supported 59 GBV cases in June across the country. Services to the survivors included safe house support, psychosocial counselling, relocation support, medical and legal referrals, and provision of dignity kits, among others.

#### Community engagement and awareness raising

- On 20 June, activities were organized across Somalia to commemorate the World Refugee Day under the theme “Whoever, Wherever, Whenever, everyone has the right to seek safety.” One of the key engagements during the day was with Ifrah Foundation, which through a media campaign, featured success stories of refugees and returnees who have contributed to the Somali economy. In other



Participants pose with Ifrah Ahmed for a photo during the celebration of World Refugee Day on 20 June in Mogadishu. © UNHCR

locations across Somaliland and Puntland states as well as south-central Somalia, UNHCR was joined by local communities, government agencies, and partners to mark the day through radio shows, art competitions, football tournaments, and dissemination of solidarity messages on the importance of education and peaceful coexistence.

- In multiple locations in south-central Somalia, UNHCR through partner marked the Day of the African Child (DAC), an annual event held on 16 June. More than 180 IDPs and host community members, including community leaders, religious leaders, women, youths, and children, marked the day with awareness raising and discussion programmes, speeches, and sports. Based on this year's theme, “Eliminating Harmful Practices Affecting Children: Progress on Policy and Practice since 2013,” discussion and awareness raising were centred around child rights, early marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), child preferences in accessing education, and GBV.

- UNHCR through partner conducted protection monitoring and outreach awareness in Giingada and Ajuuran IDP settlements in Garowe, Puntland State, interacting with 170 community members, including 105 women and girls. Discussions were held with the community leaders to identify protection concerns and gaps in service provision. Poor housing and lack of livelihood activities, exacerbated by the drought and inflation, were identified as the major gaps.

- At the Peaceful Coexistence Center in Somaliland State, a total of 251 refugees, asylum seekers, and refugee-returnees received counselling and case referrals. Most of the advice sought was for financial concerns followed by issues related to subsistence allowance and refugee status determination concerns. Furthermore, beneficiaries also received information about the services provided by UNHCR and partners.

### **Durable Solutions**

- The first meeting of Durable Solutions Taskforce was organized by the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MOPIED) of Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) with support from UNHCR. The taskforce will be responsible for, among others, identifying projects, estimating costs, and setting timeline, after weighing the opportunities against the existing needs and gaps. A Terms of Reference for the taskforce is currently being finalized and members have started the development of a resource mobilization strategy.

### **Legal assistance**

- UNHCR through partner provided legal assistance to 441 refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, and host community members in Puntland and Somaliland states. Assistance included counselling, mediation, issuance of birth certificates, legal advocacy to release from custody, and legal representation to name a few.

### **Reception and registration**

- In Berbera, Somaliland State, UNHCR and partners received four boats from Yemen, carrying 208 refugees and spontaneous refugee-returnees. A total of 62 refugees and refugee-returnees from the total arrivals sought UNHCR assistance. Likewise, UNHCR in Somaliland State also received four refugee-returnees from Libya in June.
- In Bossaso, Puntland State, UNHCR and partners received two boats carrying 91 refugee-returnees and 15 refugees from Yemen.
- UNHCR in Kismayo received 13 refugee-returnee HHs (26 individuals) from Dadaab, Kenya. The returnees were given one-night accommodation with three hot meals, a sim card, and a standard NFI kit. They were informed of the services available and where to direct their complaints and feedback. Their re-installation grants were processed and are ready for disbursement.

### **Cash assistance**

- In Dollow, Jubaland State, UNHCR distributed the third installment of multipurpose cash to 249 new asylum seeker HHs, with each family receiving USD 150.
- In Somaliland State, 20 refugee and refugee-returnee households received their monthly subsistence grant, which varies according to family size and meant to cover basic needs and living expenses.

### **Refugee Status Determination (RSD) and Resettlement**

- In June, 20 interviews for 54 individuals were conducted; 37 RSD assessments for 78 individuals were submitted, and 95 cases consisting of 191 individuals were reviewed or finalized.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- UNHCR's partners delivered primary and secondary health care services in Mogadishu and Puntland State, including maternal and child health care and referrals to specialized services, to 2,270 refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, and host communities.
- In Puntland State, 41 under five-year old children received routine vaccination in Ministry of Health (MoH) health facilities.

**COVID-19 prevention and response**

- UNHCR handed over 17 essential medical supplies to Ministry of Health Development (MoHD) in Hargeisa, Somaliland State. The in-kind medical support was a part of UNHCR's COVID-19 response and included medical items such as microscopes, respiratory support systems, portable vital signs monitors, oxygen regulators, anesthetic medicine, colposcopy, and face shields to name a few. The in-kind assistance will be further distributed between three Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) in Hargeisa and two hospitals in Hargeisa and Berbera, benefiting refugees, asylum seekers, and host community alike.
- In Hanano Hospital, Mogadishu, COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face mask, hand sanitizer, and gloves were distributed to 1,139 patients. Moreover, hand washing facilities inside the hospital premises were maintained to contain the spread of the pandemic.
- UNHCR through its partner, conducted COVID-19 prevention awareness in Baidoa, Dinsmoor, Hudur, and Afgoye districts in South-West State, reaching 416 HHs (2,496 individuals).



Handover of medical items to the Ministry of Health Development in Somaliland. © UNHCR

**EDUCATION**

- On 27 June, the annual gathering for the DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) scholarship programme was organized in Garowe, Puntland State. The DAFI scholarship programme supports refugees and returnees to access tertiary education; and this annual gathering provided a platform for students to share their experience in different universities, opportunity to network, and give feedback regarding the programme. The event was attended by Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education of the FGS, Puntland State Government, National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI), DAFI programme, refugee community leaders, and university officials. The application period for the current DAFI intake closed on 2 June. UNHCR and partner



Windle International Somalia have received 350 applications from refugees, returnees, and other persons of concern for 25 available scholarships.

- UNHCR, through its partner rehabilitated a classroom and four gender segregated latrines in Rugta Secondary School in Kismayo, Jubaland State.



#### DROUGHT (RISK OF FAMINE) RESPONSE

- The UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) data continues to provide up-to-date information on internal displacement caused by drought, which informs the humanitarian response of the UN and partners.
- UNHCR through its partner, in Bari region, Puntland State, has completed the registration of 700 drought affected HHs, who will receive NFIs in coming months.
- UNHCR through its partner distributed NFI kits to 23 HHs (148 individuals) in Dhobley, Jubaland State. The NFI kits provided essential household items such as jerry cans, blankets, plastic sheet, solar lamp, mosquito net, sleeping mats, and kitchen set to drought affected IDPs.



Drought-affected IDPs receiving NFIs in Dhobley, Jubaland. © UNHCR



#### SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND NFIS

- UNHCR in Puntland and Somaliland states handed over 253 shelters in an effort to find durable solutions to long settled IDPs through local integration. Likewise, 60 shelters were handed over to IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable host community members in Dhobley, Jubaland State to enhance protection and improve living conditions of those living in congested settlements.
- UNHCR through partner distributed 3,200 NFI kits to conflict and flood affected IDP households in Puntland and Galmudug states.
- In southern Galkayo, UNHCR successfully advocated with the Galmudug State Government to build 100 permanent shelters with the aim of providing local



UNHCR staffs handing over a newly built shelter to an IDP family in Nasahablood C settlement of Hargeisa, Somaliland. © UNHCR

integration to some of the long settled IDPs. UNHCR's partner is doing land demarcation and topography levelling work at the site.

- In Mogadishu UNHCR distributed hygiene and sanitary materials to 170 school attending adolescent girls from the refugee community.



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

### Livelihoods and self-reliance

- In Qalax settlement in Hargeisa, Somaliland State, UNHCR through its partner supported 32 IDP HHs, who received USD 500 each as business grant. The grant recipients operate shops and stalls in the recently opened market in Qalax, also built with UNHCR support.

- In Beletweyne, Hirshabelle State, UNHCR through its partner conducted a training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), which aims to support the recovery of rural agro-pastoral and riverine livelihoods and create an alternative livelihood for IDPs and Somali returnees. A total of 50 beneficiaries completed the three-day long training, and they also received maize, cowpeas, sorghum, and sesame seeds to start farming activities.

- UNHCR with partners conducted a consultation meeting with 30 representatives from 15 IDP sites in Beletweyne, Hirshabelle State, to understand the livelihood needs of the communities. They discussed on key livelihood activities, including animal restocking, the donkey-cart project, and small businesses.



Handover of a symbolic check for the 32 business grant recipients in Qalax Somaliland. © UNHCR/Yogesh Gyawali


**CLUSTER COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP**

**1.65M**


# of beneficiaries reached by Protection Cluster

■ Reached ■ Gap

55%

45%

**4 M**


People in need

**3 M**


People targeted

**128 M**


Funding required

■ Funding ■ Gap

11.5%

88.5%


**180K**


# of beneficiaries reached by Shelter Cluster

■ Reached ■ Gap

15%

85%

**3.6 M**


People in need

**1.2 M**


People targeted

**57 M**


Funding required

■ Funding ■ Gap

9%

91%


**1.32M**


# of beneficiaries reached by CCCM

■ Reached ■ Gap

73%

27%

**2.2 M**


People in need

**1.8 M**


People targeted

**28.4 M**


Funding required

■ Funding ■ Gap

10%

90%

**Protection Cluster**

A total of 133,471 individuals were reached through **protection monitoring**.

Community based **mental health and psychosocial support** services were provided to 1,280 individuals.

A total of 3,008 individuals were reached with **capacity-building training** for duty bearers and community members with a particular focus on minority communities on protection and awareness of rights initiatives.

To ensure the access to **complaint and feedback mechanisms**, the Protection Cluster partners on the ground received and responded to feedback and complaint mechanisms from 576 individuals.

A total of 438 individuals were reached with **specialized protection assistance**, including victim assistance services.



Protection Cluster through Explosive Hazard AoR partners found and destroyed 986 **explosive remnants of war (ERWs) and landmines**, clearing some 626,882 square meters of land. Furthermore, **Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)** was provided to 12,473 individuals.

### Shelter Cluster

Shelter Cluster partners reached 28,523 individuals with **NFI kits** and 2,370 individuals with **shelter assistance**. Cumulatively in 2022, the Shelter Cluster partners have reached 119,689 individuals (15%) of 803,800 targeted with NFI assistance, and 60,600 individuals (14%) of the 430,000 targeted with shelter assistance.

According to the PRMN report, 56% of IDPs displaced between November 2021 and June 2022 have mentioned shelter as their first or second priority need.

### CCCM Cluster

**Service monitoring** activities were held in 1,016 IDP sites covering 28 districts by 16 agencies. Significant gaps in service delivery were observed- 57% of sites had access to water; only 9% of population reported to have received NFI support in the last six months; 30% of sites were hosting children that were not living with their usual caretaker; and only 41% of the monitored sites had a GBV referral pathway in place.

In June, **complaint and feedback mechanism** recorded 5,200 complaints, which is an increase of 6% against complaints received in May. Most of the complaints were related to food security and livelihood (39%) followed by shelter (24%) and WASH (14%). This is consistent with the ongoing drought needs highlighted by new arrivals upon arrival at the IDP settlements.

CCCM partners conducted **trainings** on various topics, reaching 450 community members. In Baidoa, together with the Housing Land and Property (HLP) AoR, Camp Management Committees were trained to enhance knowledge and skills to prevent evictions in IDP settlements. CCCM national cluster also conducted CCCM training reaching 19 participants that included Hirshabelle Commission for Refugees and IDPs (HCRI), a government line agency, NGOs and UN agencies active in Hirshabelle State.

Partners conducted several **site-level coordination meetings** with local authorities and service providers to discuss enhancing response to drought-induced new arrivals.

Through **cash for work** scheme, site improvement and maintenance work were conducted in IDP settlements in Jowhar and Beletweyne districts in Hirshabelle State. 280 IDPs were engaged to excavate drains, back fill slope and low-lying areas, and sand-bag river side areas that are at risk of flooding.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Somalia Operation in 2022 amount to some **US\$ 19.48 million**. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have already contributed to the Somalia Operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

### External / Donors Relations

#### Thanks to the donors of earmarked contributions to Somalia Operation in 2022 | USD

**United States of America** 9.4 million | **CERF** 2 million | **Japan** 1.1 million | **Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Foundation** 1 million | **UNO-Fluechtlingshilfe** 1 million | Republic of Korea | Denmark | Norway | Other private donors

#### Thanks to the donors of softly earmarked contributions to UNHCR in 2022 | USD

**United States of America** 14.5 million | **Canada** 7.8 million | **Private donors Australia** 4.9 million | **Private donors USA** 4.4 million  
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#### Special thanks to the major donors of unrestricted funds to UNHCR in 2022 | USD

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